

Rising Star: Shearman & Sterling's Agnes Dunogue

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Law360, New York (April 19, 2016, 4:02 PM ET) -- Since joining Shearman & Sterling LLP in 2014 as a partner, securities litigator Agnes Dunogue has delivered court room victories for Citigroup Inc., Credit Suisse Group AG and other financial-sector clients, earning her a spot on Law360's list of top securities lawyers under the age of 40.

The Rising Stars list's Dunogue, who joined Shearman after stints at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP and Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, characterizes her 850-lawyer firm's litigation department as a "very close, collaborative and dynamic" group.

"Newer partners like myself are strongly supported and encouraged to build on client relationships directly and expand in new directions," she said. "I've gotten great opportunities to work closely with major financial institutions on a wide array of high-stakes matters and novel issues, in securities litigation, at both trial and appellate levels."

In January, a team that included Dunogue secured the dismissal of a securities fraud class action against Endocyte Inc. and underwriter units of Citigroup Inc. and Credit Suisse Group AG claiming the drugmaker issued material misstatements regarding an experimental cancer treatment.

The Illinois case before U.S. District Judge Tanya Walton Pratt fell after defense lawyers convinced her it hinged upon the "vague and uncorroborated testimony" of a single confidential witness.

Dunogue also helped Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and its affiliate Automated Trading Desk Financial Services LLC beat a securities class action against Biozoom Inc. in Ohio federal court. In that case, Dunogue briefed and argued one of the main arguments of the motion to dismiss — related to the statute of limitations — on behalf of all defendants.

"Securities litigation has long been one of the main areas of practice of the department due to the firm's deep relationships with financial institutions as well as corporations across the globe. Put simply, we focus on partnering with clients to provide them everything they need, at any time — and helping them

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spot and understand relevant legal trends," said Dunogue, who declined to comment about specific cases.

Other clients who have retained her services include Nomura — in mortgage-bundling litigation — as well as Natixis Securities America LLC, DirecTV, Dish, Nvidia Corp. and Barclays Capital.

Dunogue also has been active in a variety of pro bono work. Most recently she led Shearman's efforts in filing a brief on behalf of the Service Women's Action Network and individual retired or former military officers in support of petitioners in an abortion rights case before the U.S. Supreme Court — *Whole Women's Health v. Cole*. She also has been active on a pro bono basis in New York Family Court.

Dunogue says she gained valuable experience prior to joining private practice by clerking for judges in the securities-litigation heavy Southern District of New York and Second Circuit.

"I've been fortunate to benefit from the advice and example of great mentors throughout my career so far, including while clerking for two inspiring judges — Judge Kimba Wood and Judge Robert Sack," she said. "I've worked with people with many different styles but who have all shared a deep commitment to their work and great intellectual curiosity."

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