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Michael Blatchley's practice focuses on securities fraud litigation. He is currently a member of the firm's case development and client advisory group, in which he, along with a team of attorneys, financial analysts, forensic accountants, and investigators, counsels the firm's clients on their legal claims.

Michael has also served as a member of the litigation teams responsible for prosecuting a number of the firm's cases. For example, Michael was a key member of the team that recovered \$150 million for investors in *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation*, a securities fraud class action arising out of misrepresentations and omissions concerning JPMorgan's Chief Investment Office, the company's risk management systems, and the trading activities of the so-called "London Whale." He was also a member of the litigation team in *In re Medtronic, Inc. Securities Litigation*, an action arising out of allegations that Medtronic promoted the Infuse bone graft for dangerous "off-label" uses, which resulted in an \$85 million recovery for investors. In addition, Michael prosecuted a number of cases related to the financial crisis, including several actions arising out of wrongdoing related to the issuance of residential mortgage-backed securities and other complex financial products.

Michael was a member of the team that achieved a \$250 million recovery for investors in *In re Allergan, Inc. Proxy Violation Securities Litigation*, a precedent-setting case alleging unlawful insider trading by hedge fund billionaire Bill Ackman. Most recently, he played a key role on the BLB&G team that recovered nearly \$2 billion for 35 institutions that invested in the Allianz Structured Alpha Funds.

Among other accolades, Michael has been repeatedly named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "Under 40 Hot List," selected as a leading plaintiff financial lawyer by *Lawdragon*, and recognized as a "Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters. He frequently presents to public pension fund professionals and trustees concerning legal issues impacting their funds, has authored numerous articles addressing investor rights, including, for example, a chapter in the Practising Law Institute's 2017 *Financial Services Mediation Answer Book*, and is a regular speaker at institutional investor conferences. While attending Brooklyn Law School, Michael held a judicial internship position for the Honorable David G. Trager, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. In addition, he worked as an intern at The Legal Aid Society's Harlem Community Law Office, as well as at Brooklyn Law School's Second Look and Workers' Rights Clinics, and provided legal assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Education

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellowship; William Payson Richardson Memorial Prize; Richard Elliott Blyn Memorial Prize; Editor for the *Brooklyn Law Review*; Moot Court Honor Society
- University of Wisconsin, B.A.

Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

News

- September 8, 2023 - BLB&G Receives Approval of a Landmark \$1 Billion Settlement for Shareholders in Wells Fargo Securities Class Action
- October 16, 2020 - BLB&G Allianz Structured Alpha Funds Team Announces New Case Filing

Publications

- June 1, 2018 - BLB&G Partners Co-Author PLI's *Financial Services Mediation Answer Book*
- August 21, 2015 - "Examining Judge Hobson's Choice Approach to Amending Complaints" - by Michael Blatchley (as published in *New York Law Journal*)
- April 1, 2013 - "Unfinished Business: A Look at Wall Street, America's Financial Markets and the Obama Administration's Second Term" by John Rizio-Hamilton and Michael Blatchley
- October 2010 - "Keeping Corporate America Honest: The Cost of Corporate Failure and the Role of the Private Regulator," by Tony Gelderman and Michael Blatchley
- October 2008 - "Deregulation of Wall Street Fuels Credit Crisis" by Michael D. Blatchley

Awards

- 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
- May 19, 2023 - BLB&G Named a *Law360* "Legal Lion of the Week"
- 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
- September 20, 2020 - 20 BLB&G Attorneys Named by *Super Lawyers* to its 2020 New York Metro Edition
- August 2020 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to The 2020 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- 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
- 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

Events

- October 19, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Michael Blatchley Speaks at PLI Securities Offerings 2022: A Public Offering from Start to Finish
- November 5, 2011 - BLB&G Participates in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City 2011 Gridiron Games
- November 6, 2010 - BLB&G participates in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City 2010 Gridiron Games