

TRAILBLAZERS

LITIGATION

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PIONEER SPIRIT Michael Bowe became a lawyer because he failed the NYC Fire Department eye test. He started at a large firm that mostly did corporate work, but “it looked like the litigators were having more fun. Litigation is a better personality fit for me.”

TRAILS BLAZED Bowe has litigated against large hedge funds for insider trading, including a 2006 RICO lawsuit against Steven Cohen of SAC Capital Advisors. “When hedge funds exploded, there wasn’t much regulation, and the industry didn’t fit any models. It was the cases we brought in 2004-2006 that broke all that open and led directly to the big insider trading investigations.” He has also filed a lawsuit for Resolute Forest Products against Greenpeace and others alleging federal and state RICO and Georgia common law claims. “It’s a strike back against radical environmental groups.” Pro bono, Bowe is representing the family of murdered Marine Lance Corporal Gregory Buckley Jr. and Marine Major Jason Brezler, who blew the whistle on sexual abuse of children by some Afghan leaders. “I’m protecting the rights of a Gold Star family, and in the case of LCpl. Buckley, he was being disciplined for discussing the Brezler case with his congressman. There’s a statute no one has ever litigated that the military cannot retaliate for speaking to a congressman.”

FUTURE EXPLORATIONS As the legal environment continues to become more competitive, clients will seek disrupters. “They will have unique, result-oriented approaches over rote ‘specialists’ who litigate as a lockstep herd.”