## Partner Max Berger Presented with Columbia Law School's Most Prestigious Award - The Medal for Excellence

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BLB&G senior founding partner Max Berger was presented with Columbia Law School's highest honor, "The Medal for Excellence," at the 2011 Winter Luncheon, which was held at The Waldorf=Astoria hotel in New York City. The Medal is presented annually to Columbia Law School alumni who exemplify the qualities of character, intellect, and social and professional responsibility that the Law School seeks to instill in its students. Past winners include Attorney General Eric Holder and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The Medal was presented to Mr. Berger by David Schizer, Dean of the Law School, who described Mr. Berger as "an exceptionally talented lawyer," and an inspiring person to be around because, "he is a high achiever who is also a thoroughly warm, caring, and generous person." The complete text of the Dean's remarks about Mr. Berger, and Mr. Berger's remarks accepting the Medal, can be found here. Mr. Berger, widely recognized as one of the top civil litigators in the nation, has dedicated himself to helping victims of corporate wrongdoing, discrimination, and consumer fraud. In addition to his numerous professional achievements, he devotes considerable time and resources to the academic community, helping to bring forward the next generation of leaders. He is a member of the Columbia Law School Dean's Council and serves as a trustee for Baruch College. He established the "Max Berger Pre-Law Fellows Program" at Baruch College, and he and his wife, Dale, have also endowed the "Dale and Max Berger Public Interest Law Fellowship" at Columbia Law School, which supports Fellows committed to public interest law.