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Sal Graziano is widely recognized as one of the top securities litigators in the country. He has served as lead trial counsel in a wide variety of major securities fraud class actions, recovering billions of dollars on behalf of institutional investors and hedge fund clients.

Over the course of his distinguished career, Sal has successfully litigated many high-profile cases, including: *Merck & Co., Inc. (Vioxx) Sec. Litig.*(D.N.J.); *In re Schering-Plough Corp./ENHANCE Sec. Litig.* (D.N.J.); *New York State Teachers' Retirement System v. General Motors Co.* (E.D. Mich.); *In re MF Global Holdings Limited Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.); *In re Raytheon Sec. Litig.* (D. Mass.); *In re Refco Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.); *In re MicroStrategy, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (E.D. Va.); *In re Bristol Myers Squibb Co. Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.); and *In re New Century Sec. Litig.* (C.D. Cal.).

Industry observers, peers and adversaries routinely honor Sal for his accomplishments. He is one of the "Top 100 Trial Lawyers" in the nation and a "Litigation Star" according to *Benchmark Litigation*, which credits him for performing "top quality work." *Chambers USA* describes Sal as "wonderfully talented...a smart, aggressive lawyer who works hard for his clients," and "the go-to for the biggest cases," while *Legal 500* praises him as a "highly effective litigator." Heralded multiple times as one of a handful of Securities Litigation and Class Action "MVPs" in the nation by *Law360*, he has also been named a "Litigation Trailblazer" by *The National Law Journal*. Sal is also one of *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Lawyers in America," named as a leading mass tort and plaintiff class action litigator by *Best Lawyers*[®], and is one of Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers*.

A highly esteemed voice on investor rights, regulatory and market issues, in 2008 he was called upon by the Securities and Exchange Commission's Advisory Committee on Improvements to Financial Reporting to give testimony as to the state of the industry and potential impacts of proposed regulatory changes being considered. He is the author and co-author of numerous articles on developments in the securities laws, and was chosen, along with several of his BLB&G partners, to author the first chapter - "Plaintiffs' Perspective" - of Lexis/Nexis's seminal industry guide *Litigating Securities Class Actions*.

A member of the firm's Executive Committee, Sal has previously served as the President of the National Association of Shareholder & Consumer Attorneys, and has served as a member of the Financial Reporting Committee and the Securities Regulation Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He regularly speaks on securities fraud litigation and shareholder rights, and has guest lectured at Columbia Law School on the topic.

Prior to entering private practice, Sal served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

Education

- New York University School of Law, J.D., 1991
- New York University - The College of Arts and Science, B.A., Psychology, 1988

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 Eastern District of Michigan
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- 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 Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

News

- June 21, 2021 - BLB&G Partner Sal Graziano Provides Commentary in "Supreme Court's Goldman decision declared a win by investor advocates" by *InvestmentNews*
- February 1, 2021 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Attorneys to 2021 500 Leading Lawyers in America List
- November 30, 2020 - *Law360* Interviews BLB&G Partners Hannah Ross and Sal Graziano for Profile on the Firm's Selection as "Practice Group of the Year"
- May 4, 2020 - BLB&G Partner Sal Graziano Quoted in *Law360* article, "As Investor Suits Tick Up, Loss Causation May Be A Hard Sell"
- October 1, 2018 - *Lawdragon* Profiles BLB&G Partner Salvatore Graziano in "Lawyer Limelight" Q&A
- April 2013 - *The American Lawyer's* "Big Suits" Features Coverage of \$688 Million Recovery in Merck and Schering-Plough Litigation
- May 29, 2012 - Salvatore Graziano Discusses Claims Against Facebook in Interview with *Democracy Now!*
- May 23, 2012 - Reuters TV Features Salvatore Graziano in its Coverage of Investor Claims Against Facebook
- January 1, 2011 - Sal Graziano Serves as President of the National Association of Shareholder & Consumer Attorneys
- January 2011 - BLB&G Publishes "Plaintiffs' Perspective" in LexisNexis' *Litigating Securities Class Actions*

- June 19, 2008 - BLB&G Files Expanded Securities Class Action Against AIG and its Senior Executives on Behalf of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board
- September 2007 - The American Lawyer Features CBOT Holdings, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation in its "Big Suits" Section
- May 15, 2006 - Prominent Securities Litigator Salvatore J. Graziano Joins BLB&G

Publications

- February 18, 2019 - "Keeping Investors out of Court - The Looming Threat of Mandatory Arbitration" by Salvatore Graziano (published by the Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation)
- February 3, 2019 - "From Justice Kennedy to Justice Kavanaugh - Is a Shift in Securities Law Underway" by Salvatore Graziano, Michael Mathai and Kate Aufses (published by the Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation)
- April 2018 - "With a Regulatory Shift, Questions Emerge About Investors' Access to the Courts" by Salvatore Graziano and Tony Gelderman (published by The NAPPA Report)
- January 2011 - BLB&G Publishes "Plaintiffs' Perspective" in LexisNexis' *Litigating Securities Class Actions*
- March 10, 2008 - Submission to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Advisory Committee on Improvements to Financial Reporting by Salvatore J. Graziano
- July 2007 - "A Balanced Decision in *Tellabs*?" by Salvatore J. Graziano, John C. Browne & Jai K. Chandrasekhar

Awards

- September 1, 2021 - BLB&G Partners Named to The 28th Edition of the Best Lawyers in America®
- August 18, 2021 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to The 2021 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- June 9, 2021 - *The Legal 500* Again Ranks BLB&G a National Tier 1 Firm for Securities Litigation and M&A Litigation
- May 20, 2021 - *Chambers* Again Ranks BLB&G Top Securities Litigation Firm
- 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
- September 2020 - Two BLB&G Partners Named to the *Lawdragon* 500 "Legends of 2020" List
- August 2020 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to The 2020 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- August 2020 - BLB&G Partners Named to The 27th Edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*®
- June 2020 - *Legal 500* Again Ranks BLB&G a National Tier 1 Firm for Securities Litigation and M&A Litigation

- April 23, 2020 - *Chambers* Again Ranks BLB&G Top Securities Litigation Firm With Band 1 Rankings In All Categories
- March 12, 2020 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Attorneys to "500 Leading Lawyers in America List" and Inducts Founding Partner Max Berger into its "Hall of Fame"
- January 2020 - BLB&G Named A Top Securities Practice by *Law360*
- 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
- August 2019 - BLB&G Partners Named *2020 Best Lawyers*®
- July 2019 - Seven BLB&G Partners Named Among the "500 Leading Lawyers in America" by *Lawdragon*
- June 2019 - *Legal 500* Again Ranks BLB&G a National Tier 1 Firm for Securities Litigation and M&A Litigation
- May 2019 - *The National Law Journal* Names Salvatore Graziano and Hannah Ross 2019 Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers
- April 25, 2019 - *Chambers* Again Ranks BLB&G Nation's Top Securities Litigation Firm

Events

- June 8, 2021 - BLB&G Partner Sal Graziano Speaks at ISS Panel "Mid-2021 Review: The State of Securities Class Actions"
- February 27, 2020 - Sal Graziano Serves As Moderator at ILEP's Institute for Law & Economic Policy 26th Annual Symposium
- January 23, 2019 - Salvatore Graziano and Mark Lebovitch Discuss Shareholder Litigation at NYU Law's Corporate Governance Bootcamp
- June 15, 2012 - Salvatore Graziano Discusses the Decline in Civil Jury Trials at the ACS National Convention
- Wednesday, April 18, 2012 - 1 p.m. EDT - The Curious Case of Carlyle...and Efforts to Shut Down Investor Access to the Courts
- June 16, 2011 - Sal Graziano Discusses the Future of Securities Litigation
- April 25, 2011 - Sal Graziano Discusses Federal Litigation and Securities Regulation at New York City Bar
- April 7, 2011 - Sal Graziano Participates in the Institute for Law and Economic Policy's 17th Annual Symposium
- December 9, 2010 - Sal Graziano Discusses Securities Litigation and Enforcement at New York City Bar Center
- Wednesday, September 15, 2010 - 2pm - Making Sense of the Financial Services Reform Act
- March 23, 2010 - Salvatore Graziano Discusses Regulatory Action and Financial Firms at NYU's Stern School of Business

- January 21, 2010 - Sal Graziano Discusses Class Action Restrictions at ACS Symposium at NYU Law School
- October 21, 2008 - Sal Graziano Speaks About Financial Institution Liabilities and Insurance Issues at New York City Bar Center
- October 17, 2008 - Sal Graziano Discusses Tellabs Impact at Wisconsin Law School Program
- April 10, 2008 - Sal Graziano Discusses Securities Litigation after Tellabs at ILEP Conference
- March 13, 2008 - Sal Graziano Addresses SEC Advisory Committee on Financial Reporting
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- February 19, 2008 - Sal Graziano Discusses the Subprime Meltdown at the Reuters Housing Summit
- December 11, 2007 - Sal Graziano Discusses Tellabs Impact on Securities Litigation in CLE's Teleconference
- December 6, 2007 - Sal Graziano Participates in CLE Securities Litigation Program