HOLWELL SHUSTER & GOLDBERG LLP

Hannah Sholl

Title: Counsel

Company: Holwell Shuster & Goldberg LLP

Industry: Legal Services

Employees: 84

Headquarters: New York, NY

Education: J.D., University of California at Berkeley School of Law

Personal philosophy: Find ways to learn and grow as a litigator and a person every day.

Words I live by: Take each challenge one step at a time and treat challenges as opportunities for growth.

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A s counsel with Holwell Shuster & Goldberg LLP, Hannah Sholl has worked on highly charged cases, including cases involving the credit crisis, 9/11, and Bernard Madoff's Ponzi scheme. She currently leads a team performing extensive work for banks in litigation over residential-mortgage-backed securities valued in the billions of dollars. In one high-profile First Amendment case, she successfully defended the National September 11 Memorial & Museum's display of the "Ground Zero Cross."

Sholl also leads teams charged with providing critical pro bono legal services. Successes in this area include extensive collaboration with the Innocence Project and the vindication of a parent in a case involving allegations of shaken baby syndrome.

She currently represents four female Frontier Airlines pilots in a cutting-edge, highly publicized workplace discrimination case. Working with the American Civil Liberties Union, Hannah has charged that the policies of Frontier Airlines toward pregnant and breast-feeding pilots violate the Civil Rights Act.

Sholl says she learned leadership by listening to others and to herself. She looked to identify and honor the strengths and talents of each member of her team. "It took me several years to really own my skill set," she explains. "I always knew that I liked to work with teams and manage projects, but I didn't know how important those skills were until I saw really smart, accomplished people who couldn't necessarily create a strong team."

This very successful attorney advises fellow and younger colleagues to make professional decisions based on what works for them, not on others' views of success. She takes pride in mentoring junior associates and encouraging them to take on leadership roles.

To Sholl, diversity and inclusion means recognizing and honoring the unique talents each team member contributes. This enables each person to bring a full range of experiences and strengths to the table, allowing the team to reach its highest potential.

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