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### Practice Areas

- Securities Litigation
- Antitrust Actions
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Shareholder Derivative Suits
- Lending, Workout & Foreclosure

### Education

- J.D., Yale Law School, 1986
- B.A., *with highest distinction*, Indiana University, 1983

### Bar & Court Admissions

- Georgia
- New York

### John M. Gross

John Gross is a member of the Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice group, focusing on financial and business organization litigation. He has served as lead counsel before federal and state trial and appellate courts, in administrative proceedings, and before ADR panels. His clients have included Fortune 100 companies, financial institutions, national and small-town community banks, corporate directors and officers, wealthy individuals and small business owners.

Mr. Gross also has provided compliance advice and counseling in securities, antitrust and fiduciary duty matters. He has represented defendants and plaintiffs in financial fraud claims, business dissolutions, shareholders' class action litigation, corporate governance disputes, CMBS (commercial mortgage backed securities) matters, antitrust class actions and other antitrust litigation, fraud-on-the-market claims, dissenting shareholder valuation proceedings, and internal corporate investigations.

Some of his representations have included the successful defense of an acquirer in an \$8 billion corporate acquisition against 18 shareholder suits seeking to enjoin the transaction; a Fortune 500 company against class-action price fixing claims; a consortium of major banks against breach-of-contract claims involving the unconsummated sale of a \$60 million portfolio of loans; banks in USDA guaranteed loan proceedings; and agricultural manufacturers in proceedings before Administrative Law Courts, including a trial regarding commodity allocation for a multi-billion dollar private company.

Mr. Gross often speaks at continuing legal education programs. For 10 years he served as the co-chair of an annual seminar on Corporate Litigation. He was previously a member of the Board of Editors of the Georgia Bar Journal, the official publication of the State Bar of Georgia.

After beginning his career with the New York law firm Sullivan & Cromwell, in 1990 Mr. Gross joined Atlanta's Powell Goldstein LLP, where he was a partner from 1996 through 2006. He lives in Atlanta with his wife, three daughters, three dogs, two parakeets and one turtle.