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Tom James practices out of the firm's New York office, where he primarily prosecutes corporate governance and fiduciary duty litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional investor clients.

Tom is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *Fischel v. Liberty Media, et al.*, *In re Lordstown Motors Corp. Stockholders Litigation*, and *Newbold v. McCaw et al.* ("AstraSpace"), among other matters. Tom was a key member of the trial teams in *In re CVR Refining, LP Unitholder Litigation*, *The Williams Companies Stockholder Litigation*, and *In re Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc. Merger Litigation*.

Since joining the firm in 2020, Tom has been an integral member of the teams that prosecuted, among other matters:

- *In re AVX Corporation Stockholders Litigation* (\$49.9 million settlement in a controller squeeze-out transaction);
- *City of Miami General Employees' and Sanitation Employees' Retirement Trust v. Foley, et al.* ("Fidelity National Financial Group, Inc.") (derivative settlement consisting of \$20 million cash payment and adoption of corporate governance measures);
- *In re CVR Refining, LP Unitholder Litigation* (\$78.5 million settlement in master limited partnership transaction after trial);
- *Fire and Police Retiree Health Care Fund, San Antonio, et al. v. Smith, et al.* ("Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.") (settlement consisting of \$20.5 million cash payment, \$5 million dedicated by the Board to implement corporate governance measures, and cancellation of an individual defendant's stock awards);
- *In re Palantir Technologies Inc. Class F Stock Litigation* (obtained significant non-monetary benefits, including modification of Palantir's certificate of incorporation and bylaws to enhance and protect the minority stockholder franchise);
- *In re Pivotal Software Inc. Stockholders Litigation* (\$42.5 million settlement in connection with controller buy-out obtained shortly before trial); and
- *The Williams Companies Stockholder Litigation* (obtained permanent injunction against stockholder rights plan following expedited post-trial opinion, affirmed on appeal).

Before joining the firm, Tom was a securities litigation associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, where he, among other things, represented clients in corporate governance, appraisal, and securities actions. Before joining Weil,

Tom clerked for Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster of the Delaware Court of Chancery. Tom received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Boston College Law School, where he served as a senior editor of the *Boston College Law Review*.

Education

- Boston College Law School, 2014, J.D., *cum laude*, Senior Editor, *Boston College Law Review*
- Hamilton College, 2011, B.A.

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

News

- January 24, 2024 - BLB&G Announces Elevation of Three Partners and One Senior Counsel
- July 3, 2023 - BLB&G Secures Significant Post-Trial Victory for Former Stockholders of Columbia Pipeline
- February 1, 2023 - BLB&G Announces Elevation of Two Senior Counsel
- November 7, 2021 - Delaware Justices Affirm BLB&G's Post-Trial Win in *Williams*, Establishing Critical Delaware Legal Precedent on Poison Pills
- January 13, 2021 - Press Coverage: *Williams Companies Stockholder Litigation* Trial Challenging Novel Anti-Shareholder Corporate Governance Provision

Publications

- November 25, 2020 - "Acting-in-Concert Poison Pills: This Pill Comes With a Silencer" by Gregory V. Varallo and Thomas James published by *The New York Law Journal*

Events

- November 8, 2023 - BLB&G Senior Counsel Thomas James to Teach "Mergers and Acquisitions" Class at Boston College Law School
- October 4, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Jeroen van Kwawegen and Senior Counsel Thomas James Teach "M&A Litigation" Class at Harvard Law School
- March 15, 2023 - BLB&G Senior Counsel Thomas James Teaches Seminar at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law