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FOCUS AREAS

Litigation

EXPERIENCE

Betty Chang Rowe is senior counsel in the Palo Alto office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where her practice focuses on securities litigation and counseling, including the defense of companies and their officers and directors in class actions, shareholder derivative lawsuits, government investigations, and M&A and corporate governance matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Betty was a partner at Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. in Miami, where she represented public and private companies in a wide variety of commercial cases ranging from breach of contract, defamation, and accountant liability to securities class actions and SEC investigations. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Sidney M. Aronovitz in the Southern District of Florida from 1993-1994. Betty started her legal career as an associate at Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads in Philadelphia. In addition to practicing, Betty teaches a course she designed in advanced legal writing at Stanford Law School on an adjunct basis.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., College of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law
Member, William & Mary Law Review
- B.A., Economics, College of William & Mary
Minor in Math

Associations and Memberships

- California Bar Association
- Florida Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Honors

- Recipient, John Wilson Award for pro bono work, 2022-2023

Admissions

- State Bar of California
- State Bar of Florida
- State Bar of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

MATTERS

Current and Recent Matters

Litigation

- *In re Seagate Technology Holdings plc Securities Litigation* (N.D. Cal, 2023). Represents Seagate Technology Holdings plc and certain of its officers in a securities class action alleging false and misleading statements regarding the company's compliance with certain export regulations.
- *The County of Los Angeles, et al. v. Shepos, et al.* (C.D. Cal. 2019). Represents commercial landlord in a *qui tam* action alleging claims under the False Claims Act and various state law causes of action.
- *Patel v. Viatrix, Inc., et al.* (W.D. Pa. 2021). Represented Viatrix Inc. in a securities class action alleged false and misleading statements in a registration statement filed in connection with the business combination between Mylan and a subsidiary of Pfizer. First motion to dismiss resulted in a favorable settlement.
- *Maltagliati v. Meta Materials Inc.* (E.D.N.Y. 2022). Represented Meta Materials Inc. and certain of its officers and directors in a securities class action alleging false and misleading statements regarding the company's business combination with another entity, business prospects and development of products, in violation of Section 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act. Obtained dismissal by the district court on the first motion to dismiss.
- *Hines v. Meta Materials Inc.* (E.D.N.Y. 2022). Represented Meta Materials Inc and certain of its officers and directors in a shareholder derivative action asserting claims under Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act, breach of fiduciary duty claims and other state law claims, based on allegedly false and misleading statements regarding the company's business combination with another entity, business prospects and development of products. Case was voluntarily dismissed following district court's dismissal of the related securities class action.
- *Altimeo Asset Management v. WuXi Pharmatech (Cayman) Inc.* (S.D.N.Y. 2019). Represented WuXi, its officers and directors, and investors in a shareholder class action alleging that defendants made false or misleading statements in connection with a go-private merger and subsequent re-listing of subsidiaries on Asian exchanges, in violation of Section 10(b), 20(a) and 20A of the Exchange Act. Obtained dismissal with prejudice by the district court on the first motion to dismiss.
- *In re eHealth Inc. Securities Litigation* (N.D. Cal. 2020). Represented eHealth and its officers in a shareholder class action alleging that defendants overstated eHealth's financial results through an improper application of revenue recognition principles, in violation of Section 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act. Obtained dismissal of all but one category of alleged misstatements by the district court on the first motion to dismiss. Obtained dismissal of the remaining action by the district court on a motion for judgment on the pleadings.
- *Forescout Technologies, Inc. v. Ferrari Group Holdings, L.P.* (Del. Ch. 2020). Represented Forescout in an action for specific performance of a go-private merger agreement following defendants' refusal to perform shortly after the COVID-19 outbreak. Defendants ultimately agreed to a revised merger shortly before trial.
- *In re Align Technology, Inc. Securities Litigation* (N.D. Cal. 2020). Represented Align and its officers in a shareholder class action alleging that defendants made false or misleading statements concerning the growth of the business in China, in violation of Section 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act. Obtained dismissal with prejudice by the district court on the first motion to dismiss.
- *In re WageWorks, Inc. Securities Litigation* (N.D. Cal. 2018). Represented WageWorks in a shareholder class action as well as an individual action arising from WageWorks' restatement of certain of its financial statements. Plaintiffs alleged that WageWorks, its former officers, and underwriters made false and misleading statements, including in WageWorks' secondary public offering registration statement and prospectus, concerning the company's internal controls. Obtained favorable settlements.

Litigation Counseling

- The business combination of Spire Global, Inc. and NavSight Holdings, Inc. (2021). Provided litigation counseling to Spire in connection with its acquisition by NavSight in a de-SPAC transaction.
- The business combination of Aurora Innovation, Inc. and Reinvent Technology Partners Y (2021). Provided litigation counseling to Aurora in connection with its acquisition by Reinvent in a de-SPAC transaction.

CLIENTS

Select Clients

- Align Technology, Inc.
- Aurora Innovation, Inc.
- eHealth, Inc.

- Forescout Technologies, Inc.
- Genentech, Inc.
- Himax Technologies, Inc.
- Meta Materials Inc.
- Rambus Inc.
- Seagate Technology Holdings plc
- Spire Global, Inc.
- Viatris Inc.
- WageWorks, Inc.
- WuXi Pharmatech (Cayman) Inc.