

## Christopher J. Orrico

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Christopher is an experienced shareholder lawyer and partner in BLB&G's corporate governance practice group. Christopher's practice is focused on breach of fiduciary duty litigation on behalf of shareholders against boards and senior executives. Christopher has led and been a key member of teams that have recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for investors, improved corporate governance practices at companies, and vindicated fundamental shareholder voting and franchise rights.

Christopher is currently prosecuting a number of high-profile shareholder litigations, including *In re MindBody, Inc. Stockholder Litigation* and *In re Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc. Merger Litigation*. Christopher was a key member of the trial teams in *In re Appraisal of Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc.* and *In re BGC Partners, Inc. Derivative Litigation*.

Among numerous other of his notable recoveries, Christopher has led and been a key member of teams prosecuting a number of the firm's most significant litigations, including:

- *In re Starz Stockholder Litigation* (\$92.5 million settlement)
- *In re Globe Specialty Metals, Inc. Stockholders Litigation* (\$32.5 million and enhanced corporate governance protections settlement)
- *3-Sigma Value Financial Opportunities LP, et al. v. Jones, et al. (CertusHoldings, Inc.)* (\$19.2 million settlement)
- *In re Vaalco Energy, Inc. Consolidated Stockholder Litigation* (obtained ruling preventing Delaware corporations with unclassified boards from using bylaws to shield directors from being removed without cause)
- *Fire and Police Retiree Health Care Fund, San Antonio, et al. v. Smith, et al. (Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.)* (settlement consisting of \$20.5 million cash payment, \$5 million dedicated by the Board to implement corporate governance measures, and cancellation of an individual defendant's stock awards)
- *In re Tile Shop Holdings, Inc. Litigation* (obtained temporary restraining order and settlement consisting of a \$12 million cash payment and significant non-monetary benefits).

Christopher obtained his joint J.D. and M.B.A. from Villanova University School of Law and School of Business. He completed the four-year joint degree program in only three years. Additionally, Christopher obtained his B.A. in Economics from Yale University, where he was Captain of the Varsity Baseball Team. He is the co-author of "Entire Fairness Or Business Judgment? It's Anyone's Guess," which was published by *Law360* in 2015 and "The X's and O's of Football's Offseason of Discontent," which was published by the *New York Law Journal* in 2011. He is the author

of "[If You Ain't Cheating You Ain't Trying!](#)" and "[The Shifting Meaning of 'Fair Value,' From Corwin to Dell: Recent Rulings and Reversals in Delaware's Courts May Spell Trouble for Investors](#)," which were published by *The Advocate for Institutional Investors* in 2016 and 2018, respectively.

Christopher serves as a guest lecturer on shareholder rights and corporate litigation at the Villanova University School of Law and the University of Connecticut School of Law. Christopher is also a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the Connecticut Bar Association, as well as the National Italian American Foundation. He is a member of the Villanova Law Alumni Mentoring Program.

In recognition of his accomplishments, Christopher has been named by Thomson Reuters to the "Rising Star" *Super Lawyers* list since 2015 and was recently chosen by *Benchmark Litigation* for its 2021 "40 & Under Hot List."

## Education

- Villanova University School of Law, 2009, J.D.
- Villanova University School of Business, 2009, MBA
- Yale University, 2005, B.A., Economics

## Admissions

- New York
- Connecticut

## News

- January 26, 2021 - BLB&G Announces Elevation of Four Partners and One Senior Counsel
- January 24, 2020 - BLB&G Announces Elevation of Two Partners and Four Senior Counsel

## Publications

- March 9, 2018 - "The Shifting Meaning of 'Fair Value,' From Corwin to Dell: Recent Rulings and Reversals in Delaware's Courts May Spell Trouble for Investors" by Mark Lebovitch, Christopher J. Orrico, and Alla Zayenchik Published in *The Advocate for Institutional Investors*
- August 30, 2016 - "If You Ain't Cheating, You Ain't Trying: Reputation in Tatters? No Problem! Wall Street's Masters of the Universe Are At It Again - This Time Pulling The Strings To Manipulate Benchmark Rates And Financial Instruments" by Christopher J. Orrico

## Awards

- June 9, 2022 - The Legal 500 Again Ranks BLB&G a National Tier 1 Firm for Securities Litigation and M&A Litigation
- June 1, 2022 - *Law360* Profiles Christopher Orrico as Part of Series Honoring 2022 Rising Star Award Winners
- May 31, 2022 - *Law360* Names BLB&G Partners Christopher Orrico and Scott Foglietta to 2022 "Rising Stars" List

- 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"
- 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

- April 1, 2022 - BLB&G Partners Christopher Orrico and Scott Foglietta Teach Seminar at Villanova Law School
- February 10, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Christopher Orrico Will Serve as a Panelist at The Florida Bar Business Law Section's 39th Annual Federal Securities Institute
- November 9, 2021 - BLB&G Attorneys Christopher J. Orrico and Andrew Blumberg Teach Seminars at Two Area Law Schools on Delaware Corporate Law