

# *The National Law Journal* Names Avi Josefson and Jim Harrod 2021 Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers

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*The National Law Journal* recognized BLB&G Partners Avi Josefson and James Harrod on its fifth annual list of Legal Trailblazers, which spotlights an exclusive group of attorneys who are considered agents of change.

Avi Josefson was selected based on his work on some of the most complex and high-stakes securities class action cases, including cases prosecuted during the Great Recession against Citigroup, Merrill Lynch, and Lehman Brothers, as well as his current representation of institutional investors in a securities fraud class action against Allianz Global seeking to recover losses due to negligence. Despite reforms and changes of the law, Avi comments that no matter the future of the industry, fraud will continue and he is committed to continuing to police corporate misconduct.

Jim Harrod was selected for his recent success leading the prosecution team in the case against Equifax after the company experienced one of the largest U.S. data breaches, among other achievements. The \$149 million dollar settlement is one of the largest securities settlements recovered related to a data breach. Jim believes that with billions of losses within the last year, institutional investors will need to ensure they understand their avenues to recovery when engaging in complex investment strategies.

To read the profiles of Avi and Jim, click [here](#) and see pages 37 and 39, respectively.