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Christopher J. Orrico, a partner in BLB&G's Corporate Governance practice, represents shareholders in breach of fiduciary duty litigation against boards and senior executives. Christopher has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for investors, improved corporate governance practices at companies, and vindicated fundamental shareholder voting and franchise rights. He practices out of BLB&G's New York office.

Christopher has led and been a key member of teams prosecuting some of the firm's most significant litigations. Highlights of his litigation experience include:

- *In re Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc. Merger Litigation*: Serving as a lead trial attorney on the BLB&G team that achieved a partial settlement of \$79 million for claims against Columbia Pipeline's CEO and CFO and won one of the largest shareholder verdicts in Delaware Chancery Court history: a \$350 million post-trial opinion in a case challenging Columbia Pipeline's \$13 billion merger with TransCanada.
- *In re Mindbody, Inc., Stockholders Litigation*: Serving as a lead trial attorney on the BLB&G team that achieved a partial settlement of \$27 million for claims against one of Mindbody's directors and secured a post-trial damages award of approximately \$50 million against Mindbody's founder and CEO.
- *In re Starz Stockholder Litigation*: Serving as a member of the BLB&G team that secured a \$92.5 million recovery in the breach of fiduciary duty litigation challenging the merger between Starz and Lions Gate.
- *In re Multiplan Corp. Stockholders Litigation*: Serving as a key member of the team that achieved a \$33.75 million recovery in the stockholder class action challenging Churchill's de-SPAC transaction with Multiplan.
- *In re Globe Specialty Metals, Inc. Stockholders Litigation*: Helping to secure a \$32.5 million recovery and enhanced corporate governance protections in the breach of fiduciary duty litigation concerning Grupo VM's acquisition Globe Specialty Metals.

Christopher has also been a core member of the BLB&G teams that negotiated significant settlements in many other shareholder actions, including:

- *3-Sigma Value Financial Opportunities LP, et al. v. Jones, et al.*: A \$19.2 million settlement in the shareholder action arising out of the collapse of Certus Holdings.
- *In re Vaalco Energy, Inc. Consolidated Stockholder Litigation*: A ruling in the stockholder litigation against Vaalco Energy preventing Delaware corporations with unclassified boards from using bylaws to shield directors from being removed without cause.

- *Fire and Police Retiree Health Care Fund, San Antonio, et al. v. Smith, et al.*: A settlement in the derivative action against the board of Sinclair Broadcast Group consisting of a \$20.5 million cash payment, \$5 million dedicated by the board to implement corporate governance measures, and the cancellation of an individual defendant's stock awards.
- *In re Tile Shop Holdings, Inc. Litigation*: A temporary restraining order and settlement consisting of a \$12 million cash payment and significant non-monetary benefits in the class and derivative action against the board of directors of Tile Shop Holdings.

Christopher is a respected thought leader in the field and frequently presents on topics related to shareholder litigation at conferences and seminars. He serves as a guest lecturer on shareholder rights and corporate governance litigation at Columbia Law School, University of Connecticut School of Law, Duke University School of Law, and Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law. He is also the author of several articles covering hot topics in shareholder litigation, including "[If You Ain't Cheating You Ain't Trying!](#)" and "[The Shifting Meaning of 'Fair Value,' From Corwin to Dell: Recent Rulings and Reversals in Delaware's Courts May Spell Trouble for Investors,](#)" both published in *The Advocate for Institutional Investors*.

For his litigation record and thought leadership, Christopher has been recognized as a leading litigator in the industry. He has been named a "Next Generation Partner" and a "key lawyer" by *The Legal 500* and a "Rising Star" by *Law360*. He has also been repeatedly named to prestigious lists such as *Benchmark Litigation's* "40 & Under," *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers," and *Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers' "New York Super Lawyers Metro Edition."*

Christopher is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Connecticut Bar Association, as well as the National Italian American Foundation. He is a member of the Villanova Law Alumni Mentoring Program and the Yale University Mentoring Program. In 2023, he was elected to the board of the Villanova Law NYC Alumni Chapter.

Christopher obtained his joint J.D. and MBA from Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law and Villanova School of Business. He obtained his B.A. in Economics from Yale University, where he served as captain of the varsity baseball team.

Education

- Villanova University School of Law, 2009, J.D.
- Villanova University School of Business, 2009, MBA
- Yale University, 2005, B.A., Economics

Admissions

- New York
- Connecticut
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

News

- December 10, 2024 - BLB&G Secures Major Victory in Delaware Supreme Court in Mindbody Stockholder Litigation
- March 17, 2023 - BLB&G Trial Team Achieves Precedent-Setting Victory in Delaware Court of Chancery
- January 26, 2021 - BLB&G Announces Elevation of Four Partners and One Senior Counsel
- January 24, 2020 - BLB&G Announces Elevation of Two Partners and Four Senior Counsel

Publications

- March 9, 2018 - "The Shifting Meaning of 'Fair Value,' From Corwin to Dell: Recent Rulings and Reversals in Delaware's Courts May Spell Trouble for Investors" Co-authored by Christopher J. Orrico Published in *The Advocate for Institutional Investors*
- August 30, 2016 - "If You Ain't Cheating, You Ain't Trying: Reputation in Tatters? No Problem! Wall Street's Masters of the Universe Are At It Again - This Time Pulling The Strings To Manipulate Benchmark Rates And Financial Instruments" by Christopher J. Orrico

Awards

- 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
- 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
- July 27, 2022 - *Benchmark Litigation* Names Six BLB&G Partners to Its "40 & Under List"
- July 11, 2022 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to the 2022 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- June 9, 2022 - The *Legal 500* Again Ranks BLB&G a National Tier 1 Firm for Securities Litigation and M&A Litigation
- June 1, 2022 - *Law360* Profiles Christopher Orrico as Part of Series Honoring 2022 Rising Star Award Winners
- May 31, 2022 - *Law360* Names BLB&G Partners Christopher Orrico and Scott Foglietta to 2022 "Rising Stars" List
- August 18, 2021 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to The 2021 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- July 21, 2021 - *Benchmark Litigation* Names Six BLB&G Partners to Its "40 & Under Hot List"
- September 2019 - 20 BLB&G Attorneys Named by *Super Lawyers* to its 2019 New York Metro Edition
- October 2018 - 20 BLB&G Attorneys Named by *Super Lawyers* to its 2018 New York Metro Edition

- September 20, 2017 - *Super Lawyers* Names 21 BLB&G Attorneys to its 2017 New York Metro Edition
- October 2016 - *Super Lawyers* Names 20 BLB&G Attorneys to its 2016 New York Metro Edition
- September 16, 2015 - 19 BLB&G Attorneys Selected to 2015 Super Lawyers New York Metro Edition

Events

- April 10, 2025 - BLB&G Partners Christopher Orrico and Scott Foglietta Speak at Villanova Law School
- November 20, 2024 - BLB&G Partners Christopher Orrico and Tom James to Speak at Villanova School of Law
- November 6, 2024 - BLB&G Partner Christopher Orrico and Associate Daniel Meyer to Speak at Duke Law School
- March 15, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Christopher Orrico and Senior Counsel Thomas James Teaches Seminar at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law
- November 2, 2022 - BLB&G Partners Christopher Orrico and Scott Foglietta Teach Seminar at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law
- April 1, 2022 - BLB&G Partners Christopher Orrico and Scott Foglietta Teach Seminar at Villanova Law School
- February 10, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Christopher Orrico Will Serve as a Panelist at The Florida Bar Business Law Section's 39th Annual Federal Securities Institute
- November 9, 2021 - BLB&G Attorneys Christopher J. Orrico and Andrew Blumberg Teach Seminars at Two Area Law Schools on Delaware Corporate Law