

BETH I.Z. BOLAND



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Beth is a well-known governance and risk expert who represents board Audit and Special Committees in high-profile crises involving multiple stakeholders, and counsels public company boards on governance and mitigation of legal and regulatory risk. Given her recognized expertise and communications skills, Beth is a sought-after speaker for director education programs at Harvard and NACD. Beth chairs the New England NACD Chapter, and is a respected business community leader who understands the intersection of business, law, and policy.

Board-relevant Experience and Competencies

Beth advises boards on a wide range of issues facing corporate boards today across a spectrum of industries, with a particular focus on high tech companies and heavily-regulated industries such as financial services, insurance, banking, and gaming. She is qualified to serve on public company audit committees, and her core competencies include:

- M&A strategy and implementation
- Activist investor challenges
- Compliance oversight
- ESG governance and risk issues
- Compensation

Board Service. In addition to serving in leadership positions on numerous non-profit boards, Beth has served on several influential quasi-public boards:

- Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation (2024-present)
 - State quasi-public agency which oversees the Commonwealth's investments in broadband, cyber, tech innovation, eHealth, and precision manufacturing
 - Independent board member appointed by Massachusetts Governor Healey
- Massachusetts Lottery (2010-2014)
 - \$4B+ state quasi-public agency with over 500 union and non-union employees
 - Independent board member appointed by Massachusetts Governor Patrick
 - Led multi-year transformation of Lottery's compliance, governance and executive compensation processes.

Business Community and Civic Leadership

Beth has been deeply engaged in the business, legal, political and civic communities for over 30 years. Beth has chaired or served on the finance and economic development transition committees for many statewide and federal elected officials, including several governors. Key civic positions include:

- Chair and former President, NACD-New England, 2016-present
- Co-Chair, Boston Bar Association Task Force on Corporate Governance
- President, Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts (WBA)

- Member, Massachusetts Women’s Forum

Employment

- **Foley & Lardner, LLP** 2013-present
Foley is one of the country’s top 50 law firms with revenues of over \$1 billion annual revenues, and over 2,000 employees in four countries. Beth has led all aspects of strategy and development of one of the firm’s most profitable practices, and shared P&L and talent management responsibility for a department with \$300+MM in revenues.
 - **Vice Chair, Litigation Department (2015-18)**
 Led the firm’s litigation lateral partner and strategic acquisitions efforts which contributed to double-digit annual growth in the department, and helped lead Foley’s acquisition and post-acquisition integration of a major law firm.
 - **Chair, Securities Enforcement and Litigation Group (2014-23)**
 Direct P&L responsibility for one of the firm’s most profitable practices. Revamped every aspect of strategy and management, including core strategy focus, professional development for group attorneys, lateral acquisitions.
 - **Vice Chair, ESG Practice (2022-present)**
 Co-founded firm’s national cross-sector ESG practice, with over 100 attorneys.
- **Bingham McCutchen, LLP** 2003-2013
AmLaw 50 law firm with over 20 offices in 5 countries
 - Partner, Securities Litigation and Enforcement group
- **Mintz Levin, LLC** 1989-2003
AmLaw 100 law firm. Litigation Partner (1996-2003); Associate (1989-1996)
- **Federal judicial law clerk for Hon. Milton Pollack, SDNY** 1988-1989
Primary case assignment on SEC v. Michael Milken; In re Ivan F. Boesky Securities Litigation

Selected Awards/Recognition

- “Most Influential Bostonians,” *Boston Magazine* (2023, 2024)
- “Most Powerful Businesspeople,” *Boston Business Journal*
- Inaugural class Massachusetts Lawyers’ Hall of Fame, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*
- *Chambers USA*, Securities Litigation Massachusetts (multiple years)
- Lelia J. Robinson Award, highest honor awarded by WBA

Education:

University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL. Juris Doctor, 1988. Articles Editor, *University of Chicago Legal Forum*. Daniel Yee Merit Scholar.

University of Chicago, The College, Chicago, IL. A.B. 1985 with Honors (highest academic ranking). Phi Beta Kappa; G.P.A. in top 1% of class. Rhodes Scholarship Nominee.