Law360 Profiles 2026 "Class Action" MVP John Rizio-Hamilton

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BLB&G Partner and Executive Committee member John Rizio-Hamilton has been profiled by *Law360* as a 2026 "Class Action MVP" for his accomplishments in high-profile securities fraud class action cases.

The profile highlights John's notable victories, including securing a $120 million recovery arising from alleged conflicts of interest in the sale of Viacom securities, and securing class certification in a lawsuit against Exxon through an extensive and challenging discovery process.

Reflecting on his proudest achievement of 2026, John highlights securing a $37.5 million recovery in the securities fraud class action against Silvergate Capital Corporation after the cryptocurrency bank filed for bankruptcy. He emphasizes his team's creative approach to obtaining a recovery from a limited insurance pool:

> We were able to get very creative and very resourceful and very scrappy, and string together a series of recoveries from these different sources to produce what I think is the best outcome for the shareholders in a very challenging situation.

The profile concludes with John's advice to young lawyers: choose a firm in whose work you believe, embrace hard work, and develop the ability to solve complex problems creatively.

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