

BLB&G Named Once Again by Chambers USA and Legal 500 as Leader in Securities Class Action Litigation

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For the fifth consecutive year, BLB&G has once again received top rankings in the field of plaintiff securities litigation by *Chambers and Partners' 2010 Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business* ("Chambers"), and for the fourth year in a row, was also named by the *Legal 500 USA Guide* ("Legal 500") as the top firm in securities class action litigation. BLB&G has been featured as a leading firm in the field on both of these annual rankings since their inception.

According to *Chambers*, BLB&G is recognized by its sources as "formidable" and is "universally endorsed as a market-leading securities plaintiff firm." The publication praises BLB&G attorneys for "their passionate and aggressive representation of client interests," describing managing partner Max Berger as "an excellent big-picture strategist," and partner Sal Graziano as "a smart, aggressive lawyer who works hard for his clients."

Legal 500 also recognizes BLB&G's "excellent reputation for robust representation in the field," and describes the firm as "absolutely fearless in its targets" by taking on major corporations as Lehman Brothers, Citigroup, Ambac, and MBIA - all of whom are represented by prominent defense firms. It also cites the firm's ongoing cases against sub-prime lenders like American Home Mortgage Investment Corporation, Fremont General Corporation, New Century Financial Corporation, and Washington Mutual.

Praising the successes achieved by BLB&G in 2009, including the firm's multimillion-dollar settlements in cases against Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Delphi, and HealthSouth, *Legal 500* specifically highlights the firm's \$150 million settlement obtained in the high-profile Merrill Lynch/ Bank of America merger litigation. *Legal 500* endorses BLB&G as "particularly recommended for litigation on behalf of institutional investors such as pension funds," and credits founding partner Max Berger - and partners Mark Lebovitch, Salvatore Graziano, and former partners Chad Johnson and Steven Singer - as "highly effective litigators."