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Avi Josefson prosecutes securities fraud litigation for the firm's institutional investor clients, and has participated in many of the firm's significant representations, including *In re SCOR Holding (Switzerland) AG Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a recovery worth in excess of \$143 million for investors. He was also a member of the team that litigated the *In re OM Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a settlement of \$92.4 million.

As a member of the firm's new matter department, Avi counsels institutional clients on potential legal claims. He has presented argument in several federal and state courts, including an appeal he argued before the Delaware Supreme Court.

Recognized as a "Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer" by *Lawdragon* and by *The National Law Journal* as a "Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazer", Avi is also actively involved in the M&A litigation practice, and represented shareholders in the litigation arising from the proposed acquisitions of Ceridian Corporation and Anheuser-Busch. A member of the firm's subprime litigation team, he has participated in securities fraud actions arising from the collapse of subprime mortgage lender American Home Mortgage and the actions against Lehman Brothers, Citigroup and Merrill Lynch, arising from those banks' multi-billion dollar loss from mortgage-backed investments. Avi has prosecuted actions against Deutsche Bank and Morgan Stanley arising from their sale of mortgage-backed securities, and is advising U.S. and foreign institutions concerning similar claims arising from investments in mortgage-backed securities.

Avi practices in the firm's Chicago and New York offices.

Education

- Northwestern University School of Law, J.D., 2000, Awarded the Justice Stevens Public Interest Fellowship (1999); Public Interest Law Initiative Fellowship (2000)
- Brandeis University, B.A., 1997

Admissions

- Illinois
- New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

News

- March 11, 2021 - Partner Avi Josefson Quoted by *Law360* in Article on Current Status of Pandemic-Related Securities Suits
- January 2011 - BLB&G Publishes "Plaintiffs' Perspective" in LexisNexis' *Litigating Securities Class Actions*
- May 14, 2009 - BLB&G Files Class Action Suit Against Union Bancaire Privée and Related Entities for Investments with Bernard Madoff

Publications

- June 1, 2018 - BLB&G Partners Co-Author PLI's *Financial Services Mediation Answer Book*
- January 2011 - BLB&G Publishes "Plaintiffs' Perspective" in LexisNexis' *Litigating Securities Class Actions*
- October 2004 - "A New Public (But Very Private) Watchdog: The Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Issues Its First Reports" by Avi Josefson
- October 2003 - "The HCA Derivative Litigation: A Study On Achieving Corporate Governance Reform Through Shareholder Litigation" by Avi Josefson

Awards

- 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
- August 2020 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to The 2020 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- January 2020 - BLB&G Named A Top Securities Practice by *Law360*
- September 2019 - *Lawdragon* Names 20 BLB&G Attorneys Among its "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" list
- June 2017 - BLB&G Named National Tier 1 Firm for Securities and M&A Litigation by *The Legal 500*
- July 2016 - *Legal 500* Ranks BLB&G a National Tier 1 Firm for Securities and M&A Litigation
- April 13, 2015 - BLB&G's Avi Josefson Named National Securities Litigation "Rising Star" by *Law360*
- March 27, 2015 - Avi Josefson Named a "Rising Star" by *Law360*

Events

- March 10, 2011 - Avi Josefson Participates in LexisNexis Webinar