

Benchmark Names Three BLB&G Partners to Its “40 & Under Hot List”

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Three BLB&G partners –Jonathan Uslaner, Katherine Sinderson, and Adam Wierzbowski – have been named to the fifth annual edition of *Benchmark’s* “40 & Under Hot List” (formerly the “Under 40 Hot List”). This recognition commemorates “the most notable up-and-coming litigation attorneys in the United States” who have “proven their eligibility,” “had a hand in some of their firms’ most noteworthy recent cases and have earned praise from clients and peers regarding the quality of their work.”

In its review, *Benchmark* selected Mr. Uslaner for his recent settlement of a four-year securities action against oil exploration and production company, Cobalt. The settlement “created a multi-million-dollar fund in cash, which has been funded into escrow with the addition of up to a potential \$161.5 million from insurance coverage litigation with the defendant’s insurance carriers.”

Benchmark’s profile of Ms. Sinderson highlights her role as a senior member of the team that handled the case against Wilmington Trust, which alleged that the defendants “concealed from investors the deterioration of Wilmington Trust’s loan portfolio and improperly accounted for the value of its loans under Generally Accepted Accounting principles.” Ms. Sinderson and her team obtained a \$210 million recovery for investors, the third largest in the Third Circuit’s history. *Benchmark* also noted Ms. Sinderson’s involvement in mentoring young lawyers and contributing to the firm’s efforts “to advance a workplace culture of inclusion and diversity.” She also “maintains a *pro bono* practice and has recently handled civil rights lawsuits, including one on behalf of a prisoner challenging his treatment and conditions of confinement.”

Mr. Wierzbowski’s profile features his “significant role in litigation and discovery, representing the plaintiffs in the case *Facebook IPO Securities Litigation*, which arose from Facebook’s IPO and the subsequent reports and disclosures that caused the social media company’s shares to fall sharply. After completing extensive discovery and pre-trial motions, Mr. Wierzbowski and his team obtained a \$35 million settlement in November of last year.

This ranking is compiled following rigorous research performed by *Benchmark* editors that includes a review of the attorneys' recent case work, peer review, and client feedback on their performances. According to *Benchmark*, attorneys on this list "though young, have established themselves in their respective fields and are set to enjoy bright futures."