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Jeroen van Kwawegen is a member of BLB&G's Executive Committee and one of the leading shareholder rights attorneys nationwide. As head of the firm's corporate governance practice, Jeroen oversees all breach of fiduciary duty litigation against boards and senior executives on behalf of shareholders. Jeroen also leads BLB&G's work representing European institutional investors in shareholder litigation, including securities class actions.

Over the course of his career, Jeroen has recovered more than four billion dollars for investors, improved corporate governance practices at numerous companies, and defended fundamental shareholder voting and franchise rights. Recent highlights of Jeroen's success prosecuting shareholder actions include:

- *Richard Tornetta v. Elon Musk et. al and Tesla, Inc.*: Co-leading the headline-grabbing case against Tesla, which resulted in a groundbreaking decision nullifying Elon Musk's \$55 billion compensation package—the largest such package in history.
- *In re Wells Fargo & Company Securities Litigation*: Securing a \$1 billion recovery in the securities class action against Wells Fargo—the top U.S. securities class action recovery in 2023 and among the top 17 of all time.
- *In re Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc. Merger Litigation*: Leading the trial team that won one of the largest shareholder verdicts in Delaware Chancery Court history: a \$350 million post-trial opinion in a case challenging Columbia Pipeline's \$13 billion merger with TransCanada.
- *Employees Retirement System of the City of St. Louis, et al., v. Jones, et al.*: Prosecuting the stockholder derivative action against the board of directors of FirstEnergy Corp., resulting in a \$180 million settlement and unprecedented corporate governance improvements.

Jeroen is actively prosecuting several securities class actions, including cases against Meta Platforms, NVIDIA, and Silicon Valley Bank, as well as breach of fiduciary duty actions involving Credit Suisse, Santander, Warner Brothers, Continental Resources, Sirius XM, and others.

Jeroen is regularly named one of the top attorneys in the field by major industry publications and directories. In 2024, *Law360* named Jeroen a "Securities MVP" and a "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar," *Lawdragon* added Jeroen to its prestigious "Legends" list, and *Forbes* named Jeroen one of America's "Top 200 Lawyers." He has also been named a top lawyer in the field by *The Legal 500* and *Benchmark Litigation*.

In recognition of his trial work and ethical reputation, in 2024, Jeroen was named a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. For his achievements in corporate governance, he was also named a Fellow of The American College of Governance Counsel, an honorary association dedicated to advancing professional excellence in governance.

Jeroen serves as a board member of Legal Services NYC, a leading U.S. legal aid organization, and an advisory board member at both the Millstein Center at Columbia Law School and the Institute for Law & Economics at the University of Pennsylvania's Penn Carey Law School. He frequently speaks at bar association and industry events on shareholder litigation and corporate governance and regularly publishes on topics of interest to institutional investors.

Jeroen received his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He received his LLM from University of Amsterdam School of Law.

Education

- Columbia Law School, 2003, J.D., Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
- University of Amsterdam School of Law, 1998, LLM

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 District of Colorado
- 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 Tenth Circuit

News

- December 12, 2024 - BLB&G Secures Two Rare U.S. Supreme Court Victories, Clearing the Way for Shareholder Claims Against NVIDIA and Facebook
- December 10, 2024 - BLB&G Secures Major Victory in Delaware Supreme Court in Mindbody Stockholder Litigation
- December 2, 2024 - Tesla Shareholder's Law Firm Issues Statement in Response to Ruling by Delaware Court Rejecting Ratification of Previously Rescinded Elon Musk Tesla Options
- January 31, 2024 - BLB&G Wins Landmark Compensation Challenge for Tesla Shareholders as Delaware Court Rescinds Elon Musk's Entire \$55 Billion Tesla Pay Package
- January 31, 2024 - Jeroen van Kwawegen Elected to BLB&G's Executive Committee
- September 8, 2023 - BLB&G Receives Approval of a Landmark \$1 Billion Settlement for Shareholders in Wells Fargo Securities Class Action
- July 3, 2023 - BLB&G Secures Significant Post-Trial Victory for Former Stockholders of Columbia Pipeline
- May 16, 2023 - BLB&G Secures a Historic \$1 Billion Settlement for Shareholders in Wells Fargo Securities Class Action

- March 17, 2023 - BLB&G Trial Team Achieves Precedent-Setting Victory in Delaware Court of Chancery
- January 2021 - Jeroen van Kwawegen and Hans Ek quoted by *Investments & Pensions Europe* on the state of securities litigation in Europe
- December 2020 - Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen Appointed to Board of Legal Services NYC
- October 19, 2020 - Trends in Corporate Governance Litigation: A *Lawdragon* Discussion with BLB&G
- March 28, 2020 - Protecting Investors in a Time of Crisis: A Message from BLB&G on Access to Justice and COVID-19
- October 2019 - *Lawdragon* Profiles BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen in "Lawyer Limelight" Q&A

Publications

- December 4, 2020 - "Shareholder Litigation: Best Practices for Pension Funds" by Jeroen van Kwawegen and Anatoli van der Krans published by *Financial Investigator*
- April 10, 2020 - "Protecting Investors in a Time of Crisis: A Response to Those Who Would Utilize COVID-19 to Eviscerate Investor Protection" by Jeroen van Kwawegen and Greg Varallo published by *Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance*
- April 10, 2020 - "Protecting Investors in a Time of Crisis: Access to Justice and COVID-19" by Jeroen van Kwawegen and Greg Varallo published by *Lawdragon*
- April 29, 2016 - *Forbes* Q&A with Jeroen van Kwawegen: The Role of Shareholder Litigation in Preventing Abuses by Boards and Management
- March 16, 2015 - "Of Babies and Bathwater: Deterring Frivolous Stockholder Suits Without Closing the Courthouse Doors to Legitimate Claims" by Jeroen van Kwawegen
- June 5, 2013 - "Europe Set to Limit Bank Bonuses" by Jeroen van Kwawegen
- June 2, 2012 - "*Converium*/SCOR: Dutch Court Further Opens the Door for International Securities Fraud Settlements" by Jeroen van Kwawegen
- December 2011 - "Institutional Investors From Around the World Turn to Direct Suits in U.S." by Jeroen van Kwawegen
- Fall 2009 - "European Reforms In Response To 'Kasino-Kapitalismus' - The Changing Landscape for Institutional Investors in Europe," by Jeroen van Kwawegen

Awards

- April 18, 2025 - Eight Partners Named to *Lawdragon* 2025 "500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers" List
- March 24, 2025 - BLB&G Partners Salvatore Graziano and Jeroen van Kwawegen Named to *Crain's* 2025 "New York Business Notable Litigators & Trial Attorneys"
- March 10, 2025 - BLB&G Named 2025 Plaintiff Firm of the Year and Impact Case Award Recipient by *Benchmark Litigation*
- February 24, 2025 - *Law360* Profiles BLB&G as a 2024 Class Action Group of the Year

- January 10, 2025 - Eleven Partners Named to *Lawdragon* 2025 “500 Leading Lawyers in America” List
- October 24, 2024 - BLB&G Partners and Associates Recognized as Leading Attorneys by *Super Lawyers*
- October 22, 2024 - *Law360* Profiles Jeroen van Kwawegen in Honor of His Naming to the 2024 “Securities MVP” List
- October 21, 2024 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen Named a 2024 Securities MVP by *Law360*
- October 9, 2024 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen Elected to American College of Governance Counsel 2024 Class of Fellows
- October 3, 2024 - BLB&G Named Top Plaintiffs Firm and Several Partners Honored in *Benchmark Litigation’s* 2025 Guide
- September 30, 2024 - BLB&G’s Delaware Office and Corporate Governance Department Profiled in *Law360*
- September 17, 2024 - BLB&G Named a Delaware “Regional Powerhouse” by *Law360*
- September 16, 2024 - Eleven Partners Named to *Lawdragon’s* “500 Leading Litigators in America” List
- September 6, 2024 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen Named a Finalist in *The National Law Journal* Legal Awards 2024
- August 27, 2024 - BLB&G Named a Finalist in Two Categories at *The American Lawyer* Industry Awards 2024
- 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
- May 9, 2024 - *Law360* Profiles Jeroen van Kwawegen in Honor of His Naming to the 2024 “Titans of the Plaintiffs Bar” List
- April 29, 2024 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen Honored as *Law360* Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar
- April 8, 2024 - Seven BLB&G Partners Named to 2024 *Lawdragon* “500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers” List

Events

- April 28, 2025 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen Speaks at the Columbia Millstein Conference
- April 23, 2025 - Jeroen van Kwawegen and Daniel Meyer Discuss Complex Corporate Transactions at Harvard Law School
- March 11, 2025 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen Speaks at 37th Annual Tulane Corporate Law Institute
- February 27, 2025 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen Speaks at University of Pennsylvania Journal of Business Law’s Annual Corporate Law Symposium
- November 5, 2024 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen to Address Emerging Corporate Governance Issues at Berkeley Forum 2024
- May 1, 2024 - BLB&G to Host FBC CLE Event on “Dynamics of Effective Institutional Monitoring”

- February 1, 2024 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen to Serve as Panelist at NYCBA Securities Litigation & Enforcement Institute 2024
- December 1, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen to Serve as Panelist at Columbia Law School Conference on M&A and Corporate Governance
- October 23, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen to Guest Lecture at Columbia Law School
- October 10, 2023 - BLB&G to Host U.S. Class Action and Governance Litigation Conference in Frankfurt
- October 4, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen and Senior Counsel Thomas James Teach “M&A Litigation” Class at Harvard Law School
- April 17, 2023 - BLB&G to Host Institutional Shareholder Conference in Paris
- September 16, 2022 - BLB&G Hosts Institutional Shareholder Conference in Amsterdam, Copenhagen, & Stockholm on September 16, 2022
- February 9, 2022 - Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen Will Serve As Panelist At New York City Bar's 10th Annual Securities Litigation & Enforcement Institute
- September 30, 2021 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen Speaks at Broadridge Webinar on "International Opt-In Cases: Evolving Mechanisms for Collective Redress"
- February 2021 - Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen Speaks at New York City Bar's 9th Annual Securities Litigation & Enforcement Institute
- September 22, 2020 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen Speaks at the Class Action Money & Ethics Conference to discuss “Recent Trends in Securities Litigation.”
- January 23, 2019 - Jeroen van Kwawegen a Featured Panelist at NYC Bar's 8th Annual Securities Litigation & Enforcement Institute
- February 6, 2019 - Jeroen van Kwawegen Discusses International Class Actions at PLUS D&O Symposium
- January 24, 2019 - Jeroen van Kwawegen Discusses Board Dynamics at Skytop Strategies' Shareholder Activism 2019