## BLB&G Expands European Presence with Legal and Finance Expert Julien Visconti

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BLB&G has expanded its European presence with the addition of Senior Advisor of European Investor Relations Julien Visconti. An experienced attorney and former equity derivatives trader, Julien is an esteemed expert on securities litigation, stock market fraud, and white-collar crime.

Based in France, Julien advises the firm's European institutional investor clients on opportunities to recoup investment losses and establish corporate governance improvements through securities fraud and corporate governance litigation. His extensive litigation experience and deep understanding of financial markets enable him to advise clients on shareholder activism, including cases referred to the French Securities Commission ("*Autorité des marchés financiers*").

"We are thrilled to welcome Julien to the firm as we continue strengthening our European presence," says Anatoli van der Krans, Managing Director of European Client Relations. "With Julien joining our team, we will further enhance our ability to support European institutional investors seeking accountability and justice. His insights and experience will be invaluable as we continue striving to be the trusted advisor for our clients in France and beyond."

Julien has represented investors in several high-profile shareholder activism cases, generating billions in shareholder value. Notably, he served as lead counsel for French activist fund CIAM in its challenge to Vivendi's  $\in$ 10 billion demerger project and represented Esso shareholders in a derivative action involving ExxonMobil Corp. He also played a pivotal role in Euro Disney's derivative action against The Walt Disney Company, leading to new case law in favor of minority shareholders in France. In addition, Julien's litigation efforts have driven key legislative reforms on management package guidelines and the length of appeals before the Autorité des marchés financiers (French "AMF") and ended double prosecutions for financial crimes through a successful appeal to France's Constitutional Court.



"Julien's expertise and strong relationships in France will allow us to better serve institutional investors and reinforce our position as a leader in securities litigation," says Jeroen van Kwawegen, Managing Partner. "His indepth understanding of the French legal system and dedication to investor advocacy align perfectly with our firm's mission to be the quality choice for institutional investors."

To learn more about Julien, visit his profile <u>here</u>.