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Catherine van Kampen's law practice concentrates on class action settlement administration. She manages the firm's qualified settlement funds and claims administration for settlements achieved by the firm. Catherine is responsible for initiating and managing the claims administration process and working with the Court-appointed claims administrators and investment banks for the benefit of the Classes represented by the firm. Catherine works closely with the firm's partners to apply for Court approval in various jurisdictions throughout the United States for the disbursement of settlement funds. She regularly interfaces with institutional and retail investors to explain the claims administration process and to assist them with filing their claims.

Catherine also has extensive experience in complex litigation and litigation management, having served as a team leader and overseen attorney teams in many of the firm's most high-profile cases during the 2008 Financial Crisis. Catherine has worked on more than two dozen high-value cases. Fluent in Dutch, she has served as the lead investigator and led discovery efforts in actions involving international corporations and financial institutions headquartered in Belgium and the Netherlands. She is certified in E-Discovery and Healthcare Compliance.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Catherine focused on complex litigation initiated by institutional investors and the Federal Government. She has worked on litigation and investigations related to regulatory enforcement actions, corporate governance, and compliance matters as well as conducted extensive discovery in English and Dutch in cross-border litigation.

Since attending law school, Catherine has been deeply committed to pro bono service. Through her volunteer work, Catherine has advocated for social change and justice, particularly for immigrant and refugee women and children. As a member of the New York City Bar Association's United Nations Committee, she spearheads the highly successful and widely-praised *International Law Conference on the Status of Women*, Pro Bono Engagement Fair, Epiq's Women Organization Awards and Huntington Bank's Her Hero Awards, featuring the Under Secretary and Special Representative to the Secretary General of the United Nations for the Prevention of Violence Against Women, and other progressive women advocates from New York's legal community. In recognition of her work, Catherine was appointed Co-Chair of the New York City Bar Association's United Nations Committee and a Member of the Council on International Affairs in September of 2021.

A committed humanitarian, Catherine was honored as the 2018 Ambassador Medalist at the New Jersey Governor's Jefferson Awards for Outstanding Public Service for her international humanitarian and pro bono work with refugees. The Jefferson Awards, issued by the Jefferson Awards Foundation founded by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, are awarded by state governors and are considered America's highest honor for public service bestowed by the United States Senate. Catherine was also honored in Princeton, New Jersey, by her high school alma mater,

Stuart Country Day School, in its 2018 Distinguished Alumnae Gallery for her humanitarian and pro bono efforts on behalf of Yezidis and Christians afflicted by war in Iraq and Syria. In 2020, Catherine was accepted as a *SHESOURCE* legal expert advocating for the needs of immigrant and refugee women by the Women's Media Center, founded by Gloria Steinem, Jane Fonda, and Robin Morgan. In 2021, Catherine was appointed a Global Goals Ambassador for Clean Water and Sanitation by the United Nations Association of the USA, the sister organization of the United Nations Foundation USA founded by Eleanor Roosevelt. She is a recipient of several honors recognizing her pro bono work and commitment to social issues, including an invitation to attend the 2020 Tory Burch Foundation Embrace Ambition Summit and an appointment to the Advisory Board of the National Center for Girls' Leadership in Princeton, New Jersey. In 2021, the President of Manhattan honored Catherine with Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding leadership towards the advancement of human rights and she was honored as the 2021 Human Rights Leader of the Year by the Arts for All Foundation.

Catherine has conducted extensive legal research and co-authored legal articles in international law journals and magazines. She is an active member of the American Bar Association, American Bar Foundation, New York State Bar Association, New York City Bar Association, New Jersey State Bar Association, and the National Association of Women Lawyers. In 2020, Catherine was appointed to the NYSBA's Leadership Development Committee. In 2021, Catherine was appointed to the NJSBA's Class Actions, International Law and Organizations, and Special Civil Part Committees. In 2022, she was appointed Co-Chair of the NYSBA's Leadership Development Committee and Co-Chair of the American Bar Association's International Law Section — Women's Interest Network. Catherine was also appointed a Fellow at the American Bar Foundation in 2022. In 2023, Catherine was appointed Vice-Chair of the National Association of Women Lawyers' Podcast Committee. As part of her international pro bono legal work, she serves on several Boards of international NGOs serving refugees and internally displaced persons in the Middle East and Africa and rescuing exploited and trafficked women and girls.

Catherine clerked for the Honorable Mary M. McVeigh in the Superior Court of New Jersey where she was trained as a court-certified mediator. While in law school she interned at the Center for Social Justice's Immigration Law Clinic at Seton Hall University School of Law. Catherine is a Graduate of the American Inns of Court.

Education

- Seton Hall University School of Law, 1998, J.D.
- Indiana University, 1988, B.A., Political Science

Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey

Languages

- Dutch
- German

News

- October 20, 2022 - BLB&G Senior Counsel Catherine van Kampen Appointed Chair of New Jersey State Bar Association's International Law and Organizations Committee
- September 14, 2022 - BLB&G Senior Counsel Catherine van Kampen Appointed Co-Chair of the American Bar Association's International Law Section Women's Interest Network
- August 25, 2022 - BLB&G Senior Counsel Catherine van Kampen Appointed Fellow at the American Bar Foundation
- May 20, 2022 - BLB&G Senior Counsel Catherine van Kampen Appointed Co-Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Leadership Development
- January 21, 2022 - BLB&G Announces Elevation of One Partner and Two Senior Counsel
- September 22, 2021 - BLB&G's Catherine van Kampen Appointed Co-Chair of the New York City Bar Association's United Nations Committee

Awards

- August 25, 2023 - BLB&G Senior Counsel Catherine van Kampen Recognized as 2023 Outstanding Volunteer by American Bar Association International Law Section
- December 10, 2021 - Catherine van Kampen Receives Two Honorary Recognitions at Manhattan Borough President's Human Rights Day for Her Pro Bono & Human Rights Work on Behalf of the New York City Bar Association's United Nations Committee
- June 5, 2018 - Catherine van Kampen Recognized for Her Outstanding Public Service at the New Jersey Governor's Jefferson Awards

Events

- April 25, 2024 - BLB&G Senior Counsel Catherine van Kampen to Serve as Moderator at the ABA 2024 ILS Annual Conference
- April 23, 2024 - BLB&G's Catherine van Kampen, Jim Harrod, and Lauren Ormsbee to Speak at the ABA 2024 ILS Annual Conference
- March 15, 2024 - BLB&G Celebrates Women's International Legal Efforts at NCYBA's 5th Annual International Law Conference on the Status of Women
- March 7, 2024 - BLB&G's Hannah Ross and Catherine van Kampen to Speak at NYCBA's 5th Annual International Law Conference on the Status of Women
- October 5, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon to be Interviewed by Senior Counsel Catherine van Kampen for NAWL Podcast
- September 8, 2023 - BLB&G Senior Counsel Catherine van Kampen to Moderate NJSBA CLE Webinar "What Lawyers Need to Know to Combat Antisemitism"
- March 24, 2023 - BLB&G Celebrates Women's International Legal Efforts at NYCBA Conference

- March 2, 2023 - BLB&G's Catherine van Kampen and Katie Sinderson to Speak at NYCBA's 4th Annual Law Conference on the Status of Women
- January 25, 2023 - BLB&G Senior Counsel Catherine van Kampen to Speak at ABA International Law Section Event
- March 3, 2022 - Lauren Ormsbee and Catherine van Kampen Speak at the NYCBA's Third Annual International Law Conference on the Status of Women
- October 27, 2021 - BLB&G's Catherine van Kampen Serves as Moderator at the National Association for Women Lawyers Panel, *How to Turn Your Book Ideas into Published Works*
- March 2021 - Catherine van Kampen Serves as Key Organizer for the Second Annual International Law Conference on the Status of Women
- March 9, 2020 - Lauren Ormsbee and Catherine van Kampen Speak at the International Law Conference on the Status of Women
- March 9, 2020 - Lauren McMillen Ormsbee Serves as Moderator at International Law Conference of the Status of Women