

BLB&G Announces Elevation of Four Partners and One Senior Counsel

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Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP is pleased to announce that Abe Alexander, Scott R. Foglietta, Adam Hollander, and Christopher J. Orrico have been promoted to partners of the firm, and Jesse L. Jenson has been promoted to senior counsel.

"We are pleased to celebrate the exceptional abilities of these lawyers and congratulate them on their well-deserved promotions," said managing partner Sal Graziano. "Their passion, skill, and dedication to our clients are exactly what we are looking for as we continue to grow the firm."

"These lawyers embody the bright future of our firm," said managing partner Jerry Silk. "We are proud of their commitment to the BLB&G team and their devotion to our clients' long term success."

New Partners

Abe Alexander focuses on securities fraud, corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation. Abe was a principal member of the trial team prosecuting *In re Merck Vioxx Securities Litigation*, in which he helped recover over \$1.06 billion on behalf of injured investors. He was also a principal member of the trial team that prosecuted *In re Schering-Plough Corp./ENHANCE Securities Litigation* and *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Vytarin/Zetia Securities Litigation*, which settled on the eve of trial for a combined \$688 million. Abe has also obtained several additional significant recoveries on behalf of investors in pharmaceutical and life sciences companies, including a \$142 million recovery in *Medina v. Clovis Oncology, Inc.*; a \$55 million recovery in *In re HeartWare International, Inc. Securities Litigation*; and a \$44 million recovery in *In re Adeptus Health Inc. Securities Litigation*. Abe secured a \$149 million recovery on behalf of investors in *In re Equifax, Inc. Securities Litigation*. Abe also played a lead role in securing a \$150 million settlement of investors' claims against JPMorgan Chase arising from alleged misrepresentations concerning the trading activities of the so-called "London Whale." He is currently prosecuting cases against

Cognizant Technology, Boeing, Kraft Heinz, Oracle, Myriad Genetics, and Amneal Pharmaceuticals, among others. Abe received his J.D. from the University of Colorado, where was an award-winning member of his law school's national moot court team, and his B.A. from New York University. Following law school, Abe served as a judicial clerk to Chief Justice Michael L. Bender of the Colorado Supreme Court.

Scott R. Foglietta focuses his practice on securities fraud, corporate governance, and shareholder rights litigation. He is a member of the firm's New Matter Department, and as part of a team of lawyers, financial analysts, and investigators, counsels Taft-Hartley pension funds, public pension funds, and other institutional investors on potential legal claims. Scott was also a key member of the litigation teams responsible for prosecuting *City of Sunrise General Employees' Retirement Plan v. FleetCor Technologies, Inc.*, which resulted in a recovery of \$50 million for investors, and *In re Lumber Liquidators Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a \$45 million recovery for investors. For his accomplishments, Scott has been named a New York "Rising Star" in the area of securities litigation by Thomson Reuters *Super Lawyers*. Before joining the firm, Scott represented institutional and individual clients in a wide variety of complex litigation matters, including securities class actions, commercial litigation, and ERISA litigation. Prior to law school, Scott worked as a capital markets analyst for a boutique investment banking firm. Scott received his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School and his B.A. from Clark University, and also earned his M.B.A. in finance from Clark University.

Adam Hollander prosecutes securities fraud, corporate governance, and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm's clients in federal and state trial and appellate courts. He was a senior member of the team that recovered \$74 million for investors in *In re SunEdison, Inc. Securities Litigation*. Adam also played a key role in recovering \$48 million for investors in the American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) of Volkswagen. His work was integral to the successful appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in *Bach v. Amedisys, Inc.*, as well as the litigation on remand that resulted in a \$43.75 million recovery in that case. In addition, Adam has been an integral member of the teams that prosecuted, among other matters, cases concerning Salix Pharmaceuticals (recovering \$210 million for investors); Cliffs Natural Resources (\$84 million); Dole Food Company (\$74 million); Opko Health (\$16.5 million); Kinder Morgan Energy Partners (\$27.5 million); Sanchez Energy (\$28.5 million and governance reforms following successful appeal); Trinity Industries (\$7.5 million) and Abercrombie & Fitch (significant corporate governance reforms in areas of ethics, internal controls, and executive compensation). Currently, Adam is a senior member of the teams prosecuting cases against Boeing, arising out of the fatal crashes of the company's 737 MAX aircraft, as well as cases on behalf of investors in Novo Nordisk, Six Flags, Baxter International, and CVS. Prior to joining BLB&G, Adam clerked for the Honorable Barrington D. Parker, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and for the Honorable Stefan R. Underhill of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut. Adam received his J.D. from Yale Law School and his B.A. from Brown University.

Christopher J. Orrico's practice is focused on complex litigation involving corporate governance, corporate transactions, and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional, individual, and fund investor clients. Christopher has significant experience representing investor plaintiffs in major securities, antitrust, and ERISA litigation, as well as a variety of other business tort litigation. He has also represented insurers in matters involving directors and officers liability policies, errors and omissions, and fiduciary liability. Christopher was a key member of the teams that successfully litigated: *In re Appraisal of Towers Watson & Co. (n/k/a WTW Delaware Holding LLC)*; *Williams v. Ji, et al. (Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc.)*; *California Public Employees' Retirement System v. IAC/InterActiveCorp, et al.*; *3-Sigma Value Financial Opportunities LP, et al. v. Jones (CertusHoldings, Inc.)*; *In re Globe Specialty Metals, Inc. Stockholders Litigation*; *In re Appraisal of Diamond Resorts International, Inc.*; *In re*

Vaalco Energy, Inc. Consolidated Stockholder Litigation; In re Sanchez Energy Derivative Litigation; Fire and Police Retiree Health Care Fund, San Antonio, et al. v. Smith (Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.); and In re Starz Stockholder Litigation. He was also member of the *In re Appraisal of Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc.* trial team and obtained a temporary restraining order in the *In re Tile Shop Holdings, Inc. Stockholder Litigation*. Christopher obtained his joint J.D. and M.B.A. from Villanova University School of Law and School of Business and his B.A. in Economics from Yale University.

New Senior Counsel

Jesse Jensen focuses his practice on securities fraud, corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional clients. Since joining the firm, he has helped investors achieve hundreds of millions in recoveries, including a \$110 million settlement in *Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association v. comScore, Inc.*; a \$32 million cash settlement in an action against real estate service provider Altisource Portfolio Solutions, S.A.; a \$210 million dollar settlement in *In re Wilmington Trust Securities Litigation*; and a \$22 million settlement in an action against mutual fund company Virtus Investment Partners, Inc. He is currently assisting the firm in its prosecution of cases against Navient Corporation, Frontier Communications, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Perrigo, and Cognizant. Jesse has been named a "Rising Star" for the past seven years by Thomson Reuters *Super Lawyers*. Prior to joining the firm, Jesse was a litigation associate at Hughes Hubbard & Reed, where he represented accounting firms, banks, investment firms and high-net-worth individuals in complex commercial, securities, commodities and professional liability civil litigation and alternative dispute resolution. Jesse received his J.D. and B.A. from New York University.