

# BLB&G Announces Elevation of Two Senior Counsel

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BLB&G is pleased to announce Andrew Blumberg and Thomas James have been promoted to senior counsel. The promotions are effective January 1, 2023.

“We are pleased to celebrate the exceptional abilities of these lawyers and congratulate them on their well-deserved promotions,” said BLB&G Partner and Executive Committee member 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 BLB&G Partner and Executive Committee member Jerry Silk. “We are proud of their commitment to the BLB&G team and their devotion to our clients’ long-term success.”

Hannah Ross, BLB&G Partner and Executive Committee member, said, “We are very excited for Tom and Andrew. Their promotions are a testament to their excellent legal skills, unwavering commitment to our clients and our team, and hard work. We are looking forward to working with them in their new roles.”

“Andrew and Tom earned their well-deserved promotion to senior counsel at the firm,” said BLB&G Partner and Department of Governance co-head Jeoren van Kwawegen. “They’ve grown into exceptional fiduciary duty litigators who hold senior executives and corporate directors accountable on behalf of our institutional shareholder clients. We look forward to their future accomplishments with the rest of the corporate governance team.”

## New Senior Counsel

**Andrew Blumberg** practices out of the firm's Wilmington office, where he primarily prosecutes corporate governance and fiduciary duty litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients. Andrew is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *In re Mindbody, Inc. Stockholders Litigation*, *In re Viacom Inc. Stockholders Litigation*, *Sciabacucchi v. Malone*, and *In re BGC Partners, Inc. Derivative Litigation*. Since joining the firm in 2019, Andrew has been a key member of the teams that prosecuted, among other matters: *Hollywood Firefighters'*

*Pension Fund v. GCI Liberty, Inc.* (\$110 million settlement and reduction in the controller's voting power); *In re Pilgrim's Pride Corporation Derivative Litigation* (\$42.5 million settlement plus improved governance); *In re Tilray, Inc. Reorganization Litigation* (\$39.9 million settlement plus elimination of control); *In re Mindbody, Inc. Stockholders Litigation* (\$27 million partial settlement with director and director's venture capital fund); and *Searles v. DeMartini, et al.* (\$23 million settlement). Prior to joining the firm, Andrew was a securities litigation associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, where he represented clients in corporate governance, appraisal, and securities actions. Prior to joining Weil, Andrew clerked for Chancellor Andre G. Bouchard of the Delaware Court of Chancery. He received his J.D. from Washington University School of Law, *cum laude*, where he served as a senior editor of the *Washington University Law Review*, and his MBA from Washington University's Olin Business School.

**Thomas James** practices out of the firm's New York Office, where he primarily prosecutes corporate governance and fiduciary duty litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients. Tom is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *Fischel v. Liberty Media, et al.*, *In re Lordstown Motors Corp. Stockholders Litigation*, and *Newbold v. McCaw et al.* ("*AstraSpace*"), among other matters. Tom was a key member of the trial teams in *In re CVR Refining, LP Unitholder Litigation*, *The Williams Companies Stockholder Litigation*, and *In re Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc. Merger Litigation*. Since joining the firm in 2020, Tom has been an integral member of the teams that prosecuted, among other matters: *In re AVX Corporation Stockholders Litigation* (\$49.9 million settlement in a controller squeeze-out transaction); *City of Miami General Employees' and Sanitation Employees' Retirement Trust v. Foley, et al.* ("*Fidelity National Financial Group, Inc.*") (derivative settlement consisting of \$20 million cash payment and adoption of corporate governance measures); *In re CVR Refining, LP Unitholder Litigation* (\$78.5 million settlement in master limited partnership transaction after trial); *Fire and Police Retiree Health Care Fund, San Antonio, et al. v. Smith, et al.* ("*Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.*") (settlement consisting of \$20.5 million cash payment, \$5 million dedicated by the Board to implement corporate governance measures, and cancellation of an individual defendant's stock awards); *In re Palantir Technologies Inc. Class F Stock Litigation* (obtained significant non-monetary benefits, including modification of Palantir's certificate of incorporation and bylaws to enhance and protect the minority stockholder franchise); *In re Pivotal Software Inc. Stockholders Litigation* (\$42.5 million settlement in connection with controller buy-out obtained shortly before trial); and *The Williams Companies Stockholder Litigation* (obtained permanent injunction against stockholder rights plan following expedited post-trial opinion, affirmed on appeal). Before joining the firm, Tom was a securities litigation associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, where he, among other things, represented clients in corporate governance, appraisal, and securities actions. Before joining Weil, Tom clerked for Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster of the Delaware Court of Chancery. Tom received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Boston College Law School, where he served as a senior editor of the *Boston College Law Review*.