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As Co-President of international law firm Greenberg Traurig and a prolific trial attorney with a highly successful 30-plus year career, Hilarie Bass is one of the most recognized women attorneys in the United States. Hilarie is currently President-Elect of the American Bar Association, the world's largest voluntary professional organization with more than 400,000 members. At Greenberg Traurig, she helps chart the course for the multi-practice firm with more than 2,000 attorneys across 38 offices worldwide. She currently serves on the firm's Executive Committee and previously served an eight-year term as national chair of its 600-member litigation department. Hilarie is also the founder and former chair of Greenberg Traurig's Women's Initiative.

Hilarie has successfully represented high-profile corporate clients in jury and non-jury trials involving hundreds of millions of dollars in controversy. She has worked and settled more than 100 cases, tried more than 20 cases to conclusion, and argued numerous appeals. In recognition of that success, she was inducted into The American College of Trial Lawyers. Hilarie is widely recognized for her pro bono work on behalf of two foster children that led to the elimination and declaration as unconstitutional Florida's 20-year-old ban on gay adoption.

**Hilarie Bass Gives Back**

**Areas of Concentration**

- > Complex commercial litigation and arbitrations
- > Class action defense
- > Multidistrict litigation
- > Securities fraud defense
- > Receiverships
- > Banking litigation
- > Jury and non-jury trials
- > Alternative dispute resolution

### Significant Representations

- > Successfully held off a shareholder class action to enjoin a merger, allowing for the sale of PROLOR Biotech, Inc. ("PROLOR"), an Israeli based biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing longer-acting proprietary versions of already approved therapeutic proteins. Plaintiffs' efforts to pursue their claim post-merger were also successfully defended against by GT as we were able to obtain a dismissal with prejudice of the entire claim.
- > After OPKO announced entry into an agreement and plan of merger with Bio-Reference, GT assisted OPKO in successfully holding off four putative class actions challenging the merger. After expedited discovery, the parties came to agreement on a memorandum of understanding on a disclosure-based settlement that allowed OPKO and Bio-Reference to complete their transaction, which was subsequently approved by shareholders.
- > Obtained defense verdict in multi week federal 10b5 trial on behalf of Stiefel Labs, Inc.
- > Acted as lead counsel for Homebuilder Group Committee, Chinese Drywall MDL.
- > Served as defense liaison counsel in MDL RICO class action against managed care companies throughout the country, representing Aetna, Inc.
- > Represented Microsoft Corporation in defense of the Florida class action brought under Florida Unfair Trade Practices Act. Main action resulted in class action settlement; attorneys' fees issue resolved after four-day evidentiary hearing in Dade County Circuit Court action.
- > Defended Hilton Hotels Corporation in five-week arbitration for breach of fiduciary duty claims in which plaintiff sought in excess of \$100 million, resulting in judgment in favor of the defense.
- > Prosecuted claims on behalf of Interval International in eight-day trial leading to entry of permanent injunction on breach of fiduciary duty and theft of trade secret claims.
- > Represented company and officers in securities class action against Sportsline.com, which was dismissed by federal court at pleadings stage.
- > Represented Hilton Hotels Corporation in defense of an action by Fontainebleau Hilton seeking to enjoin \$3 billion merger with Promus Hotel Corporation through enforcement of overly broad restrictive covenant in Management Agreement; injunction was denied and case thereafter settled.
- > Served as chief litigation counsel for the Trustee of Southeast Banking Corporation in suit against the FDIC, which was resolved with payment of a settlement to our client in excess of \$300 million.
- > Served as an SEC Receiver for corporation found to be improperly selling limited partnership interests in deregulated power industry in California.
- > Served as an FTC Receiver for a travel company enjoined from continuing its fraudulent sales tactics in the sale of travel packages.
- > Represented the Government of Brazil in obtaining a jury verdict in the amount of \$125 million in action against ex-patriot residing in the South Florida area for fraud, civil theft and breach of duty.
- > Obtained \$25 million judgment against former bank president on behalf of an agency of the government of Venezuela.

- > Defended a federal court class action in \$50 million claim filed against the trustee regarding the pension plan of Southeast Bank.
- > Defended employment benefits company in a jury trial in Nashville, Tennessee, against claims of breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty.
- > Represented Goldman, Sachs & Co.; Dain Bosworth, Inc.; Merrill Lynch & Co.; and Furman Selz, LLC in defense of a securities fraud class action case. Claims against the clients were dismissed by the federal district court on the pleadings.
- > Represented Equitrac Corp. and its officers and directors in a shareholder class action alleging that Equitrac and its senior officers and directors attempted to complete a recapitalization transaction for a share price unfair to shareholders.

#### Professional and Community Involvement

- > Member, University of Miami, Board of Trustees, 2005-Present
  - Chair, Audit and Compliance Committee
  - Chair, Claims Committee
  - Vice Chair, Board of Trustees
  - Adjunct Professor, University of Miami School of Law, Litigation
- > Chair, Florida Chamber of Commerce, Legal Committee
- > Member, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit
  - Member, Committee on Professionalism
  - Member, Business Court Committee
- > Member, American Bar Association
  - State Delegate, Florida
  - Co-Chair, Judicial Intern Opportunity Program, Litigation Section, 2005-2008
  - Member, Task Force on Attorney Client Privilege, 2004-2006
  - Member, House of Delegates, 1988-1995, 2000-Present
    - Chair, Rules and Calendar Committee, 2012-2014
    - Chair, Select Committee, 2006-2008
    - Chair, Admissions and Credentials Committee, 2002-2004
    - Member, Steering Committee of the Nominating Committee, 2010-2012
    - Issues of Concern to the Legal Profession, 2008-2010
    - Woman Member at Large, 2007-2010

- Delegate-at-Large, 2000-2009
- Chair, Litigation Section, 2010-2011
  - Member, Council, 2002-2004; 2010-2014
  - Co-Chair, Resource Committee, 2005-2007
  - Chair, Trial Practice Committee, 1998-2001
- Chair, Legal Opportunity Scholarship Committee, 2005-2008
- Chair, Miami ABA Mid-Year Meeting, Host Committee, 1995, 2007
- Member, Commission on Women in the Profession, 2002-2005
- Chair, Council for the Fund for Justice and Education, 1999-2002
- Chair, Standing Committee on Meetings and Travel, 1998-1999
- Chair, Committee on Public Education and the Law, 1993-1996
- Member, Board of Governors, 1990-1993
- > Member, International Women's Forum
- > Member, Orange Bowl Parade
  - Secretary, General Counsel, Orange Bowl Committee, 2003-2006
  - Chair, 2001-2002
- > Member, The Florida Bar
  - Dade County Bar Association, Board of Directors
  - Member, Rules of Civil Procedure Committee
  - President, Dade County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section
- > Member, The Florida Bar Foundation
  - President
  - Chair, Administration of Justice IOTA Grant Committee, 1991-1993
  - Member, Board of Directors, 1988-1993
- > Member, United Way of Miami-Dade County
  - Member, Board of Directors, 1992-2008, 2009-Present
  - Member, Executive Committee, 1995-2005
  - Chair, Success by Six Program, 1999-2002
  - Chair, Board of Directors, 1997-1999

- Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, 1995-1997

#### Awards and Recognition

- > Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Banking and Finance; Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions; Litigation - Real Estate; Litigation - Securities, 2007-2017
  - Named, "Lawyer of the Year," Litigation - Securities, Miami, 2016
  - Named, "Lawyer of the Year," Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions, Miami, 2012 and 2015
  - Named, "Lawyer of the Year," Litigation - Banking and Finance Law, Miami, 2013
- > Listed, *Who's Who Legal*
  - Product Liability Defence, 2017
  - *Florida* - Commercial Litigation, 2008
- > Team Member, *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>, Best Law Firms Edition, "Law Firm of the Year," Real Estate - Litigation, 2017
- > Listed, *South Florida Legal Guide*, "Top Lawyer," 2001-2005, 2010-2016
- > Recipient, "Editors Choice, Outstanding Practitioner" Award, *Euromoney Legal Media Group's Americas Women in Business Law*, 2016
- > Listed, *Chambers USA Guide*, 2005-2016
  - Nominated, *Chambers USA Guide's Women in Law Awards*, "Woman Litigator of the Year Award," 2012
- > Listed, *Super Lawyers* magazine, *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2006-2016
  - Listed, "Top 100 Lawyers in Miami," 2010-2015
  - Listed, "Top 50 Women Lawyers in Florida," 2006-2007, 2010-2016
  - Listed, "Top 25 Women Lawyers in South Florida," 2010
- > Listed, *The Legal 500 United States*, 2013 and 2015-2016
- > Listed, *Lawdragon 500*
  - Selected, *Lawdragon 500 Legends*, 2016
  - "Leading Lawyers in America," 2006, 2010-2011, 2013-2015
- > Listed, *Daily Business Review*, "Top 20 Women in Law," 2014
- > Listed, *Euromoney's Expert Guides: Women in Business Law*, "Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law," 2014
- > Recipient, "Best in Litigation," American Women in Business Law Awards, IFLR/Euromoney, 2014
- > Listed, a *Law360* "MVP," 2012

- > Recipient, "Alumni Achievement" Award, University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association, October 2012
- > Listed, *Florida Trend* magazine, "Legal Elite," Litigation, 2007-2012
- > Recipient, "Silver Medallion," Miami Coalition of Christians and Jews, February 2011
- > Listed, *Daily Business Review*, "Most Effective Lawyer" Award, 2009-2010
  - Listed, Appellate Category, 2010
  - Listed, Pro Bono Category, 2009
- > Recipient, "C. Clyde Atkins Civil Liberties Award," ACLU of Florida, Greater Miami Chapter, May 2009
- > Listed, *South Florida Business Journal*
  - "Influential Business Women," 2009
  - "South Florida Women Extraordinaire," 2008
  - "Business Woman of the Year," 2001
  - "Up & Comer Award"
- > Listed, *Coral Gables Living* magazine, "Best of the Best Rainmakers," July-September 2003
- > Selected by Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld to participate in the Defense Department's Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, April 2002
- > Recipient, "Dorothy Shula Award" for Volunteerism, United Way of Miami-Dade, 2000
- > Recipient, "Claude Pepper Memorial Award," United Home Care, 1999
- > Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- > Listed, *The Legal 500 United States*, Securities - Shareholder Litigation
- > President's Conference on Volunteerism
- > Recipient, Jewish Museum of Florida, "Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award"
- > Recipient, "Women Making History Award," Miami-Dade Florida Association of Women Lawyers (FAWL)
- > Recipient, YMCA Woman In Business Award
- > Rated, AV Preeminent® 5.0 out of 5

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## Key Clients

- > Microsoft
- > Lennar

- > Hilton Hotels Corporation
- > Interval International
- > Southeast Banking Corporation
- > Regions Bank
- > Aetna, Inc.

### Articles, Publications & Lectures

Hilarie has lectured extensively on rules of procedure and evidence, expert testimony, creditors' rights and foreclosure issues, rainmaking, professionalism, and women lawyer issues.

- > Author, "[Implicit Bias in the Workplace](#)," *Law Practice Today*, February 14, 2017
- > Featured, "[The Time to Lead is Now](#)," *YouTube*, The Florida Bar Foundation, January 17, 2017
- > Featured, "Taking th Helm at the ABA," *Florida Trend*, December 28, 2016
- > Quoted, "[2017 Looks Like it Will Be a Big Year for Workplace Flexibility](#)," *Miami Herald*, January 2, 2017
- > Featured, "[Miami Law Alumna Hilarie Bass to Lead ABA in 2017](#)," *University of Miami Law Magazine*, November 2016
- > Featured, "[One-Firm Career Takes Hilarie Bass to Greenberg Traurig, ABA Leadership](#)," *Daily Business Review*, September 16, 2016
- > Author, "Legal Profession Must Lead the Way to 'Justice for All'" *Miami Herald*, August 21, 2016
- > Featured, "Meet the New Miami Herald CEO Roundtable," *Miami Herald*, April 10, 2016
- > Featured, "Greenberg Traurig's Bass in Line to Take Charge of ABA in 2017," *Daily Business Review*, February 9, 2016
- > Featured, "Greenberg's Hilarie Bass Tapped for ABA Presidency," *Law360*, February 8, 2016
- > Featured, "[Miami Attorney Hilarie Bass Will Lead American Bar Association](#)," *The Miami Herald*, February 8, 2016
- > Quoted, "Florida Cases to Watch in 2016," *Law360*, December 24, 2015
- > Quoted, "Miami Judge Rules Against Chinese Drywall Maker," *Miami Herald*, May 19, 2015
- > Featured, "Miami Attorney Bass Running for ABA President," *Daily Business Review*, May 14, 2015
- > Featured, "Will Greenberg Traurig Co-President Hilarie Bass Become ABA President?" *Daily Business Review*, May 13, 2015
- > Mentioned, "Leadership Slate Shows Diversity in Action at ABA Midyear," *ABA Journal*, April 1, 2015
- > Featured Speaker, "[Hilarie Bass Discusses How the ABA Has Enhanced Her Career](#)," ABA Mid-Year Meeting, Houston, TX, February 8, 2015

- > Quoted, "5 Secrets of Law Firm Breadwinners," *Law360*, January 28, 2015
- > Mentioned, "Ex-Stiefel Exec. Can't Toll Stock Claims, 11th Circ. Rules," *Law360*, January 2, 2015
- > Quoted, "Florida Cases To Watch In 2015," *Law360*, January 2, 2015
- > Quoted, "Gay Marriage Licenses: Polk's Butterfield Seeks Counsel on Issue," *The Ledger*, January 1, 2015
- > Featured, "Florida's Biggest Law Cases: Chinese Drywall," *Florida Trend*, January 2015
- > Featured, "This Week in South Florida: Dec 28, 2014," Local 10 News, December 28, 2014
- > Featured, "Greenberg Traurig Attorneys Defeat Securities Fraud Claim," *Daily Business Review: Most Effective Lawyers of 2014*, December 8, 2014
- > Quoted, "Florida Powerhouse: Greenberg Traurig," *Law360*, July 14, 2014
- > Quoted, "How They Won It: Greenberg Sticks It to Chinese Drywall Co.," *Law360*, October 23, 2012
- > Quoted, "Turning Point for Suits Over Chinese Drywall," *The New York Times*, October 12, 2012
- > Author, "Board of Contributors: Rulings on Jurisdictions in Chinese Drywall Case a Step Forward," *Daily Business Review*, September 14, 2012
- > Mentioned, "Chinese Drywall Manufacturer Falls Under Florida Jurisdiction, Judge Farina Rules," *Daily Business Review*, September 6, 2012
- > Quoted, "Judge Refuses to Toss Chinese Drywall Claims," *PilotOnline*, September 6, 2012
- > Mentioned, "Chinese Drywall Company Stuck in U.S. Court," *Thomson Reuters*, September 4, 2012
- > Quoted, "Miami Judge Rules Against Chinese Drywall Maker," *The Miami Herald*, September 4, 2012
- > Quoted, "Lawyer Compensation Holds the Line," *Daily Business Review*, October 6, 2014
- > Featured, "View From the Top: Q&A with Legal Women Leaders," *Vault*, August 2006

#### Education

J.D., *summa cum laude*, University of Miami School of Law, 1981

- > Editor, *University of Miami Law Review*

B.A., *magna cum laude*, George Washington University, 1975

#### Admitted to Practice

- > Florida
- > Supreme Court of the United States
- > U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- > U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- > U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida