

Chambers Gives BLB&G Top Ranking for Securities Litigation for the Eighth Year in a Row; Max Berger, Salvatore Graziano and Steven Singer recognized as Leaders in the Field

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BLB&G has once again received the "Band 1" ranking by *Chambers and Partners' 2013 Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business* ("Chambers") for the practice area "Litigation - Securities Mainly Plaintiff." This marks the eighth consecutive year in which *Chambers*, the publisher of several globally respected guides to law firms and lawyers, has ranked BLB&G as a top tier firm in this area since it created the category in 2006 to recognize a select number of firms who do high-profile work in plaintiff securities litigation.

According to *Chambers*, BLB&G "is highlighted by peers around the country as one of the leading practices focusing on the representation of plaintiffs in complex, high-stakes securities class actions." Some sources have characterized the firm as having "a lot of big, high-profile cases" and "is the leading firm right now in terms of the quality of cases." *Chambers* credits BLB&G for its involvement in "some of the nation's biggest securities fraud cases," attributing the firm as "instrumental in achieving a multibillion-dollar settlement for shareholders from Bank of America relating to its Merrill Lynch purchase."

Individually, *Chambers* recognized BLB&G partners Max Berger, Salvatore Graziano, and former partner Steven Singer, as part of a select group of "Key Individuals" in the field. Under the "Litigation - Securities Mainly Plaintiff" category, *Chambers* describes Mr. Berger as a "household name in securities litigation circles and is considered across the board to be a dean of the Bar in this area." *Chambers* cites its sources praising Mr. Graziano as "professional, worthy and makes you work hard in a legitimate way." Mr. Singer is noted for being an "influential player" in securities litigation, and serving as a "lead lawyer" in the case against Bank of America, which recovered \$2.43 billion on behalf of shareholders and investors.