

# Mary Jo Johnson



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Extensive experience working with public company boards of directors and management in diverse industries on corporate governance, compliance, risk management, accounting and securities enforcement. Interacted regularly with federal and state regulators on behalf of corporations facing some of their most difficult financial reporting and compliance problems. Worked hand in hand with directors to prevent corporate crises or, if needed, to handle them in the best interest of the company and its shareholders.

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## Professional Experience

**Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP** 1988 – 2016  
**Partner, Securities Enforcement and Investigations**

- Trusted advisor to boards of directors and their audit or special committees on corporate governance, crisis and risk management and response to regulatory matters
- Conducted over 65 internal and regulatory investigations and preventive compliance reviews requested by boards of directors and corporate management on a wide range of matters including revenue recognition, insider trading, financial reporting, compliance and risk management, internal controls, whistleblower claims and banking practices
- Defended over 30 financial institutions and corporations in diverse industries such as technology, healthcare, life sciences, financial services, banking, mortgage servicing and insurance in securities class actions and investigations by regulatory authorities including the SEC, FINRA, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
- Led teams of forensic accountants and lawyers at the request of boards to address some of the most difficult financial statement problems facing their companies
- Frequent speaker and educator on corporate governance, investigations and women's leadership

**Pepperdine University School of Law** Fall 2018  
**Adjunct Professor, Corporate and Government Investigations**

## Selected Leadership Positions and Honors

- New England "Super Lawyer" in securities litigation from 2005-2015 and a Top Women Attorney in Massachusetts in 2015 and 2016, as recognized by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* and *New England Super Lawyers*
- Board of Directors:
  - Women's Bar Foundation 2007-2016; President 2011; Emeritus Board 2017-2018
  - Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange 2001-2016; Chair of Governance Committee and Executive Committee member during tenure
  - The Friends of the Children, Los Angeles 2018 – Present

## Education

- Boston College Law School, J.D. 1988
- Rosemont College, B.A. 1973