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# Using Shareholder Litigation to Recover Losses and Improve Governance

### **Seminar for Institutional Investors**

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Join us at the historic **7A Strandvägen** to learn more about shareholder litigation and asset protection.

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### **Agenda**

In this one-day seminar, BLB&G will provide an overview of shareholder litigation and its value as a tool for investors and their fiduciaries to recover losses due to fraud or other misconduct, and to improve corporate governance at companies they invest in. The seminar will assist institutional investors in implementing systems to effectively monitor their securities portfolios for losses due to fraud, and to select the preferred option to recover losses and protect their investments.

08:30 - 09:00	Coffee, Breakfast and Registration
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome & Introduction

### 9:15 - 10:30

### **Shareholder Litigation: The Basics and Recent Developments**

This session will explain the basics and recent developments in shareholder litigation, including class actions, derivative actions, and fiduciary duty litigation. We will discuss loss calculation methodologies and several stages of a class action including appointment as lead plaintiff, discovery and settlement negotiations.

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

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### **Panel Discussion: Case Evaluation**

This session will discuss best practices for deciding whether to pursue shareholder litigation. Topics will include criteria used to assess a case, determining relevant business and operational aspects, and techniques for institutional investors to monitor the development of a case.

### 11:30 - 12:00

### **Mediation and Settlement**

This session will discuss the process of settling shareholder actions, including the mechanics and dynamics of mediation, client involvement, and important settlement terms.

### 12:00 - 13:00



Fredrik Reinfeldt Former Prime Minister of Sweden

### Keynote Speaker: Fredrik Reinfeldt

Fredrik Reinfeldt served as Prime Minister of Sweden from 2006 - 2014. He reinvented the Moderate Party (center-right) and formed a four-party alliance that won two successive elections and helped Sweden overcome a significant financial crisis and recession. Mr. Reinfeldt personalized the Swedish "open door" migration policy during his tenure and acted as a rotating President of the European Council in 2009. After leaving politics in 2015, Mr. Reinfeldt was elected chair of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative – an international coalition of stakeholders working together to promote open and accountable management of natural resources. He will discuss the current geopolitical landscape and provide insight on recent developments relating to the challenges of the European Union, Brexit, and refugee migration, among other topics.

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13:00 - 13:45 Lunch

13:45 - 14:30

### **Opt-Out Litigation**

In this session on opt-out litigation, we will discuss the circumstances in which, and the reasons why, institutional investors may choose to opt out of securities class actions and file individual actions to pursue their own claims. We will discuss the timing for making such decisions and the benefits and considerations of direct opt-out litigation compared to class actions.

14:30 - 15:15

### **Third Party Litigation Funding**

As virtually all European and Asian securities litigation cases are financed by a third party, speakers will discuss the current landscape of litigation funding in Europe. What are the trends? What are the most relevant aspects investors should pay attention to when negotiating with a litigation funder? What are the best strategies to monitor both the litigation funder and the local lawyer? What conflicts of interests could arise and what are the best ways to deal with them?

15:15 - 15:45 High Tea

15:45 - 16:15

### **Corporate Governance Litigation**

Fiduciary Duties, Appraisals and the Shareholder Franchise: In this session, we will discuss how investors can hold boards accountable for compliance with fiduciary duties and maximize shareholder value by improving the corporate governance of their portfolio companies. We will discuss these topics through recent case studies.

16:15 - 17:00

### Volkswagen

This session will discuss the current landscape of shareholder, regulatory and consumer litigation involving the Volkswagen dieselgate. One of most high-profile corporate frauds of the last five years, this session will give an overview of the US class action, the German KapMuG-procedure, the German special audit committee and the Dutch Foundation including the most likely scenarios for the coming years.

17:00 - 18:30 Cocktail reception, followed by dinner

### About BLB&G

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP is one of the world's leading law firms representing institutional investors in securities litigation, corporate governance and shareholder rights issues. We have obtained many of the largest securities recoveries in history — and over \$31 billion on behalf of investors since our founding in 1983. Working with our institutional clients, our cases have resulted in sweeping corporate governance reforms, changing deficient business practices and serving as models for public companies.

We have repeatedly and consistently earned high praise from the courts before which we practice, as well as the respect of the defence firms and insurance carriers whom we face in court and across the negotiating table. Our firm is widely recognized as 'the biggest star in the firmament' (Financial Times) and 'one of the best, bar none' (Euromoney), and is well regarded for 'consistently achieving the highest returns for investors' (The National Law Journal) among law firms prosecuting complex securities fraud. Chambers USA noted that, according to clients, BLB&G 'gives the best advice in the field' and has awarded the firm with the top ranking in plaintiff securities litigation every year since the category's inception. Legal 500 US has commended our firm's 'excellent reputation for robust representation in the field.' In addition, BLB&G is the only plaintiff-side firm to be named Tier 1 nationally for securities litigation and 'highly recommended' in the Benchmark Litigation guide.

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