

Law360 Profiles Salvatore Graziano as a "Securities MVP"

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As part of its annual series recognizing an “elite slate of attorneys” nationally, *Law360* has once again profiled Salvatore Graziano as one of its 2016 “Securities MVPs,” acknowledging his success in helping investors recover “nearly \$1.7 billion in securities settlements with corporate giants such as Merck.”

This is the third time in 4 years that Mr. Graziano has been honored as a Legal MVP by *Law360* for his work “securing hard-earned successes in high-stakes litigation, complex global matters and record-breaking deals.”

In his profile, Mr. Graziano discusses the challenges he and his team had to overcome in order to achieve the sizable settlements obtained in high-profile cases against *Merck (Vioxx)* (\$1.062 billion); *General Motors* (\$300 million); *MF Global* (\$234 million); and *JPMorgan Chase & Co.* (\$150 million). According to him, all of these cases demanded a certain level of expertise in order to properly litigate them: “It’s hard to prevail without...being prepared when the cases get scientific and complicated to stay with your adversary, witness or judge and maintain a level of knowledge and expertise that is on par with any of them.”

Mr. Graziano stresses, “You really have to master the facts, and those are not just a newspaper story or a headline. It’s really getting into the minds of players at the time, and if they happen to be very highly specialized and very sophisticated, you’re going to have to become that specialized and sophisticated.”

Despite the considerably steep learning curve each case presented, however, Mr. Graziano admits this need to master the industry specific to a case is what makes securities law “very fun and rewarding.”

A managing partner of the firm, Mr. Graziano is widely recognized as one of the top securities litigators in the country. He has served as lead trial counsel in a wide variety of major securities fraud class actions, recovering billions of dollars on behalf of institutional investors and hedge fund clients.

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