

Salvatore Graziano Selected One of the “Top 100 Trial Lawyers” in Nation by *Benchmark*

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Benchmark Litigation has named BLB&G partner Salvatore Graziano to an exclusive list identifying the “Top 100 Trial Lawyers” in America.

Since 2007, *Benchmark* has done extensive research on U.S. litigation law firms and celebrated the nation’s top trial lawyers in its directory. In that time, *Benchmark* has determined that “trial work has become increasingly rare...the pool of lawyers equipped to attend to this work has been steadily shrinking, and...the opportunities for lawyers to gain experience and become seasoned by actual courtroom work have been decimated by the rise of alternative dispute resolution and out-of-court settlements. As a result, the divide between ‘litigators’ and ‘trial lawyers’ has widened considerably, with the latter group commanding ever increasing levels of reverence as masters of a seemingly endangered craft.”

To that end, *Benchmark* has utilized its research to assemble its list of the very best trial lawyers in the country.

Mr. Graziano, a former federal prosecutor and widely respected civil litigator, has long been recognized by *Benchmark* as a New York “litigation star” and as one of the country’s top trial lawyers by numerous other industry observers (including *Chambers*, *Legal 500*, *Lawdragon*, *Law360* and *Best Lawyers*) as well.

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