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**Rebecca Boon**, a BLB&G partner, litigates securities fraud and shareholder rights actions on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients. With more than 18 years of experience, she has recovered billions of dollars for the firm's institutional investor clients and the classes they represent through shareholder litigation. Rebecca practices out of the firm's New York office.

A staunch advocate for justice and equality in the workplace, Rebecca has effected broad social change through shareholder litigation, obtaining landmark recoveries and corporate governance reforms that have remedied workplace misconduct and prevented future abuses of power. For example, Rebecca was a leader of the BLB&G teams that prosecuted the following cases:

- *In re Signet Jewelers Limited Securities Litigation*: Rebecca co-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.
- *City of Monroe Employees' Retirement System, derivatively on behalf of Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. v. Rupert Murdoch, et al.*: Rebecca was a senior member of the trial team that prosecuted the shareholder derivative litigation against 21st Century Fox arising from the systemic sexual and workplace harassment at the network. The team obtained a landmark settlement that included a) the first ever board-level watchdog of its kind—the “Fox News Workplace Professionalism and Inclusion Council” of experts—and b) a \$90 million recovery—one of the largest financial recoveries ever obtained in a pure corporate board oversight dispute.

Because of her work on the 21st Century Fox case, Rebecca subsequently narrated a feature documentary by Dow Jones' *MarketWatch* discussing both the litigation and the ways that investors can harness their power to create meaningful social change through shareholder litigation.

Other highlights of Rebecca's impressive litigation career include:

- *Gary Hefler et al. v. Wells Fargo & Company et al.*: 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.
- *New York State Teachers' Retirement System v. General Motors Company*: Rebecca prosecuted the securities litigation against General Motors arising from a series of misrepresentations concerning the

quality, safety, and reliability of the company's cars, obtaining a \$300 million recovery—the second largest securities class action recovery in the Sixth Circuit.

- *In re Willis Towers Watson plc Proxy Litigation*: 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.

In addition to her litigation responsibilities, Rebecca is the co-founder and chairperson of [Beyond #MeToo](#), a working group dedicated to remedying workplace misconduct and abuses of power. In recognition of her work with Beyond #MeToo, Rebecca received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the New York City Bar Association's 5th Annual International Law Conference on the Status of Women in 2024. She also co-leads BLB&G's Women's Committee. Through Rebecca, the firm is also a sponsor of [Invest Ahead](#) (formerly Thirty Percent Coalition), a collection of institutional investors and other groups that work to increase diversity in corporate boardrooms and senior leadership.

Rebecca is a nationally recognized expert on effecting social change through the plaintiff's bar and regularly lectures at law schools, universities, and conferences. She is also a frequent author and has been published in outlets such as *Bloomberg Law*, *Law360*, and *Responsible Investor*. Most recently, she discussed [investor demand for ESG reform](#) in *The Review of Securities & Commodities Regulation*.

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*, and a "Young Lawyer of the Year" by *The American Lawyer*. Rebecca is recognized as a "Next Generation Partner" by *The Legal 500* and described as "a key player in MeToo cases." She has been included in the *Super Lawyers* publication of leading practitioners by Thomson Reuters as a "Rising Star," as well in *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Lawyers in America" and "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" lists. Rebecca has also been recognized as a "Future Star" by *Benchmark Litigation* and named multiple times over to the publication's "40 and Under Hot List."

In 2024, Rebecca was elected Junior Vice President of the Advisory Board of the Institute for Law and Economic Policy. She is also a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a member of the Federal Bar Council's Program Committee.

Before joining BLB&G, Rebecca was a litigation associate at Shearman & Sterling LLP, where she successfully prosecuted and defended securities class actions and other complex commercial litigation claims. She received her B.A. at Vassar College, where she served as a Social Justice Community Fellow, and her J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law, where she served as a Charles H. Revson Foundation Law Students Public Interest Fellow and an editor of the *Hofstra Law Review*.

## 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

- September 23, 2024 - Rebecca Boon and Mathews R. de Carvalho Discuss Investor Demand for ESG Reform in *The Review of Securities & Commodities Regulation*
- August 23, 2022 - "Five Years After #MeToo Goes Mainstream" by Rebecca Boon and Brittney Balser Published by *The Review of Securities & Commodities Regulation*
- July 14, 2022 - "Impacts of #MeToo on Litigation & DEI" by Rebecca Boon 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

- January 10, 2025 - Eleven Partners Named to *Lawdragon* 2025 "500 Leading Lawyers in America" List
- November 19, 2024 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Elected Junior Vice President of Institute of Law and Economic Policy Advisory Board
- October 24, 2024 - BLB&G Partners and Associates Recognized as Leading Attorneys by *Super Lawyers*
- October 3, 2024 - BLB&G Named Top Plaintiffs Firm and Several Partners Honored in *Benchmark Litigation's* 2025 Guide
- 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
- March 4, 2024 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award at NYCBA's 5th Annual International Law Conference on the Status of Women
- January 17, 2024 - Nine BLB&G Partners Named in *Lawdragon's* 2024 Edition of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America"
- October 24, 2023 - *Benchmark Litigation* Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation in 2024 Guide
- 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 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
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- 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*

## Events

- March 26, 2025 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon to Speak at Georgetown Law School
- March 14, 2025 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Speaks at Women in Securities Litigation Network
- February 21, 2025 - BLB&G to Host FBC CLE Women's History Month Event on Mentorship and Career Success
- November 7, 2024 - BLB&G Partners Rebecca Boon and Sal Graziano to Speak at ILEP Symposium 2024
- May 29, 2024 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon to Present on Corporate Governance and ESG at Practising Law Institute Program
- May 1, 2024 - BLB&G to Host FBC CLE Event on "Dynamics of Effective Institutional Monitoring"
- April 18, 2024 - BLB&G's Salvatore Graziano, Jim Harrod, and Rebecca Boon to Speak at Columbia Law School Securities Litigation Conference
- March 15, 2024 - BLB&G Celebrates Women's International Legal Efforts at NCYBA's 5th Annual International Law Conference on the Status of Women
- November 9, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon to Moderate Panel at ILEP November 2023 Symposium
- October 20, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon and Associate Brittney Balser Play an Integral Role in Beyond #MeToo Working Group Senior Level Workshop
- October 11, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon to Serve as Panelist at CAC Live
- October 5, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon to be Interviewed by Senior Counsel Catherine van Kampen for NAWL Podcast
- June 7, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon to Speak at PLI Event "ESG 2023: What It Means for Boards, Management, and Counsel"
- April 17, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon to Speak at NERA CLE Webinar
- March 24, 2023 - BLB&G Celebrates Women's International Legal Efforts at NYCBA Conference
- March 6, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon to Serve as Panelist at NautaDutilh's General Counsel and Corporate Secretary Event
- January 24, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon to Serve as Panelist at PLUS D&O Symposium
- November 3, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon and Associate Brittney Balser Serve on Planning Committee for Beyond #MeToo Working Group Panel, "#MeToo and Athletics: Where We Have Been and Where We Must Go"

- September 23, 2022 - BLB&G Partners Rebecca Boon and John Rizio-Hamilton Will Co-Present The ABA Webinar ESG Considerations In Securities Litigation
- September 22, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Serves as Panelist at The Conference Board's Leadership Council on Advancing Women