

Selendy & Gay Expands Supreme Court and Appellate Practice with Caitlin Halligan

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NEW YORK – Selendy & Gay announced today that Caitlin Halligan, one of the nation’s leading appellate attorneys, has joined the firm. Her impressive career includes stints in senior government positions and in private practice. She has served as counsel of record in more than 45 matters in the U.S. Supreme Court, and handed scores of cases in the federal appellate courts, the New York Court of Appeals, and other state appellate courts.

“We are so pleased to add Caitlin to our partnership. She has established herself as a powerhouse litigator with a stellar record of appellate victories,” said Managing Partner David Elsberg. “Caitlin’s breadth of experience, and her commitment to social justice aligns well with our values at Selendy & Gay. A talent like this could have gone to any firm, and we are so thrilled that she’ll be joining our vibrant community and spearheading our appellate practice going forward.”

Named partner Faith Gay added, “Caitlin has an extraordinary mind, creative intelligence and strategic savvy. I have long wanted to practice with her, and her notable breadth of public/private experience fits our firm’s strengths perfectly. We believe she’ll provide important leadership in our firm for many years to come.”

Ms. Halligan joins Selendy & Gay, an elite litigation and investigations firm established in early 2018 to shift the paradigm of the traditional law firm model, by re-thinking law firm structure, operations, and culture. “Our founding principles include a relentless dedication to excellence, an open and meritocratic culture, and a deeply practical sense of our responsibilities as litigators. Caitlin was made to be one of us,” said Philippe Selendy. With Ms. Halligan’s arrival, the firm includes 13 accomplished partners who balance plaintiff and defense work. The firm is majority owned by women, many of whom hold leadership positions across the firm’s practices and management structure.

Prior to Selendy & Gay, Ms. Halligan was a partner in Gibson Dunn’s appellate and constitutional law practice groups. Ms. Halligan served as Solicitor General for the State of New York from 2001 to 2007, after serving as Deputy Solicitor General. Before that, she served as the first Chief of the New York Attorney General’s Internet Bureau, where she developed law enforcement and policy initiatives regarding online consumer fraud, privacy, online securities trading and other internet-related issues. Ms. Halligan also served as General Counsel to the New York County District Attorney’s Office under the leadership of Cyrus Vance. She has been praised for her “impressive track record” by Chambers USA, named a “Litigation Star” and one of the “Top 250 Women in Litigation” by Benchmark Litigation and recognized in LawDragon 500’s list of leading lawyers in 2019.

“I am delighted to be joining Selendy & Gay, a firm that has already done so much to rethink the traditional law firm model,” said Ms. Halligan. “I look forward to expanding the firm’s appellate practice and working with a group of exceptionally talented and successful lawyers whom I have respected for a long time. I am also tremendously excited about the firm’s deep commitment to pro bono practice, and the recognition that elite law firms can both do good and do well.”

“Over the past year, we’ve hired 25 exceptional associates, and have grown the firm to 135 professionals,” said Managing Partner Jennifer Selendy. “As a rare lateral partner hire, Caitlin is exactly the caliber of thinker and practitioner that aligns with our vision.”

Ms. Halligan earned her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the Georgetown University Law Center. She clerked for the Honorable Justice Stephen Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court and the Honorable Patricia Wald of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. She is a member of the American Law Institute, a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, and has taught as a Lecturer In Law at Columbia Law School, and currently teaches at Harvard Law School.

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