

# Law360 Names James Harrod a 2022 MVP for Securities

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BLB&G Partner James Harrod has been named a 2022 MVP by *Law360* for his impressive work and success in securities litigation. The recognition is awarded to the leading attorneys who “have distinguished themselves from their peers by securing hard-earned successes in high-stakes litigation, complex global matters and record-breaking deals.”

In addition to covering James' biggest accomplishments of the year, the profile also covers his background and the road to becoming a securities litigator, as well as his advice to junior attorneys.

During his time at the firm, James has represented investors on the most complex and high-stakes securities class action cases, and has recovered billions of dollars on behalf of institutional investor clients. This year, James played a key role in recovering more than \$2 billion on behalf of clients that invested and lost money when funds managed by Allianz collapsed at the beginning of the pandemic. He was also part of the team that filed the first lawsuit over the fund collapse in July 2020. James commented to *Law360* on the importance of the case and the challenging and evolving landscape:

While the numbers seem staggering, they don't tell the full story. “What we came to know — which we didn't know at the very beginning of the case — was exactly why the funds failed...It was clear that unpacking that and figuring out how to present it and bringing those claims to conclusion was what made them so significant.”

The profile also focuses on his background — during a class on corporations at the George Washington University Law School, his interest was peaked for a career where he got to “check” corporate misconduct. He continued to further his interest by taking internships relating to the space and eventually thrived at BLB&G, where he leads the Global Securities and Litigation Monitoring Team.

“There aren't tens of thousands of people doing what I do...In every way, the work is so satisfying to me because it's challenging and interesting. I get to have impactful cases that I litigate. And I get to be on the side that I think is generally right.”

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