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Rebecca Boon has been litigating securities fraud and shareholder rights actions for fifteen years, recovering billions of dollars for the firm's institutional investor clients. Rebecca has advanced equality in the workplace by co-founding the Beyond #MeToo working group and leading landmark recoveries that have resulted in important social change among industries.

Highlights of Rebecca's trial experience include the following:

- 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. In this case both the class certification decision and the Judge's decision that the Company's statements about gender equality and sexual harassment could be actionable in a securities class action are landmark decisions that exceed even the significant financial recovery achieved for shareholders.
- Senior member of the trial team that prosecuted an unprecedented shareholder derivative litigation against Fox News parent 21st Century Fox, Inc. arising from the systemic sexual and workplace harassment at the embattled network. After nearly 18 months of litigation, the team obtained a landmark settlement in 2018 with two key components: 1) the first ever Board-level watchdog of its kind—the "Fox News Workplace Professionalism and Inclusion Council" of experts—majority independent of the Murdochs, the Company, and Board; and 2) one of the largest financial recoveries—\$90 million—ever obtained in a pure corporate board oversight dispute. Because of her work on the case, Rebecca subsequently narrated a feature documentary by Dow Jones' *MarketWatch* discussing both the *Fox* litigation and the ways that investors can harness their power to create meaningful social change through shareholder litigation.
- 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.
- Represented the New York State Teachers' Retirement System in a securities litigation against the General Motors Company arising from a series of misrepresentations concerning the quality, safety, and reliability of the Company's cars, which resulted in a \$300 million settlement—the second largest securities class action recovery in the Sixth Circuit.
- 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. Beyond the significant financial recovery, this case was particularly significant because BLB&G obtained decisions from both the

Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and the District Court that created highly favorable law for pleading claims under Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act.

In addition to her litigation responsibilities, Rebecca is a founding member and the chairperson of [Beyond #MeToo: A Working Group on Corporate Governance, Compliance, and Risk](#). Comprised of diversity-inclusion experts, litigators, and academics, B#MT is dedicated to understanding the root causes of workplace harassment, discrimination, and misconduct and making corporate America a better and more inclusive place for all of us to work.

Rebecca co-leads BLB&G's Women's Committee, is active in BLB&G's Women's Forum, and is a member of the firm's Diversity Committee. Rebecca regularly lectures at law schools, universities and conferences in the U.S. and abroad on the topics of ESG, social change, sexual harassment, and shareholder litigation.

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 *Lawdragon's* lists of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America" and the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers." 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."

Rebecca is also a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation (ABF), a global honorary society of attorneys, judges, law faculty, and legal scholars whose public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the highest principles of the legal profession. This exclusive invitation-only membership is limited to 1% of licensed attorneys.

Rebecca sits on the board of The Feminist Institute, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to collecting, digitizing and sharing feminist history. She is also a member of the Federal Bar Council's Program Committee.

Before joining BLB&G, Rebecca was a litigation associate at the law firm of Shearman & Sterling LLP, where she successfully prosecuted and defended securities class actions and other complex commercial litigation claims.

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

- August 23, 2022 - "Five Years After #MeToo Goes Mainstream" by Rebecca Boon and Brittney Balsler Published by *The Review of Securities & Commodities Regulation*
- July 14, 2022 - "Impacts of #MeToo on Litigation & DEI" by Rebecca Boon and Caitlin Bozman 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

- 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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- July 21, 2021 - *Benchmark Litigation* Names Six BLB&G Partners to Its "40 & Under Hot List"
- June 9, 2021 - *The Legal 500* Again Ranks BLB&G a National Tier 1 Firm for Securities Litigation and M&A Litigation
- 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*
- 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
- August 2020 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to The 2020 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- July 30, 2020 - Three BLB&G Partners Named to *Benchmark Litigation's* 2020 "40 Under 40 Hot List" - Rebecca Boon, Katie Sinderson & Edward Timlin
- July 10, 2020 - *Law360* Profiles Rebecca Boon as a Part of Series Honoring 2020 Rising Star Award Winners.
- July 5, 2020 - *Law360* Names BLB&G Partners Rebecca Boon and Edward Timlin to 2020 "Rising Stars" List
- June 2020 - *Legal 500* Again Ranks BLB&G a National Tier 1 Firm for Securities Litigation and M&A Litigation

Events

- 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, Rebecca Boon, and Lauren Ormsbee 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 Balsler 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 Balsler 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
- 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 20, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Serves as Panelist at PLI Program, *ESG 2022: What It Means for Boards, Management, and Counsel*
- May 3, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Will Serve as Panelist at NCPERS Annual Conference
- April 19, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Moderates Beyond #MeToo Working Group Event, "The Enduring Effects of #MeToo"

- March 30, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Rebecca Boon Serves as Keynote Speaker at Hofstra Law School's Admitted Students Day