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Rebecca Boon has been litigating securities fraud and shareholder rights actions for over a decade, recovering more than \$1.5 billion for the firm's institutional investor clients. Her work at the firm expands beyond litigation. Rebecca has advanced equality in the workplace by co-founding the Beyond #MeToo working group and leading landmark recoveries that have resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars back to investors and important social change among industries.

Most recently, under the dual pressures of the Covid-19 pandemic and the fast-paced Eastern District of Virginia docket, Rebecca led the trial team that recovered \$90 million for investors in Willis Towers Watson in direct and related shareholder derivative litigation arising from the merger of Towers and Willis. Beyond the significant financial recovery, this case was particularly significant because BLB&G obtained decisions from both the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and the District Court that created highly favorable law for pleading claims under Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act.

Rebecca also led the trial team that recovered \$240 million for investors in *Signet*, the first successful resolution of a securities fraud class action based on allegations of sexual harassment. In this case both the class certification decision and the Judge's decision that the Company's statements about gender equality and sexual harassment could be actionable in a securities class action are landmark decisions that exceed even the significant financial recovery achieved for shareholders.

Among numerous other of her notable recoveries, Rebecca was a senior member of the team that obtained \$480 million for investors in the securities class action against Wells Fargo & Co. related to its fake accounts scandal, one of the largest settlements in Ninth Circuit history. Rebecca also represented the New York State Teachers' Retirement System in a securities litigation against the General Motors Company arising from a series of misrepresentations concerning the quality, safety, and reliability of the Company's cars, which resulted in a \$300 million settlement—the second largest securities class action recovery in the Sixth Circuit.

Rebecca was also a senior member of the trial team that prosecuted an unprecedented shareholder derivative litigation against Fox News parent 21st Century Fox, Inc. arising from the systemic sexual and workplace harassment at the embattled network. After nearly 18 months of litigation, the team obtained a landmark settlement in 2018 with two key components: 1) the first ever Board-level watchdog of its kind—the "Fox News Workplace Professionalism and Inclusion Council" of experts—majority independent of the Murdochs, the Company, and Board; and 2) one of the largest financial recoveries—\$90 million—ever obtained in a pure corporate board oversight dispute. Because of her work on the case, Rebecca subsequently narrated a feature documentary

by Dow Jones' *MarketWatch* discussing both the *Fox* litigation and the ways that investors can harness their power to create meaningful social change through shareholder litigation.

Rebecca regularly lectures at law schools, universities and conferences in the U.S. and abroad on the topics of social change, sexual harassment, and shareholder litigation. She is a founding member and the chairperson of [Beyond #MeToo: A Working Group on Corporate Governance, Compliance, and Risk](#). Comprised of diversity-inclusion experts, litigators, and academics, B#MT is dedicated to understanding the root causes of workplace harassment, discrimination, and misconduct and making corporate America a better and more inclusive place for all of us to work.

Rebecca co-leads BLB&G's Women's Committee and is active in BLB&G's Women's Forum. Rebecca is also a member of the firm's Diversity Committee. In addition, Rebecca sits on the board of The Feminist Institute, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to collecting, digitizing and sharing feminist history.

In recognition of her achievements, she has been named a "Rising Star" by *Law360*, a "Rising Star of the Plaintiffs Bar" by *The National Law Journal*, a "Young Lawyer of the Year" by *The American Lawyer*, and is included in both the *Super Lawyers* publication of leading practitioners by Thomson Reuters as a "Rising Star" and the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer" list by *Lawdragon*. Rebecca was also named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "40 and Under Hot List" for 2021 and 2020.

Education

- Hofstra University School of Law, 2007, J.D., *cum laude*, Charles H. Revson Foundation Law Students Public Interest Fellow; *Hofstra Law Review*; Distinguished Contribution to the School Award; Merit Scholarship
- Vassar College, 2004, B.A., Social Justice Community Fellow

Admissions

- New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

News

- February 18, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Quoted in *Roll Call* Article Covering ESG Rules and Proposals
- December 1, 2021 - *Delaware Law Weekly* Article Highlights BLB&G Attorneys Rebecca Boon and Michael Mathai's Presentation At Harvard Law School's Roundtable

- May 27, 2021 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Quoted in *Bloomberg Law's* "Vivia Chen Unfiltered" Column, Focused on Law Firm Davis Polk's Role in the Ongoing Investigation of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo
- May 11, 2021 - BLB&G's Rebecca Boon Appointed to Board of The Feminist Institute
- April 7, 2021 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Interviewed About Her Career Journey by The WOW Series
- January 2021 - Partner Rebecca Boon Profiled in "The Daily Docket," a newsletter by *Reuters* and *Westlaw*
- January 28, 2020 - BLB&G Announces Formation of Beyond #MeToo: A Working Group on Corporate Governance, Compliance, and Risk
- January 24, 2020 - BLB&G Announces Elevation of Two Partners and Four Senior Counsel
- September 2019 - *Lawdragon* Profiles Groundbreaking Workplace Protections Achieved by BLB&G in its Fox Derivative Litigation
- November 2, 2018 - *MarketWatch* Documentary on #metoo Features Coverage of BLB&G's Landmark Fox News Litigation

Publications

- July 14, 2022 - "Impacts of #MeToo on Litigation & DEI" by Rebecca Boon and Caitlin Bozman Published by *Bloomberg Law*
- September 1, 2021 - "Can We Rely On Shareholders To Compel Corporations To Meaningfully Act On ESG Issues?" by Rebecca Boon and John Rizio-Hamilton published by *Responsible Investor*
- May 18, 2021 - "Investor Attempts To Hold Cos. Accountable Are Working" by BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon published by *Law360*
- March 9, 2018 - "Toward a Brighter Future: Thanks to Sweeping Workplace Reforms Achieved by Stockholders, Fox Employees Can Turn the page on a Troubled Past" by Rebecca Boon Published in *The Advocate for Institutional Investors*

Awards

- July 27, 2022 - *Benchmark Litigation* Names Six BLB&G Partners to Its "40 & Under List"
- July 11, 2022 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to the 2022 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- June 9, 2022 - The Legal 500 Again Ranks BLB&G a National Tier 1 Firm for Securities Litigation and M&A Litigation
- 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"
- June 9, 2021 - *The Legal 500* Again Ranks BLB&G a National Tier 1 Firm for Securities Litigation and M&A Litigation

- May 13, 2021 - BLB&G Partners Rebecca Boon and Scott R. Foglietta named to 2021 Rising Stars of the Plaintiffs Bar list by *The National Law Journal*
- November 2, 2020 - Rebecca Boon Named 2020 "Young Lawyer of the Year" by *The American Lawyer*
- October 7, 2020 - *Benchmark Litigation* Again Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation in 2021 Guide
- 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
- July 30, 2020 - Three BLB&G Partners Named to *Benchmark Litigation's* 2020 "40 Under 40 Hot List" - Rebecca Boon, Katie Sinderson & Edward Timlin
- July 10, 2020 - *Law360* Profiles Rebecca Boon as a Part of Series Honoring 2020 Rising Star Award Winners.
- July 5, 2020 - *Law360* Names BLB&G Partners Rebecca Boon and Edward Timlin to 2020 "Rising Stars" List
- June 2020 - *Legal 500* Again Ranks BLB&G a National Tier 1 Firm for Securities Litigation and M&A Litigation
- 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
- June 2019 - *Legal 500* Again Ranks BLB&G a National Tier 1 Firm for Securities Litigation and M&A Litigation
- 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

Events

- May 20, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Serves as Panelist at PLI Program, *ESG 2022: What It Means for Boards, Management, and Counsel*
- May 3, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Will Serve as Panelist at NCPERS Annual Conference
- April 19, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Moderates Beyond #MeToo Working Group Event, "The Enduring Effects of #MeToo"
- March 30, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Serves as Keynote Speaker at Hofstra Law School's Admitted Students Day
- March 17, 2022 - BLB&G Attorneys Rebecca Boon, Michael Mathai, and Kate Aufses Will Present to Harvard Law School Students on "Fighting Workplace Sexual Harassment with BLB&G: Tracing the Harm from Jeffrey Epstein and Roger Ailes"
- March 11, 2022 - BLB&G Attorneys Rebecca Boon, Jon Uslander, and Lauren Cruz Will Present to Berkeley Plaintiffs' Law Association on "Securities Litigation and Social Justice"

- December 9, 2021 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Will Serve as Panelist At Bloomberg Sustainable Business Summit's *Focus on Finance* Discussing Preparations for Proxy Season
- December 2, 2021 - BLB&G Attorneys Rebecca Boon and Michael Mathai Will Present At Harvard Law School's Roundtable on How Securities Litigation Can Be a Tool for Social Justice
- April 8, 2021 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Speaks on *Shareholder Activism on Environmental and Social Issues* at Conference hosted by The Advocates' Society
- April 6, 2021 - BLB&G Hosts Third Women's Forum Virtual Event
- March 2021 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Serves as Panelist for The WOW Series' Event "Current Feminist Figures"
- January 2021 - Rebecca Boon Moderates Beyond #MeToo Working Group's Virtual Event "#MeToo in the Corporate World"
- October 11, 2019 - BLB&G's Rebecca Boon Participates in NYU Law Conference on the Corporate Compliance and Governance Impacts of #MeToo
- February 25, 2019 - Rebecca Boon Guest Lectures at Columbia Law School on Sexual Harassment and Shareholder Litigation