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John Rizio-Hamilton is Co-Head of BLB&G's Securities Litigation Department. One of America's top shareholder litigators, John has recovered billions of dollars for investors. Highlights of John's experience include the following:

- Led the trial team that recovered \$240 million in the *Signet Jewelers Securities Litigation*, a landmark case that marks the first successful resolution of a securities fraud class action based on allegations of sexual harassment.
- Key part of the trial team that prosecuted the *Bank of America Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$2.425 billion. This is the largest securities class action recovery related to the subprime meltdown, and one of the top securities litigation recoveries in history.
- Served as counsel on behalf of the institutional investor plaintiffs in the *Citigroup Bond Litigation*, which settled for \$730 million. This is the second largest recovery ever in a securities class action brought on behalf of purchasers of debt securities.
- Member of the team that prosecuted the *Wachovia Corp. Bond/Notes Litigation*, in which the firm recovered \$627 million, one of the 15 largest securities class action recoveries in history.
- Key member of the team that recovered \$150 million for investors in the *JPMorgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation*, a securities fraud class action arising out of the trading activities of the so-called "London Whale."

In addition to his direct litigation responsibilities, John is responsible for the firm's client outreach in Canada, where he advises institutional investor clients on potential securities fraud and investor claims. John also manages the firm's settlements and claims administration department, which is responsible for obtaining court approval of all settlements and distributing the proceeds to class members.

For his remarkable accomplishments, John was named a "Litigation Trailblazer" by *The National Law Journal*. He has been recognized as a "Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*, and by *Law360* as a "Rising Star," a "Legal MVP," and one of the country's "Top Attorneys Under 40."

Before joining BLB&G, John clerked for the Honorable Chester J. Straub of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the Honorable Sidney H. Stein of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Education

- Brooklyn Law School, 2004, J.D., *summa cum laude*, Editor-in-Chief of the *Brooklyn Law Review*; first-place winner of the J. Braxton Craven Memorial Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition
- Johns Hopkins University, 1997, B.A., with honors

Admissions

- New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

News

- May 4, 2021 - *Lawdragon* Profiles BLB&G Partner John Rizio-Hamilton in “Lawyer Limelight” Feature

Publications

- January 27, 2023 - “2022 Developments for Auditor Regulation Under the U.S. Securities Laws” by John Rizio-Hamilton, Jesse L. Jensen, and Jasmine Cooper-Little Published in *The Review of Securities & Commodities Regulation*
- April 7, 2022 - "SEC Investigation Of Accounting Firms Is A Good First Step" by Jesse Jensen and John Rizio-Hamilton Published in *Law360*
- 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*
- 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
- January 2009 - "Investors, Reeling From Financial Collapse, Look to Obama Administration With a Hopeful Eye" by John Rizio-Hamilton

Awards

- April 8, 2024 - Seven BLB&G Partners Named to 2024 *Lawdragon* “500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers” List
- January 17, 2024 - Nine BLB&G Partners Named in *Lawdragon*’s 2024 Edition of the “500 Leading Lawyers in America”
- November 1, 2023 - BLB&G Partner John Rizio-Hamilton Appointed to Board of Federal Bar Foundation
- 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”
- October 3, 2022 - *Benchmark Litigation* Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation in 2023 Guide

- 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
- February 18, 2022 - *Lawdragon* Names Nine BLB&G Partners to 2022 Edition of "500 Leading Lawyers in America"
- October 5, 2021 - *Benchmark Litigation* Again Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation in 2022 Guide
- August 18, 2021 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to The 2021 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- October 5, 2020 - *Law360* Names John Rizio-Hamilton a 2020 "Legal MVP" for Securities
- 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
- May 2020 - *The National Law Journal* Names John Rizio-Hamilton and Katie Sinderson 2020 Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers
- 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
- October 2018 - 20 BLB&G Attorneys Named by *Super Lawyers* to its 2018 New York Metro Edition

Events

- November 3, 2023 - BLB&G Partner John Rizio-Hamilton to Serve as Panelist at Federal Bar Council Fall Retreat
- February 15, 2023 - BLB&G Partner John Rizio-Hamilton to Speak at Federal Bar Council Event
- December 9, 2022 - BLB&G Partners John Rizio-Hamilton and Jesse Jensen to Speak at NYSBA's Securities Litigation Annual Review
- October 12, 2022 - BLB&G Partner John Rizio-Hamilton To Speak on the Keynote Panel at Responsible Investor - RI Canada 2022
- September 29, 2022 - BLB&G Partners John Rizio-Hamilton and Jesse Jensen to Present PLI Webinar, *Auditor Litigation Considerations*
- September 27, 2022 - BLB&G's John Rizio-Hamilton and Nicole Santoro To Speak at the Federal Bar Council Panel, "Life of a Federal Law Clerk"

- September 23, 2022 - BLB&G Partners Rebecca Boon and John Rizio-Hamilton Will Co-Present The ABA Webinar ESG Considerations In Securities Litigation
- September 9, 2022 - BLB&G's Hannah Ross, John Rizio-Hamilton, Rebecca Boon, and Hans EK To Speak at "ESG Disclosure through the Lens of Litigation," hosted by The Global Risk Institute and McMillan LLP
- May 18, 2022 - BLB&G Partners John Rizio-Hamilton and Jesse Jensen Present Webinar on *Auditor Regulation and Liability Under U.S. Securities Laws*
- December 2, 2021 - BLB&G Partner John Rizio-Hamilton Will Serve as Coordinator at Federal Bar Council Webinar, *Current Issues in Retail Securities Markets*
- September 22, 2021 - John Rizio-Hamilton Speaks at Federal Bar Council Webinar "Life of a Federal Law Clerk"
- April 22, 2021 - BLB&G Partner John Rizio-Hamilton Speaks at the Federal Bar Association's Webinar "Recent Trends in Securities Litigation: What You Need to Know for 2021 and Beyond"
- May 12, 2020 - Partner John Rizio-Hamilton Speaks at the Professional Liability Underwriting Society's May 13 Webinar on "Virtually Resolving Complex D&O Disputes"
- March 11, 2020 - John Rizio-Hamilton Speaks at Preventing Fraud in Settlement Funds Conference
- September 10, 2014 - John Rizio-Hamilton Participates in Securities Docket Webcast on Supreme Court Janus Decision