

# Womble Bond Dickinson Adds Former In-House Counsel to Financial Services Litigation Team

WILMINGTON, Del. – Womble Bond Dickinson announced that Rhonda Payne Harmon has joined the firm's Business Litigation practice as Of Counsel in the Wilmington, Del., office.

Harmon joins Womble after sixteen years as in-house counsel for one of the country's largest commercial banks, where she most recently served as Senior Counsel and Vice President of the Consumer Defensive Litigation division handling high-risk and class action cases. Earlier in her career, she was a bankruptcy associate in private practice representing large banks and other financial institutions.

"Rhonda is key to the continued expansion of our financial services litigation practice," said Business Litigation Practice Group Leader Chris Jones. "Her intimate knowledge of what is most important to our banking clients and first-hand experience resolving disputes for one of the world's largest and most important financial institutions will bring unique value to our clients and colleagues."

At Womble, Harmon joins a team of more than 200 financial services sector lawyers located across the United States and the United Kingdom, representing nearly half of the top 100 U.S. banks, including 17 of the top 25.

Harmon has more than 20 years of combined experience as in-house counsel specializing in default servicing and consumer defensive litigation relating to lending practices, automobile and personal loans, lines of credit and home mortgages, as well as experience representing banks and companies in

bankruptcy. She has managed both single-plaintiff and class/mass actions across a broad range of financial services issues, including mortgage loan servicing and origination claims, TCPA, FCRA, FDCPA, SCRA, TILA, loan modification, retail and installment sales claims, MERS standing issues, lien disputes, and bankruptcy disputes and adversary proceedings.

Harmon received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Carnegie Mellon University, and she received her J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.