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Avi Josefson is Co-head of BLB&G's [Case Development and Client Advisory Group](#). [As one of the firm's senior partners, Avi leads a team of attorneys, financial analysts and investigators that analyze potential securities claims. Avi counsels institutional clients in the U.S., Europe, and Israel.](#)

With more than 20 years of experience in securities litigation, Avi participated in many of the firm's significant representations. Avi led the BLB&G team that recovered over \$2 billion for 35 institutions that invested in the Allianz Structured Alpha Funds. He previously prosecuted *In re SCOR Holding (Switzerland) AG Securities Litigation*, which recovered more than \$143 million for investors and utilized a novel settlement process in both New York and Amsterdam. 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. Avi has presented argument in several federal and state courts, including the Delaware Supreme Court.

Recognized as both a "Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer" and as one of "500 Leading Lawyers in America" by *Lawdragon* and by *The National Law Journal* as a "Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazer," Avi is experienced in all aspects of the firm's representation of institutional investors. He represented shareholders in the litigation arising from the proposed acquisitions of Ceridian Corporation and Anheuser-Busch and, as leader of the firm's subprime litigation team, he prosecuted 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 also represented U.S. and European institutions in actions against Deutsche Bank and Morgan Stanley arising from their sale of mortgage-backed securities.

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

Education

- Northwestern University School of Law, 2000, J.D., *Dean's List*, Awarded the Justice Stevens Public Interest Fellowship (1999); Public Interest Law Initiative Fellowship (2000)
- Brandeis University, 1997, B.A., *cum laude*

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 14, 2024 - BLB&G Attorneys Co-Author "Plaintiffs' Perspective" Chapter in the *Litigating Securities Class Actions* Treatise
- December 5, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Avi Josefson Finds Invigorating Work in Client Case Development and Advice, as Featured in *Lawdragon* Profile
- September 30, 2021 - BLB&G Attorneys Publish "Plaintiffs' Perspective" Chapter in LexisNexis's *Litigating Securities Class Actions* Treatise
- 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

- April 18, 2025 - Eight Partners Named to *Lawdragon* 2025 "500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers" List
- January 10, 2025 - Eleven Partners Named to *Lawdragon* 2025 "500 Leading Lawyers in America" List
- September 16, 2024 - Eleven Partners Named to *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Litigators in America" List
- 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
- April 8, 2024 - Seven BLB&G Partners Named to 2024 *Lawdragon* "500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers" List
- January 17, 2024 - Nine BLB&G Partners Named in *Lawdragon's* 2024 Edition of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America"
- May 26, 2023 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to the 2023 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- January 13, 2023 - Ten BLB&G Partners Named in *Lawdragon's* 2023 Edition of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America"

- July 11, 2022 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to the 2022 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- February 18, 2022 - *Lawdragon* Names Nine BLB&G Partners to 2022 Edition of "500 Leading Lawyers in America"
- 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

- August 22, 2024 - BLB&G to Host Cash Sweep Misconduct Webinar in Partnership with Former SEC Commissioner Robert J. Jackson Jr.
- May 15, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Avi Josefson to Speak at MAPERS Spring Conference
- March 10, 2011 - Avi Josefson Participates in LexisNexis Webinar