Benchmark Names Salvatore Graziano One of the "Top 100 Trial Lawyers" in Nation

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Benchmark Litigation has once again named BLB&G partner Salvatore Graziano to its exclusive "Top 100 Trial Lawyers" in America list, honoring an elite group of individuals "seasoned by actual courtroom work" and identified by *Benchmark* as "masters" of their craft through the course of several years of research.

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. With over 20 years of experience, he has taken a leading role in a number of major securities fraud class actions on behalf of institutional investors and hedge funds nationwide, recovering billions of dollars for investors.

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