

Chambers USA 2006 Guide Ranks BLB&G First Among Firms Prosecuting Securities Litigation; Names Max Berger and Sean Coffey as "Leaders" in the Field

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BLB&G was given the top ranking in the field of plaintiff securities litigation in Chambers and Partners' 2006 Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business ("Chambers").

This is the first time that *Chambers*, the publisher of several globally respected guides to law firms and lawyers, has included this practice area: "Litigation - Securities Mainly Plaintiff." According to *Chambers*, "The inclusion of the table for the first time this year recognizes the importance of a select number of firms who do high-profile work in the area." *Chambers'* rankings assess the reputations and expertise of business lawyers in 175 countries across the world and are compiled based on thousands of in-depth interviews conducted with clients. Its rankings and directory are available online at www.chambersandpartners.com.

According to *Chambers*, "Clients are unanimous in their opinion that Bernstein Litowitz gives 'the best advice in the field.' Wall Street, meanwhile, has been left shaken by the firm's decimation of its defenses in the *WorldCom* litigation....The firm's sterling track record also includes securing an almost unprecedented class action verdict in favor of investors in the *Clarent* securities fraud trial, and obtaining corporate governance reforms on a wide scale. Deemed 'ethical, honorable and not just out to get a large fee' by market authorities, Bernstein Litowitz's role as the Robin Hood of law firms seems assured for years to come."

Individually, *Chambers* ranked BLB&G Partner Max Berger and former partner Sean Coffey as "Leaders" in their fields. Under the "Litigation - Securities Mainly Plaintiff" category, *Chambers* profiled Mr. Berger as "one of the best fraud litigators out there," and Mr. Coffey as "'tough and passionate'...[having earned] the respect - and fear - of the financial world...[from] prosecuting the *WorldCom* securities class action."

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