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Adam Wierzbowski, a BLB&G partner, represents shareholders in investor litigations throughout the United States. A respected and prolific litigator, Adam has prosecuted some of the most significant shareholder cases in U.S. history, recovering billions of dollars for damaged investors. He practices out of BLB&G's New York office.

Adam's work has included successes at the trial and appellate levels in several high-profile class actions. These include the following recoveries on behalf of investors:

- *In re Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement Class Action Litigations*: Leading the BLB&G trial team to a successful jury verdict, and \$812 million recovery for investors, in the case arising out of the federal government's decision to sweep the net worth of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to the U.S. Treasury.
- *In re Merck Vioxx Securities Litigation*: Serving as a senior member of the team that recovered \$1.06 billion on behalf of investors in the securities litigation against Merck arising out of defendants' alleged misrepresentations about the cardiovascular safety of the painkiller Vioxx. The case settled just months before trial and after a unanimous victory for investors at the U.S. Supreme Court.
- *UnitedHealth Group, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*: Helping to recover in excess of \$920 million from individual defendants in this derivative action involving executives' illegal backdating of stock options.
- *In re Schering-Plough Corp./ENHANCE Securities Litigation* and *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Vytorin/Zetia Securities Litigation*: Serving as a senior member of the team that achieved total settlements of \$688 million on behalf of investors in cases related to Schering and Merck's alleged misrepresentations about anti-cholesterol drugs Vytorin and Zetia.
- *Gary Hefler et al. v. Wells Fargo & Company et al.*: Co-leading the team that obtained \$480 million for investors in the securities class action against Wells Fargo & Co. related to its fake accounts scandal.
- *New York State Teachers' Retirement System v. General Motors Company*: Achieving a \$300 million recovery in the securities class action against General Motors stemming from the company's delayed recall of vehicles with defective ignition switches.

Adam also helped to obtain significant recoveries on behalf of investors in *Minneapolis Firefighters' Relief Association v. Medtronic, Inc. et al.* (\$85 million recovery); *In re Myriad Genetics, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$77.5 million recovery); and *Key West Police & Fire Pension Fund v. Ryder System, Inc.* (\$45 million recovery).

Adam has been recognized by various publications for his accomplishments as an up-and-coming lawyer. He has been named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "40 & Under Hot List," *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" list, and Thomson Reuter's *Super Lawyers* New York Metro edition, earning a designation as a New York "Rising Star."

Adam received his J.D., with honors, from the George Washington University Law School, where he served as notes editor for *The George Washington International Law Review*. He received his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Dartmouth College.

Education

- George Washington University Law School, 2003, J.D., *with honors*, Notes Editor for *The George Washington International Law Review*; Member of the Moot Court Board
- Dartmouth College, 2000, B.A., *magna cum laude*

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 District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- 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 Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- Supreme Court of the United States

News

- August 15, 2023 - BLB&G Achieves Significant Trial Victory in Helping Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Shareholders Recoup \$612 Million in Class Action Against U.S. Federal Housing Finance Agency
- April 2013 - *The American Lawyer's* "Big Suits" Features Coverage of \$688 Million Recovery in Merck and Schering-Plough Litigation
- September 09, 2008 - Third Circuit Court of Appeals Reverses Dismissal of the Merck VIOXX Securities Litigation

Publications

- July 2007 - "The SEC: Friend or Foe?" by Adam Wierzbowski

Awards

- October 24, 2024 - BLB&G Partners and Associates Recognized as Leading Attorneys by *Super Lawyers*
- May 24, 2024 - All 24 BLB&G Partners Named to *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- May 26, 2023 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to the 2023 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- July 11, 2022 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to the 2022 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- August 18, 2021 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to The 2021 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- August 2020 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to The 2020 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- October 15, 2019 - The *New York Law Journal* Profiles Adam Wierzbowski – One of Its 2019 "Rising Stars"
- September 2019 - *Lawdragon* Names 20 BLB&G Attorneys Among its "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" list
- September 2019 - 20 BLB&G Attorneys Named by *Super Lawyers* to its 2019 New York Metro Edition
- August 2019 - *Benchmark* Names Three BLB&G Partners to Its "40 & Under Hot List"
- June 2019 - Adam Wierzbowski Named "Rising Star" by *New York Law Journal*
- October 2018 - 20 BLB&G Attorneys Named by *Super Lawyers* to its 2018 New York Metro Edition
- August 2018 - *Benchmark* Names Three BLB&G Partners to Its "40 & Under Hot List"
- September 20, 2017 - *Super Lawyers* Names 21 BLB&G Attorneys to its 2017 New York Metro Edition
- August 1, 2017 - *Benchmark* Again Names Four BLB&G Partners to Its "Under 40 Hot List"
- October 2016 - *Super Lawyers* Names 20 BLB&G Attorneys to its 2016 New York Metro Edition
- August 15, 2016 - Four BLB&G Partners Named to *Benchmark* "Under 40 Hot List"
- September 16, 2015 - 19 BLB&G Attorneys Selected to 2015 *Super Lawyers* New York Metro Edition
- October 28, 2014 - 13 BLB&G Attorneys Selected to 2014 *Super Lawyers* New York Metro Edition

Events

- August 22, 2024 - BLB&G to Host Cash Sweep Misconduct Webinar in Partnership with Former SEC Commissioner Robert J. Jackson Jr.