

Sheila S. Boston is a trial lawyer and litigation strategist who defends clients from initiation of the case through trial and/or settlement. Ms. Boston is valued by her clients for her advocacy skills, dependability, and collaborative spirit. Ms. Boston has successfully litigated before both state and federal courts, with significant MDL experience in mass tort actions, providing litigation avoidance counseling, and conducting audits to evaluate the potential product-related liabilities in proposed corporate acquisitions and reorganizations. She helps her clients by assessing litigation risks and defending lucrative products by weeding out frivolous individual personal injury lawsuits, defending against class actions and mass torts, and devising creative settlement solutions.

Sheila has been recognized by *Who's Who Legal in Product Liability Defense* every year since 2012. In 2018, she was recognized as a “legal lion” trial attorney by *Law 360* as a result of a successful defense verdict in *Daniel Russell et al. v. Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. et al.*, in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. She has also been recognized as a 2019 Legal Services NYC award recipient; one of the 2018 Crain's New York Leading Women Lawyers in New York; one of the 2015 Most Influential Black Lawyers in the nation by *Savoy Magazine*; and a *New York Law Journal* 2014 Lifetime Achievement awardee.

Sheila is a member of her firm’s Pro Bono and Hiring Committees, and was elected to serve as an Ombudsperson for the firm. An active participant in bar associations and the legal community at large, she was appointed by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to serve two three-year terms on New York's First Department Judicial Screening Committee; she also currently serves as Chair of the Federal Bar Council Board; Chair of the National Bar Association’s Minority Partners in Majority Firms Division; and Vice Chair of Defense Research Institute’s Drug and Medical Device Committee. Most notable, however, is that Sheila was recently nominated to become President of the New York City Bar Association which will be celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. If duly elected in May, she will become the first woman of color to serve in that leadership position.

A passionate advocate of diversity and inclusion in the workplace, Ms. Boston has won several awards for her efforts including the prestigious Chambers Diversity Awards USA 2016 inaugural award for her "Outstanding Contribution to Furthering the Advancement of Diversity in the Legal Profession, Private Practice." The recipient of many other prestigious honors and awards, a few of Sheila’s other accolades have included Columbia Law School Black Law Student Association’s 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award; selection by *The Network Journal* as one of its “25 Influential Black Women in Business” for 2016; and recognition as a 2015 Council of Urban Professionals Catalyst Honoree-Change Agent in Law.

Sheila received her A.B. from Princeton University in 1990 and her J.D. from the Columbia School of Law in 1993. She is admitted to practice law in the New York State Courts, the SDNY, the EDNY, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.