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Jonathan Youngwood is Global Co-Chair of the Firm's Litigation Department and leads the Civil Securities Litigation Practice. He has more than 25 years of experience representing corporations, boards of directors, and other clients in a wide range of high-profile complex commercial litigations, arbitrations, investigations, and regulatory matters. In addition to securities matters, Jon's practice focuses on disputes and other matters concerning corporate control, ERISA, and antitrust. He is widely recognized as a leader in his field by *Chambers USA* (Band 1), *The Legal 500* ("Hall of Fame" and "Leading Lawyer") and *Euromoney's Benchmark Litigation* (National Securities Star). Jon has been described as one of "the best pure

### PRACTICE FOCUS

Securities Litigation Government and Internal Investigations  
Mergers and Acquisitions Litigation  
Complex Commercial Litigation ERISA Litigation  
International Regulatory and Compliance  
Funds Regulatory and Investigations Litigation  
Private Equity Lifecycle Antitrust and Trade Regulation  
Corporate Governance  
Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and Sustainability  
Crisis Management Appellate Equity and Civil Rights Reviews

### INDUSTRIES

Financial Services

civil securities class action litigators”; a “very effective lawyer with a keen business sense and deep knowledge of the law”; “always prepared and fearless” and “everything that a client would want in a difficult case” in *Chambers’* guides.

In 2023, in addition to being ranked by *Legal 500* in the “Hall of Fame” for Financial Services Litigation and Securities Litigation: Defense, Jon was also ranked as a “Leading Trial Lawyer” and a “Leading Lawyer” in M&A Litigation: Defense and General Commercial Disputes. Jon was recognized as a 2023 “General Litigation Trailblazer” by *The National Law Journal*, a series that recognizes lawyers who have moved the needle in the legal profession. In 2021, Jon was awarded the Federal Bar Council’s “Thurgood Marshall Award for Exceptional Pro Bono Service” for his work on high-impact pro bono litigation matters, and in 2020, he was named a *Law360* Class Actions “MVP,” and was featured by the *New York Law Journal* as a “New York Trailblazer” in recognition of his and the Firm’s pro bono work. He was also the recipient of the 2017 “Securities Lawyer of the Year” award by *Benchmark Litigation*, an award that recognizes the country’s leading litigators, and was also honored as a “Distinguished Leader” in 2017 by the *New York Law Journal*. Jon is the Co-Chair of one of PLI’s annual programs on securities litigation and an Editor of the Firm’s Securities Law Alert.

