

## **Maria T. Vullo**

Maria T. Vullo was nominated by Governor Cuomo in February 2016 to be Superintendent of the New York State Department of Financial Services (DFS), following more than twenty-five years of civil, criminal, and regulatory experience in the public and private sector. As Acting DFS Superintendent, Ms. Vullo is charged with protecting consumers and markets in New York State from fraud and financial crises, as well as reforming the regulation of financial services to keep pace with the industry's rapid evolution.

Ms. Vullo comes to DFS after 20 years as a litigation partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, where she led civil, criminal, and regulatory investigations before courts and governmental authorities across the country. Ms. Vullo also served as Executive Deputy Attorney General for Economic Justice Division in the Office of the New York State Attorney General, under then New York State Attorney General Cuomo. There she oversaw the Bureaus of Investor Protection, Antitrust, Real Estate Finance, Consumer Frauds and Internet, leading investigations across New York State to protect investors and consumers from fraud.

Over the course of her career, Ms. Vullo's specific legal experience has included litigations and investigations involving the financial services sectors and fraud, real estate, health care, insurance, tax, consumer protection, bankruptcy, antitrust, and constitutional law.

An accomplished trial lawyer, Ms. Vullo has also argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits, and the New York State Appellate Division.

Ms. Vullo is a recognized leader in protecting women's rights, including representing women raped by soldiers during the 1992-1995 Bosnian War – a case in which she secured a \$745 million jury verdict for the plaintiffs. Her pro bono work also includes securing a \$100 million jury verdict representing abortion providers whose lives had been threatened by an online "hit list" and numerous amicus curiae briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court in significant civil rights cases.

Ms. Vullo was twice nominated by the New York State Commission on Judicial Nomination as a candidate for Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals. She has been named a "New York Super Lawyer" by Super Lawyers Magazine and has been included in numerous leading lawyer lists published by the National Law Journal and other leading publications.

Ms. Vullo recently received the New York Women Making a Difference Award from Eleanor's Legacy, the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Interfaith Nutrition Network, and the Distinguished Corporate Citizen Award from A Better Balance, among many other awards and professional recognitions.

Ms. Vullo earned her J.D. from New York University School of Law, an M.P.A. from the New York University Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, and a B.A. from the College of Mount Saint Vincent. She clerked for the Hon. John A. MacKenzie, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, following law school prior to entering private practice.