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Bianca represents corporations, individuals, and corporate representatives in complex civil litigation matters. She works hard to determine her clients' business and legal needs, helping to provide concise and efficient solutions for their toughest disputes.

OVERVIEW

Bianca is an associate with the business litigation and securities litigation practices. She has experience litigating complex business disputes in state and federal courts across the U.S. as well as in alternative dispute resolution forums. Bianca focuses on representing companies and their officers and directors in securities class actions, shareholder derivative suits, M&A litigation, corporate governance disputes, and SEC enforcement actions and government investigations.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Defended Quikrete in the Delaware Court of Chancery and on appeal before the Delaware Supreme Court against a stockholder's Section 220 books and records demand arising from the company's $11.5 billion acquisition of Summit Materials, Inc., securing a full victory at trial and affirmance on appeal that rejected a novel attempt to use inspection rights to relitigate claims abandoned in a prior class action. *O'Neill v. Summit Materials, Inc.* No. 2025-0695-LM (BWD) (Del. Ch. Dec. 19, 2025), aff'd, No. 23, 2026 (Del. June 24, 2026).
- Representing an electric vehicle manufacturer that went public through a merger with a SPAC in a securities class action litigation in the Central District of California and in a related class action case in the Delaware Court of Chancery, as well as derivative litigation in the Central District of California.
- Obtained full dismissal of shareholder securities class action filed against Ohr Pharmaceutical, Inc., and its officers and directors, alleging misstatements and/or omissions in SEC filings in violation of Section 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. *Khanna v. Ohr Pharmaceutical, Inc. et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-01284-LAP, 2019 WL 4572765 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 20, 2019). The Second Circuit affirmed the dismissal in both of two subsequent appeals. *Lehmann v. Ohr Pharmaceutical, Inc. et al*., Case No. 20-4185 (2d Cir. Jan. 5, 2022); Case No. 18-3486 (2d Cir. Oct. 9, 2020). Also represented Ohr Pharmaceutical, Inc. in related derivative actions in New York federal and state courts.
- Secured favorable outcomes in early stages of litigation for numerous corporations and their directors and officers in multiple derivative actions alleging various breaches of fiduciary duty and violations of Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 which challenged the price, process, and disclosures of the company in relation to M&A transactions.

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- Secured favorable outcome in appraisal action initiated by dissenting shareholders of manufacturing company in Georgia state court.
- Represented Delaware corporation in Section 220 Books and Records action in Delaware Chancery Court.
- Served as counsel to multiple corporate members of limited liability companies in disputes among members for breach of contract and other tort claims raised in both state court actions.
- Defeated preliminary injunction motion challenging merger transaction and alleging various breaches of fiduciary duty and violations of federal securities laws.
- Secured full dismissal of a shareholder derivative action against a former executive officer of one of the world's leading footwear and apparel companies based on allegations that the company lacked adequate internal controls for reporting employee misconduct.
- Secured favorable outcome in early stages of litigation for corporation and its directors and officers in action under Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 which challenged the disclosures of the company in relation to merger.
- Represented private investment firm in state and federal securities fraud litigation arising from a go-private merger transaction with a company listed on the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange.
- Assisted in the representation of an individual board member in a Federal Trade Commission investigation and pre-trial discovery.
- Represented buyer-company in state court action for breach of contract and open account against out-of-state purchaser for unpaid invoices, and successfully obtained settlement for client.
- Successfully obtained asylum for a pro bono client escaping al-Shabaab's persecution in Somalia. Advocated for the client at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit to overturn an initial asylum decision. Following a successful remand, continued representation at the Immigration Court and Board of Immigration Appeals during the remand hearing, ultimately securing asylum for the client.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Ones to Watch: Litigation – Securities (2026-2027)
- *Super Lawyers*®: "Rising Star" – Securities Litigation, Georgia (2025-2026)
- Michael Maggio Memorial Pro Bono Award, American Immigration Lawyers Association (2023)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Securities Investigations + Enforcement
- Securities Litigation

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Litigation + Trial
- Securities Investigations + Enforcement
- Securities Litigation

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Community Services Committee Member, Atlanta Bar Association, Litigation Section
- Editor and Chair, American Bar Association Business Law Section, Business and Corporate Litigation Committee Newsletter; member, American Bar Association Business Law Section, Securities Litigation Subcommittee
- Community Engagement Board Member, Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence
- Member, Women Securities Litigation Network
- Member, Young Lawyers Division, State Bar of Georgia

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D., 2017, student body president; *Vanderbilt Bar Association*
- University of Florida, B.A., *cum laude*, 2014

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- Court of Appeals of Georgia
- Georgia Superior Courts

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, "AI-Washing on Trial: Defense Strategies for Securities Litigation and Enforcement Risk," myLawCLE, August 21, 2026.
- Panelist, "Shareholder Derivative Litigation Developments," Atlanta Bar Association, Securities & Corporate Litigation Section, July 16, 2024.
- Panelist, "Effective Use of Document Review in Litigation (Post-Production Review)," Troutman Pepper CLE Webinar, July 8, 2024.
- Moderator, "Emerging Trends in Securities Litigation," Atlanta Bar Association, Litigation Section, December 1, 2023.
- Speaker, "Securities Class Action Litigation Review: Ninth Circuit Opens Floodgates for Direct Listing Investors to Assert Section 11 Claim," Celesq Webinar, February 23, 2022.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Judicial Scrutiny Intensifies: The Evolving Role of Short-Seller Reports in Securities Claims," *Business Law Today*, July 2025.
- Co-author, "Immigration Law," *Mercer Law Review*: Vol. 76: No. 4, Article 8, June 1, 2025.
- Co-author, "US Supreme Court to Hear Nvidia Crypto Mining Case on Securities Pleading Standard," *Troutman Pepper*, June 18, 2024.
- Co-author, "Immigration Law," *Mercer Law Review*: Vol. 75: No. 4, Article 10, (2024).

- Co-author, “US Supreme Court Limits Scope of Omission Liability for Section 10(b) Securities Fraud Claims,” *Troutman Pepper*, April 16, 2024.
- Co-author, “Unanimous Supreme Court Sharply Limits Liability under Section 11 for Companies Issuing Securities Through Direct Listings,” *Troutman Pepper*, June 9, 2023.
- Co-author, “Immigration Law,” *Mercer Law Review*: Vol. 74: No. 4, Article 11, (2023).
- Co-author, “Immigration Law,” *Mercer Law Review*: Vol. 73: No. 4, Article 14, (2022).
- Co-author, “Immigration Law,” *Mercer Law Review*: Vol. 72: No. 4, Article 12, (2021).
- Co-author, “Divided Ninth Circ. Opens Floodgates for Direct Listing Investors to Assert Section 11 Claim,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, November 29, 2021.
- Co-author, “A New Wave of Board Diversity Derivative Litigation,” *Troutman Pepper*, October 21, 2020.
- Co-author, “The Latest Trends in Multiforum Securities Litigation,” *Law360*, April 2019.
- Author, “Recent Court of Appeals Ruling Establishes the Breadth of Forum Selection Clauses,” *The Construction Law Newsletter*, Atlanta Bar Association, Summer 2016.