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**Practices**

- Litigation
- Litigation - Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Litigation - Antitrust & Competition
- Environment, Land Use & Natural Resources
- Litigation - Environmental
- Climate Change & Sustainability
- Energy
- Energy - Antitrust
- Energy - Energy Regulatory
- Energy - Environment, Land Use & Natural Resources
- Energy - Litigation & Arbitration

**Industries**

- Education
- Energy
- Industrials & Materials
- Consumer & Retail

**Ms. Flanagan** has served as primary counsel in jury and court trials, appellate proceedings, arbitrations, mediations and agency proceedings. She has served as counsel for joint defense groups in a variety of contexts.

Ms. Flanagan has focused her practice on litigation, alternative dispute resolution and administrative proceedings in the commercial, academic, medical and environmental areas. She has had extensive motion, trial, arbitration and appellate experience dealing with disputes in a variety of business contexts, including antitrust and unfair competition issues, unfair business practices, employment disputes, environmental compliance and cost recovery, trade secret, breach of fiduciary duty, tortious interference, defamation, commercial leases, tax and risk of loss. She has defended a university and its hospitals in a variety of student, employee and faculty claims, and contract disputes. She has significant experience with class actions, including such actions challenging bank fees as unfair business practices and alleging price-fixing conduct and unfair competition in various product markets. She successfully handled a significant arbitration on behalf of two hospitals in a dispute with a national nursing agency that staffed the hospitals



during a nurses strike, as well as two lengthy arbitrations involving cogeneration steam supply pricing issues for the project developer. She has successfully mediated numerous consumer class actions, employment disputes and environmental cost recovery actions and has settled a variety of other business disputes. In the environmental area, Ms. Flanagan has extensive experience with government and citizen enforcement actions, as well as disputes between private parties. She has served as lead counsel and a member of PRP negotiating and steering committees.

Ms. Flanagan was elected to the Managing Board for 2006-2008. She has served on various firm committees, and was elected to the Executive Committee for the 1993-94 and 1995-96 terms. She served as Managing Partner - Professional Resources and Practice for the 1995-96 term. She was Co-Leader of the firmwide Litigation Section from 2001 through 2003, and was the Manager of the San Francisco Litigation Section from 1998 through 2004.

Ms. Flanagan has been active in community affairs, serving on numerous boards and working on pro bono cases through Pillsbury. She is currently a member of the board of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. She has been active in professional activities as well, currently serving on the board of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers.

Ms. Flanagan was awarded a two-year fellowship from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to intern as litigation counsel with the National Military Discharge Review Project, through which she represented veterans and supervised Georgetown law students in a clinical education program from 1976 to 1978. She worked in the Office of the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States from 1978 to 1979. She joined Pillsbury in 1980.

#### **Education**

LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center, 1978

J.D., University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, 1976  
Order of the Coif

B.A., Stanford University, 1973  
Phi Beta Kappa

#### **Admissions**

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