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Pamela J. Roberts, a partner of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, practices in Columbia, South Carolina in the areas of complex business litigation and commercial litigation. Her litigation practice focuses on securities fraud and shareholder issues and she supports the firm's pharmaceutical and medical device practice.

In 1997, Ms. Roberts became a certified mediator, a distinction awarded by the Supreme Court of South Carolina. She completed the Program of Instruction for Lawyers at Harvard Law School in 1998, and returned the following year to serve as a teaching assistant for the course. Ms. Roberts has been trained for mediation by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and she has conducted mediations for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. She also serves as a mediation instructor at the U.S. Department of Justice Advocacy Center.

A member of the South Carolina Bar, the State Bar of Georgia, and the State Bar of California, Ms. Roberts is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States; the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits; and the U.S. District Courts for the District of South Carolina, the Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia, and the Northern District of California.

Ms. Roberts has long held prominent leadership positions within the American Bar Association where she currently is the chair of the Commission on Women in the Profession. Ms. Roberts served on the Board of Governors and is a former member of the Commission on Opportunities for Minorities in the Profession (now the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession). She served as chairwoman of the Young Lawyers Division and has served on the association's Nominating Committee and the Special Committee on Governance.

Ms. Roberts is a delegate to the South Carolina Bar's House of Delegates and served on its Board of Governors from 2000-04. She is a member of the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association, having served as president from 1999-2001, and on its board of directors from 1993-2002. She is a permanent member of the U.S. Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the South Carolina Bar Foundation.

In demand as a speaker on a myriad of legal topics, Ms. Roberts most recent presentations include mediation instruction to the U.S. Department of Justice Advocacy Center; "The Future of Leadership in a Competitive Environment," American Bar Association Antitrust Section Meeting, 2002; "Public Speaking: The Basics and Beyond," Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association, 2001; and "Discovery Disputes," South Carolina Bankruptcy Law Association Convention, 2001. Ms. Roberts is the author of "The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Reform or Fiction," *South Carolina Lawyer*, January/February 1998, and "The Court's Inherent Power to Dismiss a Case An Emerging Gatekeeper to the Federal Courts?" *The Defense Line*, October 1992.

Ms. Roberts is a member of the board of directors of the YWCA of the Midlands, a member of the board of trustees of Claflin College, and a member of the advisory board of Trinity Housing Corporation.

In 1980, Ms. Roberts earned a Juris Doctor from Southwestern University School of Law, after attending Hastings College of the Law. During law school, Ms. Roberts was a member of the National Moot Court Team and Phi Alpha Delta, and she received the Alex Hotchkiss Award. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley in 1977.