

# SHERYL R WOOD

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Sheryl R. Wood is a trial attorney with over twenty-five years of experience. Over the course of her career, Ms. Wood has litigated over one hundred hearings and non-jury trials. She has tried over thirty jury trials to verdict. Ms. Wood currently handles matters involving civil rights violations, police brutality, wrongful death, personal injury, employment litigation and disputes, and internal investigations. She also has served as outside counsel advising several municipal boards and commissions and has handled employment discrimination hearings as outside counsel for a human relations commission.

At the beginning of her career, Ms. Wood was an Assistant District Attorney in the Frauds Bureau of the New York County District Attorney's Office and a federal prosecutor in the Antitrust and Civil Rights Divisions of the US Department of Justice (DOJ). In the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division at DOJ, Ms. Wood investigated, presented to the grand jury, and prosecuted numerous cases involving police misconduct and brutality, sexual assaults of inmates and hate crimes in federal courts throughout the country. She also served as Deputy Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison at the DOJ. Ms. Wood then served as Vice President of Kroll Government Services and Head of the DC Office of Kroll, Inc., an investigative consulting firm. At Kroll, Sheryl led multi-million dollar client engagements involving compliance consulting and investigative matters. After Kroll, Ms. Wood became a Partner at two law firms, where she served in several leadership positions and started a Women General Counsel Brownbag Luncheon series, before starting her own law firm in 2009.

Ms. Wood currently serves as Chair of the Wage Commission of the Office of Civil Rights in Baltimore. She has held various leadership positions in national and local bar and community associations. After serving on the American Bar Association's Council for Diversity in the Educational Pipeline, Ms. Wood founded a pipeline program in 2007 designed to encourage high school students to consider a career as an attorney. The day-long program called NBA Youth Day, which she chaired for eight years, is held annually at the convention site of the National Bar Association and is free of charge for student participants. She was also on the Advisory Board of the ABA President's Advisory Council on Diversity and the Board of Directors of the Associated Black Charities of Maryland. Ms. Wood is a member of the Class of 2004 of Leadership Greater Washington. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of the

Corporate Counsel Institute at the Georgetown University Law Center. Ms. Wood has appeared as a legal analyst on local and national television stations and on radio. She is a graduate of Howard University and the George Washington University Law School.

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