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Jonathan prosecutes class and direct actions on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients and has litigated many of the firm's most high-profile litigations including, *In re Bank of America Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a historic settlement shortly before trial of \$2.43 billion, one of the largest shareholder recoveries ever obtained; *In re Genworth Financial, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$219 million, the largest recovery ever obtained in a securities class action in Virginia; *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$150 million; *In re Wells Fargo Mortgage-Backed Certificates Litigation*, which settled for \$125 million; and *In re Rayonier Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$73 million; and the historic *In re Cobalt International Energy, Inc. Securities Litigation*, in which plaintiffs achieved settlements totaling up to \$335.3 million after years of hard-fought litigation. ISS-SCAS identified the recovery as the largest securities class action settlement of 2019.

Jonathan is also actively involved in the firm's direct action opt-out practice. He recently represented clients in opt-out actions brought against American Realty Capital Properties, which resulted in settlements totaling \$85 million. He currently represents numerous clients in opt-out actions brought against Valeant Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Jonathan is an editor of the American Bar Association's *Class Actions and Derivative Suits Committee's Newsletter*. He has authored multiple articles relating to class actions and the federal securities laws, including "Much More Than 'Housekeeping': Rule 23(c)(4) in Action," "Keeping Plaintiffs in the Driver's Seat: The Supreme Court Rejects 'Pick-off' Settlement Offers," and "Combating Objectionable Objections." Most recently, Jonathan authored an article for *Pensions & Investments* titled "When Watchdogs Go Astray" and co-authored a piece for *SACRS Magazine* titled "When One Share Does Not Mean One Vote: The Fight Against Dual-Class Capital Structures."

Jonathan has also been a member of the Board of Governors of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers (ABTL).

For his achievements, Jonathan has been recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Litigation Star" and selected to its "Under 40 Hot List" of the "most notable up-and-coming litigators" in the U.S. He was also selected by *Law360* as a national "Rising Star" and has been named by the *Daily Journal* as one of the "Top 40 Under 40" legal professionals in California. Leading industry publication *Lawdragon* has also named him among its "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" list.

Jonathan is a board member of UCPLA, a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the independence, productivity and full citizenship of individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. He has also been a board member of Home of Guiding Hands, a non-profit organization that serves individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. For his work and contributions to the organization, he was named "Volunteer of the Year."

Prior to joining BLB&G, Jonathan was a senior litigation associate at the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, where he successfully prosecuted and defended claims from the discovery stage through trial. He also gained significant trial experience as a volunteer prosecutor for the City of Inglewood, California, as well as a judicial extern for Justice Steven Wayne Smith of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Education

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 2005, University of Texas Presidential Academic Merit Fellowship; Articles Editor, *Texas Journal of Business Law*
- Duke University, B.A., 2001, William J. Griffith Award for Leadership; Chairperson, Duke University Undergraduate Publications Board

Admissions

- California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Publications

- June 28, 2018 - "Commentary: When watchdogs go astray" by Jonathan Uslaner (as published by Pensions & Investments)
- May 2018 - "When One Share Does Not Mean One Vote: The Fight Against Dual-Class Capital Structures" by Mark Lebovitch and Jonathan Uslaner (as published by SACRS Magazine)
- October 1, 2016 - "Combatting Objectionable Objections" by Jonathan Uslaner, *The American Bar Association*, Fall 2016
- October 12, 2016 - "Second Circuit Clarifications on Key Investor Protections" by Jonathan Uslaner and Jai Chandrasekher
- March 1, 2016 - "Keeping Plaintiffs in the Driver's Seat: The Supreme Court Rejects 'Pick-Off' Settlement Offers" - by Jonathan Uslaner (as published in *The American Bar Association Section of Litigation Newsletter*)
- February 19, 2015 - "Much More Than 'Housekeeping': Rule 23(c)(4) in Action" by Jonathan Uslaner, (as published in *The American Bar Association Section of Litigation Newsletter*, Fall 2015)

Awards

- October 7, 2020 - *Benchmark Litigation* Again Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation in 2021 Guide
- 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
- August 2019 - *Benchmark* Names Three BLB&G Partners to Its "40 & Under Hot List"
- October 2018 - *Benchmark* Names Seven BLB&G Partners as Litigation Stars
- October 2018 - *Benchmark* Again Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation
- October 2017 - *Benchmark* Again Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation
- August 1, 2017 - *Benchmark* Again Names Four BLB&G Partners to Its "Under 40 Hot List"
- October 2016 - *Benchmark* Names Six BLB&G "Litigation Stars"
- August 15, 2016 - Four BLB&G Partners Named to *Benchmark* "Under 40 Hot List"
- May 18, 2016 - Jonathan Uslaner Named Among *Daily Journal's* Top 40 Under 40
- April 6, 2016 - *Law360* Profiles Jonathan Uslaner as National Securities Litigation "Rising Star"
- April 1, 2016 - Katherine Sinderson and Jonathan Uslaner Named "Rising Stars" by *Law360*

Events

- March 4, 2020 - Jonathan Uslaner To Speak at Class Action Law Forum 2020, Presented by Western Alliance Bank in Collaboration with University of San Diego School of Law

Cases

- AnaptysBio, Inc.
- Apollo Education Group
- Bank of America/Merrill Lynch Merger Litigation
- Bear Stearns & Company, Inc. (Mortgage Pass-Through)
- Biomarin Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- CTI Biopharma Corp.
- Centene Corp.
- Cobalt International Energy, Inc.
- Dendreon Corp.
- Genworth Financial, Inc.
- HP Inc.
- Impinj, Inc.
- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- JPMorgan Chase & Co. (Mortgage Pass-Through)
- Mattel, Inc.
- Merit Medical Systems, Inc.
- Mohawk Industries, Inc.
- Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc. (Mortgage Pass-Through)
- NVIDIA Corporation
- Oracle Corporation
- Pfizer, Inc.
- Qualcomm, Inc.
- Rayonier Inc.
- Restoration Hardware, Inc.
- Wells Fargo
- Wells Fargo (Mortgage Pass-Through)