

Jerry Silk Named a "Litigation Trailblazer" by the *National Law Journal*

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The National Law Journal ("NLJ") has named BLB&G partner Jerry Silk to its inaugural list of the Top 50 Litigation Trailblazers and Pioneers, a special supplement that recognizes top attorneys who "show a deep passion and perseverance in pursuit of their mission, having achieved remarkable successes along the way."

In its profile, *NLJ* highlights Mr. Silk's focus on plaintiff's litigation. He credits his father – also a plaintiff's attorney who "got a lot of satisfaction representing the underdog" – as a significant influence on his career. Mr. Silk also acknowledges his mentor, BLB&G's founding partner, Max Berger, for inspiring him "in the way I practice law and in life."

The feature also discusses Mr. Silk's role as the head of the firm's New Matter Department, where he oversees a team of attorneys, private investigators and financial analysts who evaluate potential cases on behalf of BLB&G. Relying on his background and experience in litigating cases, he and his team decide whether or not BLB&G should pursue an action "based on the merits of the case, testing whether the defendants have the ability to pay and determining if there's a winning case strategy." Mr. Silk explains, "We deploy firm and partner capital, and these cases go on for a long time and are expensive, so it is critical for us to take on the right ones."

Additionally, the profile goes on to detail Mr. Silk's outlook on the challenges of representing plaintiffs down the road. According to Mr. Silk, "The laws are more protecting of corporations. Alleged wrongdoers are getting craftier in how they deliver information. Cases are taking longer. Resources on the other side are increasing. All this makes the job of identifying cases more important."