Law360 Profiles 2026 Securities MVP Jim Harrod

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BLB&G Partner and Jim Harrod has been profiled by *Law360* as a 2026 Securities MVP for his achievements in significant securities class action cases.

The profile highlights Jim's significant victory in the securities fraud class action against Seagate, in which he served as co-lead counsel for the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi and the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System. He helped the retirement systems reach a preliminary settlement after alleging Seagate made misleading statements assuring compliance with U.S. export controls on Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd. while concealing more than $1 billion in sales to the company.

Jim also shares his proudest accomplishment of the past year: defeating a motion to dismiss in the Cleveland Bakers and Teamsters Pension Fund's action against potato manufacturer Lamb Weston Inc. The complaint alleges Lamb Weston downplayed problems arising from a failed software update that the company later disclosed had cost $135 million in quarterly sales. Jim and his investigative team worked with former employees who testified that the company had been warned it was not prepared for the software transition.

The profile concludes with Jim's advice to young attorneys: stay curious.

> The biggest thing is to be curious, especially in what we do because you don't know what are the facts or arguments that are going to likely make you have a winning case.

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