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Ms. Champion's practice is focused on litigation, government, municipal, and regulatory service. Ms. Champion serves as co-counsel to the firm's public retirement board clients and supervises its extensive docket of M.G.L. c. 32 cases from disability retirement to survivor issues and related workers' compensation issues. She is a member of the Massachusetts Association of Public Pension Attorneys. Ms. Champion has successfully litigated cases before the Superior Court, District Court, Land Court, Housing Court, and at administrative law proceedings before state agencies and administrative courts. Prior to Ms. Champion's retirement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, she served as District and Municipal Court legal counsel to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. There, she managed Suffolk County community prosecutions and hired and supervised assistant district attornevs practicing in specialty, district and municipal courts as well as office personnel. For ten years, Ms. Champion served as assistant general counsel and represented the \$44 million Massachusetts Workers' Compensation Trust Fund litigating applications under M.G.L Ch. 152, s. 65 and 37 including subrogation claims, mediation, settlement negotiations, and criminal and civil matters involving the fund. She began her public service career as an assistant district attorney with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. Over the course of her tenure there, she held assignments in Dorchester and Roxbury District Court as well as Elders and Persons with Disabilities Superior Court Unit. Ms. Champion is an adjunct professor at New England Law | Boston and her professional affiliations include Eastern Region commissioner for the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women and Girls; board secretary for the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts; member of the Town of Milton's Equity and Justice for All Committee; and board member of the Boston Arts Academy. From 2021 to 2023, she was commissioner of the Boston Municipal Lobbying and Compliance Commission. Ms. Champion is a graduate of Suffolk University and Suffolk University Law School.