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Abe Alexander practices out of the New York office, where he focuses on securities fraud, corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation.

As a principal member of the trial team prosecuting *In re Merck Vioxx Securities Litigation*, Abe helped recover over \$1.06 billion on behalf of injured investors. The case, which asserted claims arising out of the Defendants' alleged misrepresentations concerning the safety profile of Merck's pain-killer, VIOXX, was settled shortly before trial and after more than 10 years of litigation, during which time plaintiffs achieved a unanimous and groundbreaking victory for investors at the U.S. Supreme Court. The settlement is the largest securities recovery ever achieved against a pharmaceutical company and among the 15 largest recoveries of all time.

Abe 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. Vytorin/Zetia Securities Litigation*, which settled on the eve of trial for a combined \$688 million. This \$688 million settlement represents the second largest securities class action recovery against a pharmaceutical company in history and is among the largest securities class action settlements of any kind.

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 securities fraud class action arising from Defendants' alleged misstatements about the efficacy and safety of its most important drug; a \$55 million recovery in *In re HeartWare International, Inc. Securities Litigation*, a case arising from Defendants' alleged misstatements about the device-maker's compliance with FDA regulations and the performance of its key heart pump; and a \$44 million recovery in *In re Adeptus Health Inc. Securities Litigation*, a case arising from alleged misstatements concerning the liquidity and cash flow of the country's largest operator of freestanding emergency rooms.

Abe secured a \$149 million recovery on behalf of investors in Equifax, Inc., helping to lead a securities class action arising from one of the largest data breaches in American history. 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," and most recently, in securing a \$95 million recovery on behalf of investors in Cognizant Technology Solutions dealing with alleged false statements and illegal payments to Indian governmental officials to secure favorable permits.

He is currently prosecuting *In re The Boeing Company Aircraft Securities Litigation*; *Union Asset Management Holding AG v. The Kraft Heinz Company*; *Tsantes v. BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc.*; *In re City of Sunrise Firefighters'*

Pension Fund v. Oracle Corp.; *In re Myriad Genetics, Inc. Securities Litigation*; and *Cambridge Retirement System v. Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, among others.

Prior to joining the firm, Abe represented institutional clients in a number of high-profile securities, corporate governance, and antitrust matters.

Abe was an award-winning member of his law school's national moot court team. Following law school, Abe served as a judicial clerk to Chief Justice Michael L. Bender of the Colorado Supreme Court.

He was recently named a 2022 "Rising Star of the Plaintiff's Bar" by *The National Law Journal*, was recently named a 2021 "Rising Star" by *Law360*, and chosen by *Benchmark Litigation* for its 2021 "40 & Under Hot List." *Super Lawyers* has also regularly selected Abe as a New York "Rising Star" in recognition of his accomplishments.

Education

- University of Colorado Law School, 2008, J.D., Order of the Coif
- New York University - The College of Arts and Science, 2003, B.A., *cum laude*, Analytic Philosophy

Admissions

- New York
- Delaware
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the District of Delaware
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

News

- January 26, 2021 - BLB&G Announces Elevation of Four Partners and One Senior Counsel

Publications

- July 1, 2015 - "Forging Ahead on Multiple Fronts: From 'Broken Window' Enforcement to Innovative Technologies, the SEC Pursues Several Strategic Initiatives Amid Fractured Leadership" by Abe Alexander

Awards

- May 13, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Abe Alexander Named to 2022 List of "Rising Stars of the Plaintiffs Bar" by *The National Law Journal*
- 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"
- June 2, 2021 - *Law360* Profiles Abe Alexander as Part of Series Honoring 2021 Rising Star Award Winners
- May 31, 2021 - *Law360* Names BLB&G Partner Abe Alexander to 2021 "Rising Stars" List

- September 20, 2020 - 20 BLB&G Attorneys Named by *Super Lawyers* to its 2020 New York Metro Edition
- 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

- March 1, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Abe Alexander and NERA Managing Director Dr. David Tabak Present Webinar on *Statistics in Securities Litigation*
- December 2, 2021 - BLB&G Partner Abe Alexander to Present to U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Securities Litigation in Biotech
- September 30, 2021 - BLB&G Partner Abe Alexander and Northeastern University Provost David Madigan Present Webinar on "Biostatistics for Lawyers"