

## **Sherry F. Bellamy**

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Sherry F. Bellamy is Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Litigation and Regulatory. She is responsible for overseeing litigation as well as state and federal regulatory matters for Verizon Business. Prior to her current role, Ms. Bellamy was Vice President and Associate General Counsel at Verizon and led the state regulatory litigation team responsible for obtaining approvals of the Verizon-MCI merger.

Ms. Bellamy began her career with Bell Atlantic in 1991 as an attorney and became Vice President and General Counsel for C&P Telephone of Washington, D.C. in 1992. In 1997, following the Bell Atlantic – NYNEX merger, Ms. Bellamy was promoted to President and Chief Executive Officer of Bell Atlantic-Maryland.

Before joining Bell Atlantic, Ms. Bellamy held positions with the law firms of Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue in Washington, D.C. and with the Washington, D.C. and New York offices of Chadbourne & Parke. Early in her career, she served as staff attorney with the New Haven Legal Assistance Association, establishing a civil litigation section for the representation of children.

Ms. Bellamy has served on several economic development, philanthropic and corporate boards and has received numerous awards and recognitions. She currently serves as a director for Johns Hopkins Medicine and on the Board of the Cardinal Spellman High School Foundation. Awards and honors include an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Rosemont College; being named as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women, *Baltimore Magazine's* Top Women in Business and *Washingtonian* magazine's Most Powerful Women in Washington. Ms. Bellamy has been profiled in two books, *Women of Courage II* and *Notable Black American Women III*, as well as in numerous newspaper and magazine articles. Ms. Bellamy served as a member of the Special Study Commission on the Maryland Public Ethics Law, at the request of the Senate President and the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates; the Commission proposed extensive revisions to Maryland lobbying statutes and rules.

Born and raised in New York City's Harlem, Ms. Bellamy graduated in 1977 from the Yale Law School and from Swarthmore College with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1974.