

# Chambers Ranks BLB&G Top Firm for the Tenth Year in a Row

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BLB&G has once again been recognized as one of the top U.S. plaintiff securities litigation firms - both "Nationwide" and in New York - by *Chambers and Partners' 2015 Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. Receiving the "Band 1" ranking for the practice area "Litigation: Securities Mainly Plaintiff" for the tenth consecutive year, BLB&G has held this top position every year since *Chambers*, the publisher of several globally respected guides to law firms and lawyers, first created the category to recognize a select number of firms who do this high-profile work.

*Chambers'* profile of BLB&G highlights several of the firm's recent achievements, including the \$280 million settlement in *JPMorgan*, and the \$99 million settlement from Ernst & Young in *Lehman Brothers*. According to *Chambers*, BLB&G is "highly esteemed by peers and adversaries alike" and has an "undisputed reputation as a heavyweight plaintiffs' firm, with a formidable track record in representing investors in high-profile securities claims." It is also "noted for its expert handling of disputes involving corporate governance issues, and its impressive cross-border strength."

The profile includes several sources praising BLB&G, with one source commenting: "They have the time, talent and temperament to handle these cases - they're very, very skilled litigators, and they're effective in bringing a resolution." Another source remarked, "I would include them among the best plaintiffs firms," while another described BLB&G as "very professional, very knowledgeable and very good in court."

Individually, *Chambers* recognized partner Max Berger as a "Star Individual" nationally. Partners Salvatore Graziano, Gerald Silk and Mark Lebovitch were also named among an elite group of notable practitioners in the field. *Chambers* cites sources describing Mr. Berger as "clearly a giant," "the Dean of the plaintiffs' Bar, and

“preeminent on the plaintiffs’ side.” Mr. Graziano is noted for being “a very smart lawyer” and “a worthy opponent;” Mr. Silk is described as “a smart strategist who understands what makes a good case and what doesn’t;” and Mr. Lebovitch as being “very, very skillful.”