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PRACTICE PROFILE: Damaris Hernández is a partner in Cravath's litigation department. Her practice focuses on complex civil litigation related to securities and ERISA, as well as shareholder demands, internal corporate investigations and government investigations related to antitrust and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. She has represented a wide range of clients, including American Express, the Republic of Argentina, Credit Suisse, IBM, Merck, Novartis and Vivendi.

LEADERSHIP, PRO BONO AND CIVIC WORK: Damaris

is committed to increasing diversity in the workplace and to bettering the lives of high-needs/low-income communities and individuals. She is a member of the Alumni Society, a professional development organization for Latino business executives. She is also a mentor with the AnBryce Program at NYU School of Law and works to support Cravath's efforts to recruit AnBryce Scholars. Damaris is also actively involved in the March of Dimes, an organization that works to end premature births and to help mothers have healthy babies.

Damaris gives back through her pro bono work, representing sick children and their families in partnership with the Children's Hospital at Montefiore and Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital.

She is also lead counsel in a lawsuit challenging Jefferson County, Alabama's compliance with a consent decree after findings of discrimination in the hiring of firefighters and police.

EDUCATION:

J.D., New York University School of Law, 2007

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