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FOCUS AREAS

Antitrust Litigation
Antitrust and Competition
Commercial Litigation
Regulatory

EXPERIENCE

Julia Tarver Wood is a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where she represents clients in antitrust and other complex commercial litigation matters. With over two decades of trial experience, Julia offers strategic and insightful counsel on bet-the-company cases.

Prior to joining the firm, Julia served as senior litigation counsel in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she was lead trial counsel in a major Section 2 conduct case. Her recent government service complements her extensive private practice, equipping her with a unique perspective on enforcement and defense strategies.

An accomplished trial lawyer, Julia has led numerous civil and criminal cases in state and federal courts nationwide and before arbitration panels domestically and abroad. She has argued before the Second, Fifth, and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeal and has represented clients in multibillion-dollar, multi-district antitrust, securities, bankruptcy, and product liability cases.

Beyond her commercial practice, Julia is deeply committed to pro bono work, focusing on death penalty cases and the rights of detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

Before joining the Department of Justice, Julia was a partner in the New York and Washington, D.C., offices of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, where she maintained a robust litigation practice focused on complex commercial and antitrust matters. She previously clerked for the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Columbia Law School, 1996
Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar; Managing Editor, Columbia Law Review; Recipient, Jerome Michael Jury Cup Award and Whitney North Seymour Medal for trial advocacy
- B.A., Political Science and English, Rhodes College, 1993
Cum Laude; With Honors; Phi Beta Kappa; Recipient, Outstanding Graduate Awards in English Literature and Political Science; Recipient, Neal Prize for Outstanding Contribution in the Study of Interdisciplinary Humanities

Associations and Memberships

- Member, Antitrust Section, American Bar Association
- Former Secretary, Committee on Capital Punishment, Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Honors

- 2024 and 2025 individual and team awards from the Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust, U.S. Department of Justice
- 2010 Legal Aid Society Award
- 2007 National Legal Aid & Defender Association's Beacon of Justice Award
- 2006 American Mock Trial Association Award
- 2000 Gideon Award from New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Admissions

- Bar of the District of Columbia
- State Bar of New York
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

MATTERS

Select Matters

- Represented the United States in a successful Section 2 antitrust liability and remedies trial in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia*
- Represented a major financial institution in a multibillion-dollar, multi-district, antitrust putative class action litigation alleging a conspiracy to boycott certain methods of, and platforms for, the trading of interest rate swap derivatives*
- Represented a major financial institution in a multi-month bankruptcy trial concerning the multibillion-dollar valuation of complex derivatives arising out of the collapse of Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc.*
- Represented a large pharmaceutical company as second-chair trial counsel in a multi-district litigation, product liability, bellwether jury trial in Chicago*
- Represented a major financial institution in connection with the historic Enron scandal and subsequent nationwide securities and bankruptcy litigations*
- Represented a public regulator in a multi-month trial involving a rare non-debtor challenge to the bankruptcy plan of Pacific Gas & Electric*
- Represented a credit rating agency in connection with nationwide litigation concerning the causes of the subprime financial crisis*

**Denotes matters handled prior to joining Wilson Sonsini in 2026.*

INSIGHTS

Select Speaking Engagements

- Remedies Panel, Competition Open Day, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), 2026
- Paskay Seminar on Evidence, American Bankruptcy Institute, 2020
- Women's Career Panel, *Columbia Law Review*, 2019
- Evidence for U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judges, Federal Judicial Center, 2019
- "Wither the Death Penalty" Program, Columbia Law School, 2017
- Private Sector Career Symposium, Columbia Law School, 2012
- National Guantanamo Teach-In Conference, Seton Hall Law School, 2006
- Litigation Section, Annual Conference, American Bar Association, 2006
- Public Interest Law Fellowship Annual Luncheon, Columbia Law School, 2002