

Legal 500 Names BLB&G the Top Firm for Plaintiff Securities Litigation For Fifth Year in a Row; Names Max Berger and Steven Singer as Leaders in the Field

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The *Legal 500 USA Guide* ("Legal 500"), an independent legal referral guide that ranks firms and individuals on merit, has once again recognized BLB&G as the top firm for the practice area "Litigation - Mass tort and class action: plaintiff representation - securities." Since the inception of the *Legal 500* five years ago, BLB&G has been named the leading firm in this practice area.

According to the guide, BLB&G "remains a dominant force in securities class actions," taking on "heavyweights such as Lehman Brothers Holdings and Citigroup." The guide also credits the firm for obtaining \$189.5 million and \$125 million in recoveries in cases against Refco Inc. and New Century Financial, respectively.

Individually, the guide recognized BLB&G partner Max Berger and former partner Steven Singer as "Leading Lawyers" in the field of plaintiffs' securities litigation - two of only six lawyers selected. *Legal 500* also noted that both Messrs. Berger and Singer, as well as fellow partner Salvatore Graziano, "are all recommended."