

Law360 Names Jeroen van Kwawegen a 2019 Securities “Legal MVP”

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Every year prominent industry newswire *Law360* selects a group of “Legal MVPs” – leading attorneys around the nation who “have distinguished themselves from their peers by securing hard-earned successes in high-stakes litigation, complex global matters and record-breaking deals. For his work making “a mission out of fighting for shareholders harmed by corporate wrongdoing” and “racking up some big wins over the past year,” BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen was named one of six practitioners selected nationally as one of *Law360*’s 2019 Securities MVPs.

Among some of his recent successes of the last year, *Law360*’s profile of Jeroen focused on his work in the Delaware Court of Chancery where he won partial summary judgment on behalf of a class of Regency Energy Partners shareholders, claiming its board knew an \$11 billion merger with Energy Transfer Partners LP was not in shareholders’ best interests. In addition, although a post-trial judgment in August didn’t go entirely in favor of his clients — investors in an appraisal litigation who said they were shortchanged by Columbia Pipeline Group’s \$13 billion sale to TransCanada in 2016 — Jeroen commented to *Law360* on the importance of the case and the challenging and evolving appraisal landscape:

"Appraisal law has changed over the last couple of years and become much more difficult for petitioners," he said. "We still got a very, very good result, and so I'm very proud of that."

The profile also focuses on his unique background – he originally wanted to become a prosecutor in his home country of the Netherlands – and enjoys fighting against "egregious wrongdoing" in his securities practice. Further, he discusses how important he believes mentoring is to developing lawyers – and to veteran practitioners:

"The best way you can help yourself, I think, is by also helping others."