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Jim Harrod, a BLB&G partner, focuses his practice on representing the firm’s institutional investor clients in securities fraud-related matters. He leads the firm’s Global Securities and Litigation Monitoring Team, which monitors securities actions around the world and advises BLB&G’s institutional clients on potential avenues for recovery in those actions. Jim has more than 25 years of experience prosecuting complex litigation in federal courts and has obtained over \$3 billion on behalf of investor classes. He practices out of BLB&G’s New York office.

Jim has litigated many of BLB&G’s most significant securities fraud actions, obtaining record recoveries for the firm’s clients. Most recently, he was a leader of the BLB&G litigation team that recovered over \$2 billion for 35 institutions that invested in the Allianz Structured Alpha Funds. Jim’s other high-profile cases include:

- *New York State Teachers’ Retirement System v. General Motors Company*: Jim prosecuted the securities litigation against General Motors arising from the company’s recall of vehicles with defective ignition switches, recovering \$300 million for investors—the second largest securities class action recovery in the Sixth Circuit.
- *In re Motorola Securities Litigation*: Jim was a key member of a litigation team that represented the State of New Jersey’s Division of Investment in the securities fraud case against Motorola, obtaining a \$190 million recovery three days before trial.

Jim has significant knowledge and experience prosecuting claims against foreign issuers and actions brought under foreign law. His recent work in this area includes:

- *Roofers’ Pension Fund v. Joseph C. Papa, et al.*: Jim led the securities case against Perrigo, which asserted claims on behalf of investors under U.S. and Israeli law. Perrigo was recently resolved for \$97 million.
- *In re Equifax Inc. Securities Litigation*: Jim served as lead counsel for German asset manager Union Asset Management AG in litigation against Equifax related to the company’s massive 2017 data breach, obtaining a \$149 million recovery for defrauded investors. This remains the largest recovery in a securities class action based on a data breach.
- *In re Volkswagen AG Securities Litigation*: Jim served as lead counsel in this litigation relating to Volkswagen’s misrepresentations concerning its “clean diesel” cars. The case involved significant international discovery, foreign jurisdictional issues, and overlapping litigation in Europe. The settlement obtained a recovery of 100% of investors damages.

Jim's experience includes representing institutional investors in cases concerning the issuance of residential mortgage-backed securities prior to the 2008 financial crisis. For example, he led the team that recovered \$500 million for investors in *In re Bear Stearns Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Litigation*, which brought claims related to the issuance of mortgage pass-through certificates during 2006 and 2007. Jim served as co-lead counsel in a similar action, *Plumbers' & Pipefitters' Local #562 Supplemental Plan & Trust v. J.P. Morgan Acceptance Corp. I*, which recovered \$280 million on behalf of a class of investors.

Jim is a frequent speaker to public pension fund organizations and trustees concerning fiduciary duties, emerging issues in securities litigation, and the financial markets. He is also a regular author on topics related to the securities laws. Most recently, he co-authored a *Bloomberg Law* article [examining a common insider trading defense](#).

In recognition of his outstanding work, Jim was named a "Securities MVP" by *Law360* in 2022 and a "Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazer" by *The National Law Journal* in 2021. He is regularly recognized as a "Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*, among the leading U.S. legal practitioners by *Lawdragon*, and among the most talented lawyers in New York by Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers*.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Jim practiced at Wolf Popper LLP for 14 years. He received his J.D. from George Washington University Law School and his B.A. from Skidmore College.

Education

- George Washington University Law School, J.D.
- Skidmore College, B.A.

Admissions

- New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

News

- October 16, 2020 - BLB&G Allianz Structured Alpha Funds Team Announces New Case Filing

Publications

- August 30, 2024 - Jim Harrod and Tim Fleming Examine Insider Trading Defense in *Bloomberg Law*

Awards

- April 18, 2025 - Eight Partners Named to *Lawdragon* 2025 "500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers" List
- January 10, 2025 - Eleven Partners Named to *Lawdragon* 2025 "500 Leading Lawyers in America" List

- October 24, 2024 - BLB&G Partners and Associates Recognized as Leading Attorneys by *Super Lawyers*
- October 3, 2024 - BLB&G Named Top Plaintiffs Firm and Several Partners Honored in *Benchmark Litigation's* 2025 Guide
- September 16, 2024 - Eleven Partners Named to *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Litigators in America" List
- June 17, 2024 - BLB&G Achieves Tier 1 Status in *Legal 500 USA* Practice Area Rankings
- May 24, 2024 - All 24 BLB&G Partners Named to *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- April 8, 2024 - Seven BLB&G Partners Named to 2024 *Lawdragon* "500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers" List
- October 24, 2023 - *Benchmark Litigation* Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation in 2024 Guide
- May 26, 2023 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to the 2023 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- October 3, 2022 - *Benchmark Litigation* Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation in 2023 Guide
- September 6, 2022 - *Law360* Names James Harrod a 2022 MVP for Securities
- July 11, 2022 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to the 2022 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- October 5, 2021 - *Benchmark Litigation* Again Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation in 2022 Guide
- August 18, 2021 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to The 2021 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- May 6, 2021 - *The National Law Journal* Names Avi Josefson and Jim Harrod 2021 Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers
- October 7, 2020 - *Benchmark Litigation* Again Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation in 2021 Guide
- September 20, 2020 - 20 BLB&G Attorneys Named by *Super Lawyers* to its 2020 New York Metro Edition
- August 2020 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to The 2020 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- September 2019 - *Lawdragon* Names 20 BLB&G Attorneys Among its "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" list

Events

- April 21, 2025 - Catherine van Kampen, Jim Harrod, and Tom James to Speak at the ABA 2025 ILS Annual Conference
- March 6, 2025 - BLB&G Partner Jim Harrod Speaks at PLUS D&O Symposium
- October 29, 2024 - BLB&G Partner Jim Harrod Speaks at PLI Program "Securities Offerings 2024"
- June 18, 2024 - BLB&G Partner Jim Harrod Participated in 2024 Inigo Securities Panel

- April 30, 2024 - BLB&G Partner Jim Harrod to Serve as Panelist at the ABA 2024 ILS Annual Conference
- April 23, 2024 - BLB&G's Catherine van Kampen and Jim Harrod to Speak at the ABA 2024 ILS Annual Conference
- April 18, 2024 - BLB&G's Salvatore Graziano, Jim Harrod, and Rebecca Boon to Speak at Columbia Law School Securities Litigation Conference
- October 18, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Jim Harrod to Serve as Panelist at PLI Program, "Securities Offerings 2023: A Public Offering From Start to Finish"
- November 12, 2021 - BLB&G Partner Jim Harrod Will Serve as a Panelist at The George Washington University Law School's *Second Annual Class Action Case Law and Practice Review Conference*
- October 19, 2021 - BLB&G Partner Jim Harrod Serves as Panelist at the Practising Law Institute (PLI) Program, *Securities Offerings 2021: A Public Offering from Start to Finish*
- October 25, 2019 - James Harrod Participates in PLI's Securities Offerings 2019: A Public Offering from Start to Finish