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Dr. Plancich received her BS in economics from the London School of Economics, University of London, and her PhD in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At MIT, Dr. Plancich taught undergraduate courses in microeconomics and macroeconomics.

Dr. Plancich is a member of the Securities and Mass Torts Practices at NERA. For the Securities Practice, she has analyzed materiality, loss causation, and damages estimates in securities class actions, involving accounting fraud allegations, public offerings, and mergers and acquisitions. She has also analyzed issues of class certification, market efficiency, and damages under ERISA. In the Mass Torts Practice, she has prepared forecasts of asbestos and other tort liabilities. These forecasts have been used for reserves on companies' financial statements, for insurance purchases, and in the context of both acquisitions and bankruptcies. Dr. Plancich also works in NERA's Labor Practice, analyzing issues related to discrimination, wrongful termination or injury, and wage and hour violations. Her analyses frequently are used in expert testimony.

Dr. Plancich's graduate work was focused in the fields of labor economics and public finance, and her dissertation concentrated on issues of taxation for mutual funds. A section of her dissertation, "Mutual Fund Capital Gain Distributions and the Tax Reform Act of 1997," was published in the *National Tax Journal* in 2003.

## Education

PhD in economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

BSc in economics, London School of Economics, University of London

## Publications

- *Trends in Wage and Hour Settlements: 2015 Update*
- *Consumer Class Action Settlements: 2010-2013 Settlements Increasing, With a Focus on Privacy*
- *Trends in Wage and Hour Settlements: 2013 Update*
- *Trends in Wage and Hour Settlements: 2012 Update*
- *Damage Estimation in Wrongful Termination Cases: Impact of the Great Recession*
- *Trends in Wage and Hour Settlements: 2011 Update*
- *Recent Trends in Wage and Hour Settlements*
- *Trends 2010 Mid-Year Study: Filings Decline as the Wave of Credit Crisis Cases Subsides, Median Settlement at Record High*
- *The Economic Impact Of New MMSEA Regulations*
- *Recent Trends in Securities Class Action Litigation: 2009 Year End Update*
- *Class Certification in Wage and Hour Litigation: What Can We Learn from Statistics?*
- *Recent Trends in Securities Class Actions Litigation: 2009 Mid-Year Update; Filings Remain High, Fueled by Credit Crisis and Ponzi Scheme Claims; Median Settlements Remain Under \$10 Million*
- *2008 Trends in Securities Class Actions: Annual Filings Are at the Highest Level in Six Years, Driven by the Credit Crisis, While Median Settlement Values Stay Steady*

- *The Use of Economic Analysis in Predatory Lending Cases: Application to Subprime Loans*
- *2008 Trends: Subprime and Auction-Rate Cases Continue to Drive Filings, and Large Settlements Keep Averages High*
- *Recent Trends in Shareholder Class Actions: Filings Return to 2005 Levels as Subprime Cases Take Off; Average Settlements Hit New High*
- *Recent Trends in Shareholder Class Action Litigation: Filings Stay Low and Average Settlements Stay High -- But Are These Trends Reversing?*
- *Recent Trends in Shareholder Class Action Litigation: Filings Plummet, Settlements Soar*
- *Costs of Asbestos Litigation and Benefits of Reform*
- *Recent Trends in Shareholder Class Action Litigation: Bear Market Cases Bring Big Settlements*
- *Recent Trends in Securities Class Action Litigation: 2003 Update*
- *Recent Trends in Securities Class Action Litigation: 2003 Early Update*

## **Practice Areas**

Bankruptcy and Financial Distress Litigation

Commercial Litigation and Damages

Insurance

Labor and Employment

Product Liability and Mass Torts

Securities and Finance

White Collar, Investigations and Enforcement

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