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2023 Review and Analysis

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Analyses in this report are based on nearly 2,200 securities class actions filed after passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (Reform Act) and settled from 1996 through year-end 2023. See page 17 for a detailed description of the research sample. For purposes of this report and related research, a settlement refers to a negotiated agreement between the parties to a securities class action that is publicly announced to potential class members by means of a settlement notice.

2023 Highlights

In 2023, while the number of settled securities class actions declined 21% relative to the 15-year high in 2022, the median settlement amount, median “simplified tiered damages,” and median total assets of issuer defendants all remained at historically elevated levels.¹

- There were 83 securities class action settlements in 2023 with a total settlement value of approximately \$3.9 billion, compared to 105 settlements in 2022 with a total settlement value of approximately \$4.0 billion. (page 3)
- The median settlement amount of \$15 million is the highest level since 2010 and represents an increase of 11% from 2022, while the average settlement amount (\$47.3 million) increased by 25% over 2022. (page 4)
- There were nine mega settlements (equal to or greater than \$100 million), with a total settlement value of \$2.5 billion. (page 3)
- In 2023, 34% of cases settled for more than \$25 million, the highest percentage since 2012. (page 4)
- Median “simplified tiered damages” declined 16% from the record high in 2022, but remained at elevated levels compared to the prior nine years.² (page 5)
- Issuer defendant firms involved in cases that settled in 2023 were 19% larger than defendant firms in 2022 settlements as measured by median total assets, which reached its highest level since 1996. (page 5)
- The median duration from the case filing to the settlement hearing date of 3.7 years in 2023 was unusually high. Since the Reform Act’s passage, the time to settle reached this level in only one other year (2006). (page 14)

Figure 1: Settlement Statistics

(Dollars in millions)

	2018–2022	2022	2023
Number of Settlements	420	105	83
Total Amount	\$19,545.7	\$3,974.7	\$3,927.3
Minimum	\$0.4	\$0.7	\$0.8
Median	\$11.7	\$13.5	\$15.0
Average	\$46.5	\$37.9	\$47.3
Maximum	\$3,640.9	\$842.9	\$1,000.0

Note: Settlement dollars are adjusted for inflation; 2023 dollar equivalent figures are presented.

Author Commentary

Insights and Findings

Continuing an increase observed in 2022, the size of settled cases in 2023 (measured by the median settlement amount) reached the highest level in over a decade. This occurred despite a decline in median “simplified tiered damages,” a measure of potential shareholder losses that our research finds to be the single most important factor in explaining individual settlement amounts.

The size of the issuer defendant firms involved in cases settled in 2023 (measured by median total assets) also increased. Indeed, median total assets for defendants in 2023 settlements reached an all-time high among post-Reform Act settlements and was 19% higher than in 2022. Issuer defendant assets serve, in part, as a proxy for resources available to fund a settlement and are highly correlated with settlement amounts. Thus, the increase in defendant assets likely contributed to the growth in settlement amounts in 2023.

One factor causing the increase in asset size of defendant firms in cases settled in 2023 may be that, overall, these firms were more mature than in prior years. Specifically, the median age as a publicly traded firm was 16 years, compared to the median age of 11 years for cases settled from 2014 to 2022. In addition, the percentage of cases settled in 2023 that involved firms in the financial sector (over 15%) was higher than the prior nine-year average. Firms in the financial sector involved in securities class action settlements have consistently reported higher total assets than other issuer firm defendants.

In 2023, cases took longer to settle. They also reached more advanced stages prior to resolution, including a smaller proportion of cases settled before a ruling on class certification compared to prior years. Since longer periods to reach settlement are also correlated with higher settlement amounts, this increase is consistent with the higher overall median settlement value.

Securities class actions settled in 2023 continued to take longer to resolve—disruptions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic may have contributed to this increase.

Dr. Laarni T. Bulan
Principal, Cornerstone Research

Longer times to reach a settlement and more advanced litigation stages are also typically correlated with greater case activity, as measured by the number of entries on the court dockets. Surprisingly, the median number of docket entries increased only slightly compared to 2022. This, and the fact that over 80% of cases settled in 2023 had been filed by the end of 2020, suggests that the lengthened time to settlement can potentially be explained by delays related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The size of issuer defendants in 2023 settlements surpassed even the previous record in 2022, in part due to an increase in the number of financial sector defendants to the highest level in the last decade.

Dr. Laura E. Simmons
Senior Advisor, Cornerstone Research

Looking Ahead

While we do not necessarily expect new record highs in settlement dollars in the upcoming years, it is possible that settlement amounts will remain at relatively high levels, based on recent trends in securities class action filings, including elevated levels of Disclosure Dollar Loss and Maximum Dollar Loss. (See Cornerstone Research’s *Securities Class Action Filings—2023 Year in Review*.)

Further, the most recent emergence of case filings related to the 2023 bank failures, combined with a relatively high proportion in the last few years of settled cases involving financial firms, may result in a continued rise in the asset size of issuer defendants involved in settlements. This may also contribute to high settlement amounts.

Additionally, considering the levels of filing activity in recent years, we do not anticipate dramatic increases in the number of cases settled in the upcoming years.

—Laarni T. Bulan and Laura E. Simmons

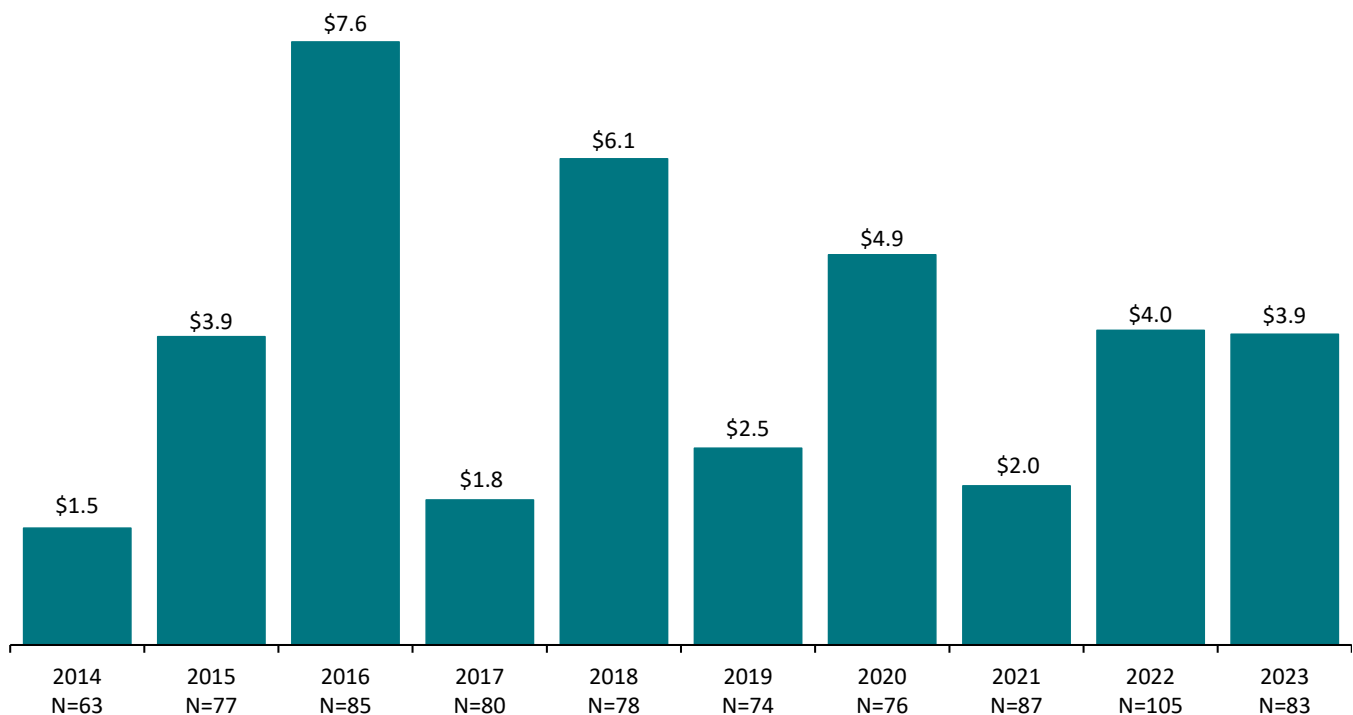
Total Settlement Dollars

- While the number of settlements in 2023 declined by more than 20% from 2022, 2023 total settlement dollars were roughly the same as in 2022.
- The nine mega settlements in 2023—the highest number since 2016—ranged from \$102.5 million to \$1 billion. (See Appendix 4 for an analysis of mega settlements.)
- Cases involving institutional investors as lead plaintiffs represented 86% of total settlement dollars in 2023, in line with the percentage in 2022.

Mega settlements accounted for nearly two-thirds of 2023 total settlement dollars, up from 52% in 2022.

**Figure 2: Total Settlement Dollars
2014–2023**

(Dollars in billions)



Note: Settlement dollars are adjusted for inflation; 2023 dollar equivalent figures are presented. “N” refers to the number of cases.

Settlement Size

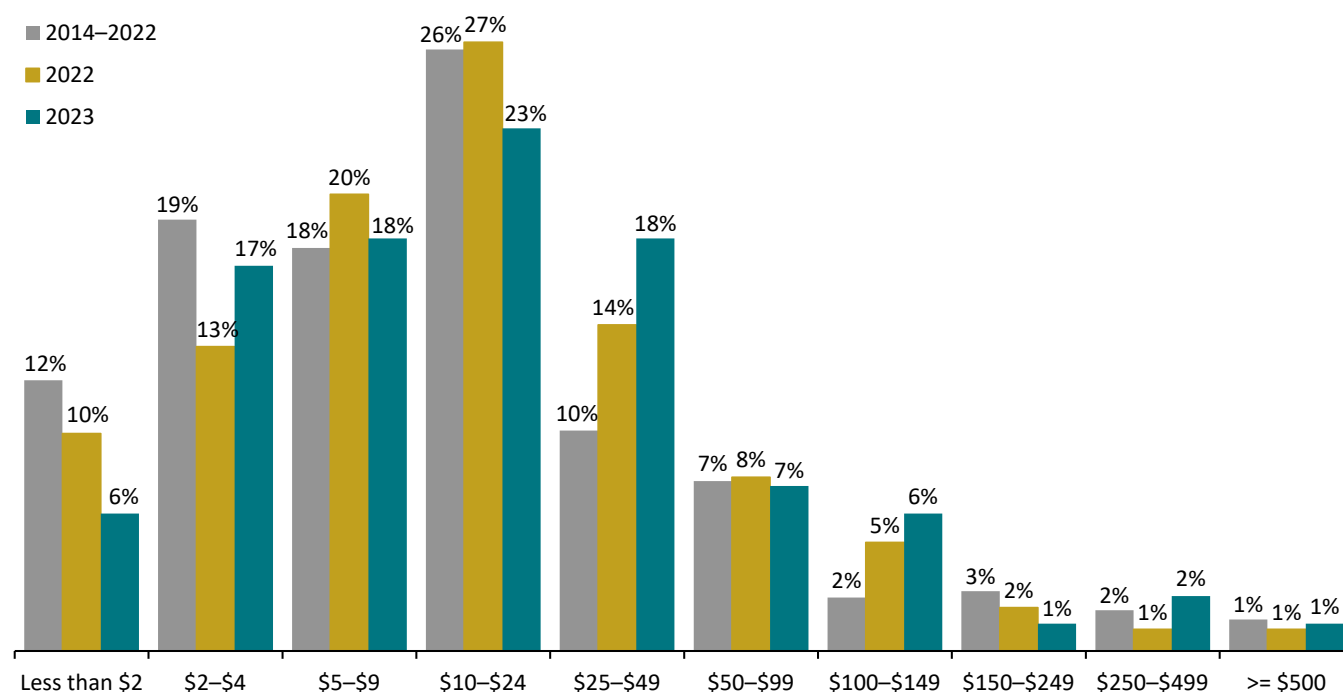
- The median settlement amount in 2023 was \$15 million, an 11% increase from 2022 and 44% higher than the 2014–2022 median (\$10.4 million). Median values provide the midpoint in a series of observations and are less affected than averages by outlier data.
- The average settlement amount in 2023 was \$47.3 million, a 25% increase from 2022. (See Appendix 1 for an analysis of settlements by percentiles.)
- In 2023, 6% of cases settled for less than \$2 million, the lowest percentage since 2013.

The median settlement amount in 2023 reached the highest level since 2010.

- The percentage of settlement amounts greater than \$25 million (34%) was the highest since 2012, driven in part by the continued increase in settlement amounts in the \$25 million to \$50 million range.
- Issuers that have been delisted from a major exchange and/or declared bankruptcy prior to settlement are generally associated with lower settlement amounts. The number of such issuers declined from 10% in 2022 to a new all-time low of 7% in 2023, contributing to the higher overall median settlement amount in 2023.³

Figure 3: Distribution of Settlements
2014–2023

(Dollars in millions)



Note: Settlement dollars are adjusted for inflation; 2023 dollar equivalent figures are presented. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Type of Claim

Rule 10b-5 Claims and “Simplified Tiered Damages”

“Simplified tiered damages” uses simplifying assumptions to estimate per-share damages and trading behavior for cases involving Rule 10b-5 claims. It provides a measure of potential shareholder losses that allows for consistency across a large volume of cases, thus enabling the identification and analysis of potential trends.⁴

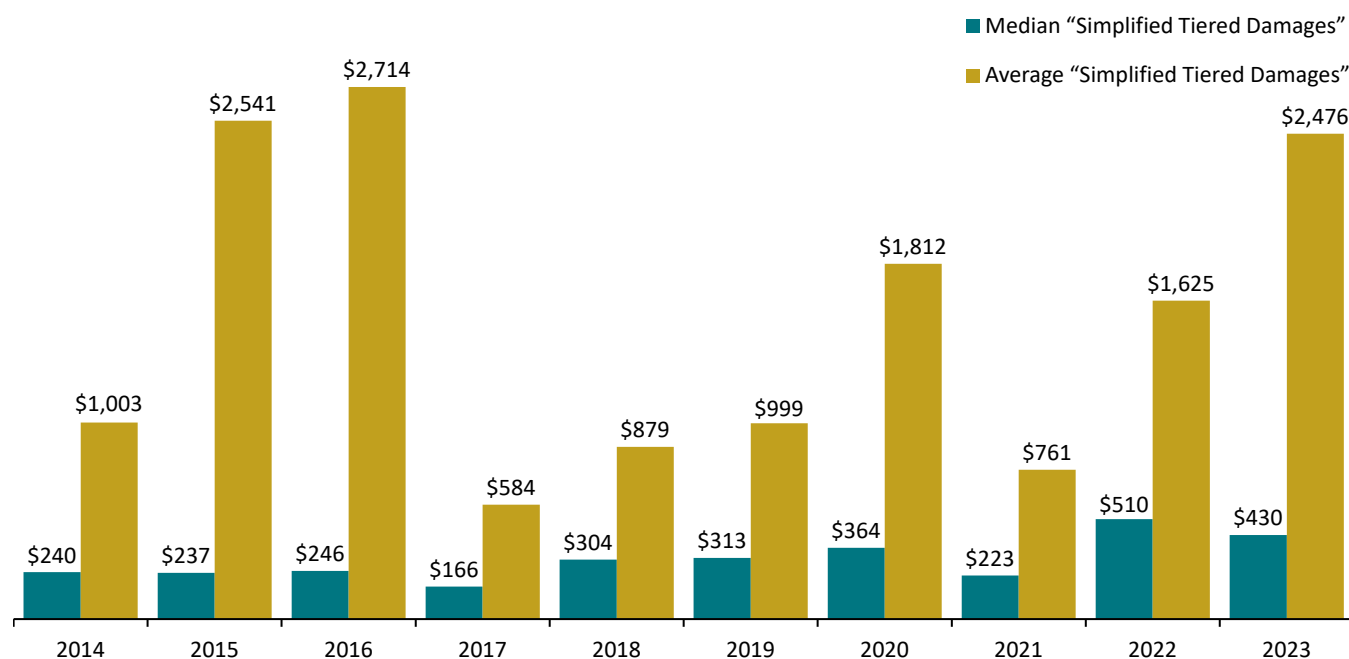
Cornerstone Research’s analysis finds this measure to be the most important factor in estimating settlement amounts.⁵ However, this measure is not intended to represent actual economic losses borne by shareholders. Determining any such losses for a given case requires more in-depth economic analysis.

Median “simplified tiered damages” remained at elevated levels in 2023.

- In 2023, the average “simplified tiered damages” was nearly six times as large as the median, the largest difference since 2016. This difference was primarily driven by seven cases with “simplified tiered damages” exceeding \$5 billion.
- Higher “simplified tiered damages” are typically associated with larger issuer defendants. Consistent with the elevated levels of “simplified tiered damages,” the median total assets of issuer defendants among settled cases in 2023 was \$3.1 billion—154% higher than the prior nine-year median and higher than any other post-Reform Act year.
- Higher “simplified tiered damages” are also generally associated with larger Maximum Dollar Loss (MDL).⁶ In 2023, the median MDL fell only slightly from the historical high in 2022. (See Appendix 7 for additional information on median and average MDL.)

Figure 4: Median and Average “Simplified Tiered Damages” in Rule 10b-5 Cases 2014–2023

(Dollars in millions)

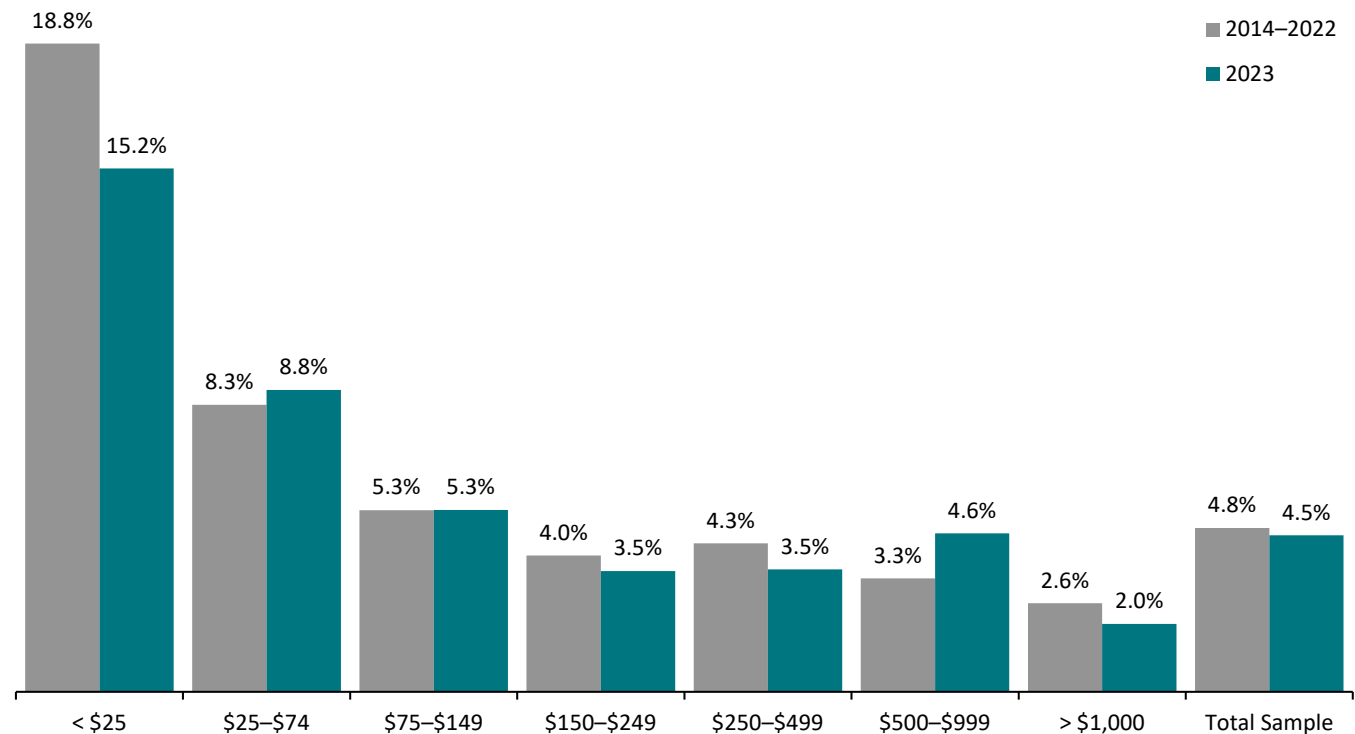


Note: “Simplified tiered damages” are adjusted for inflation based on class period end dates and are estimated for common stock only; 2023 dollar equivalent figures are presented. Damages are estimated for cases alleging a claim under Rule 10b-5 (whether alone or in addition to other claims).

- Larger cases, as measured by “simplified tiered damages,” typically settle for a smaller percentage of damages.
- In 2023, the overall median settlement as a percentage of “simplified tiered damages” of 4.5% increased 27% from 2022, but was in-line with the prior nine-year average percentage. *(See Appendix 5 for additional information on median and average settlement as a percentage of “simplified tiered damages.”)*
- The median settlement as a percentage of “simplified tiered damages” of 4.6% for cases with “simplified tiered damages” from \$500 million to \$1 billion reached a five-year high in 2023.

Figure 5: Median Settlement as a Percentage of “Simplified Tiered Damages” by Damages Ranges in Rule 10b-5 Cases 2014–2023

(Dollars in millions)



Note: Damages are estimated for cases alleging a claim under Rule 10b-5 (whether alone or in addition to other claims).

Plaintiff-Estimated Damages

In their motions for settlement approval, plaintiffs typically report an estimate of aggregate damages (“plaintiff-estimated damages”).⁷

As explained in Cornerstone Research’s *Approved Claims Rates in Securities Class Actions* (2020), “plaintiff-estimated damages” are often represented as plaintiffs’ “best-case scenario” or the “maximum potential recovery” calculated by plaintiffs. However, the authors highlight a “selection bias” present in these data due to potential plaintiff counsel incentives to report “the lower end of the range of estimated total aggregate damages” to be able “to demonstrate to the court a high settlement amount relative to potential recovery.” To the extent such incentives exist, their impact may vary across cases. Detailed information on plaintiffs’ methodology to determine the reported amount is not disclosed. Hence, it is not possible to determine from the settlement documents the degree to which the methodologies employed are consistent across cases.

With the significant caveats above, “plaintiff-estimated damages” represent an additional measure of potential shareholder losses that may be used alongside “simplified tiered damages” in conjunction with settlement analyses.

'33 Act Claims and "Simplified Statutory Damages"

For Securities Act of 1933 ('33 Act) claim cases—those involving only Section 11 and/or Section 12(a)(2) claims—potential shareholder losses are estimated using a model in which the statutory loss is the difference between the statutory purchase price and the statutory sales price, referred to here as "simplified statutory damages."⁸

- There were 10 settlements for cases with only '33 Act claims in 2023, with the majority of those cases filed in federal court (7) as opposed to state court (3).⁹
- In 2023, the percentage of cases with an underwriter defendant was 70%, down from the prior nine-year average of 88%.

- The median length of time from case filing to settlement hearing date for '33 Act claim cases was greater than four years—the longest observed duration in any post-Reform Act year for this type of case.

In 2023, the median settlement amount for cases with only '33 Act claims was \$13.5 million, an 85% increase from 2022.

Figure 6: Settlements by Nature of Claims
2014–2023

(Dollars in millions)

	Number of Settlements	Median Settlement	Median "Simplified Statutory Damages"	Median Settlement as a Percentage of "Simplified Statutory Damages"
Section 11 and/or Section 12(a)(2) Only	84	\$9.9	\$158.1	7.5%

	Number of Settlements	Median Settlement	Median "Simplified Tiered Damages"	Median Settlement as a Percentage of "Simplified Tiered Damages"
Both Rule 10b-5 and Section 11 and/or Section 12(a)(2)	123	\$14.7	\$307.4	6.6%
Rule 10b-5 Only	596	\$10.3	\$291.7	4.5%

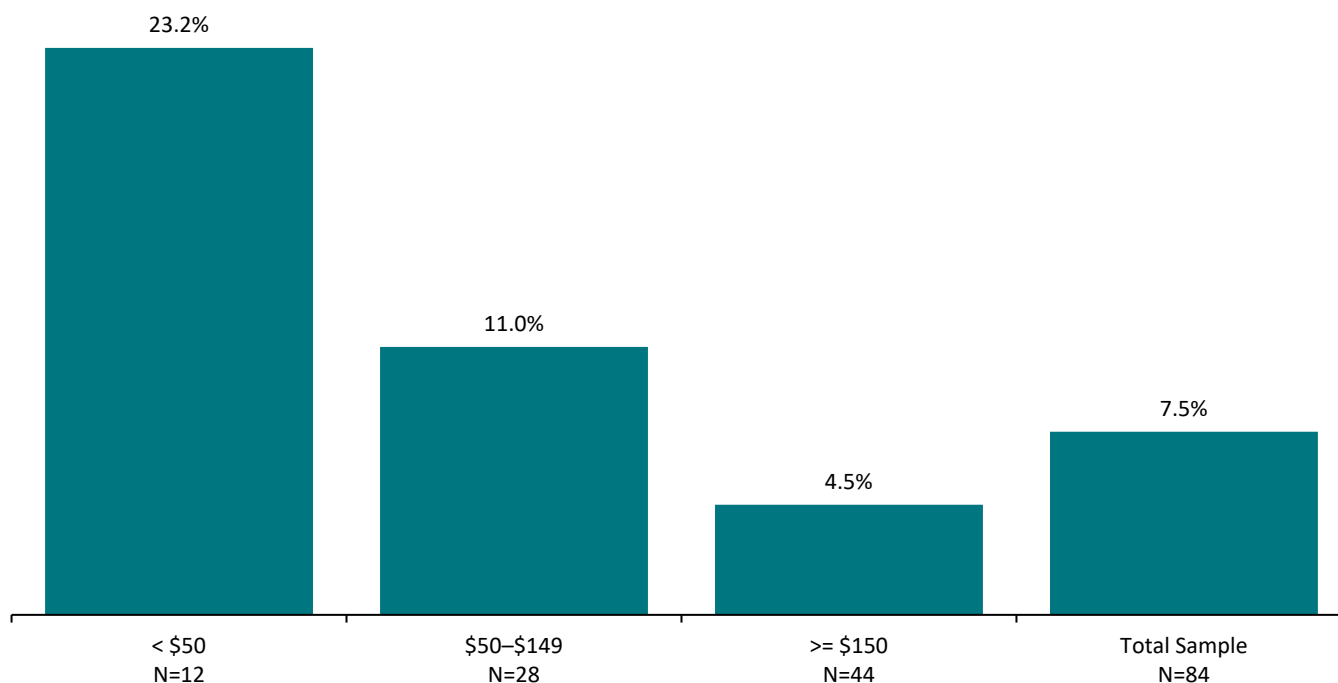
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- Over 2014–2023, the median size of issuer defendants (measured by total assets) was 40% smaller for cases with only '33 Act claims relative to those that also included Rule 10b-5 claims.
- The smaller size of issuer defendants in cases with only '33 Act claims is consistent with most of these cases involving initial public offerings (IPOs). From 2014 through 2023, 80% of all cases with only '33 Act claims have involved IPOs.
- In 2023, however, the median total assets for settled cases with only '33 Act claims (\$2.5 billion) was over four times as large as the median total assets for such cases in 2014–2022 (\$580 million).

The median “simplified statutory damages” in 2023 increased by 115% from the 2022 median and represents the third highest since 1996.

Figure 7: Median Settlement as a Percentage of “Simplified Statutory Damages” by Damages Ranges in '33 Act Claim Cases 2014–2023

(Dollars in millions)



Jurisdictions of Settlements of '33 Act Claim Cases

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
State Court	0	2	4	5	4	4	7	6	6	3
Federal Court	2	2	6	3	4	5	1	10	3	7

Note: “N” refers to the number of cases. This analysis excludes cases alleging Rule 10b-5 claims.

Analysis of Settlement Characteristics

GAAP Violations

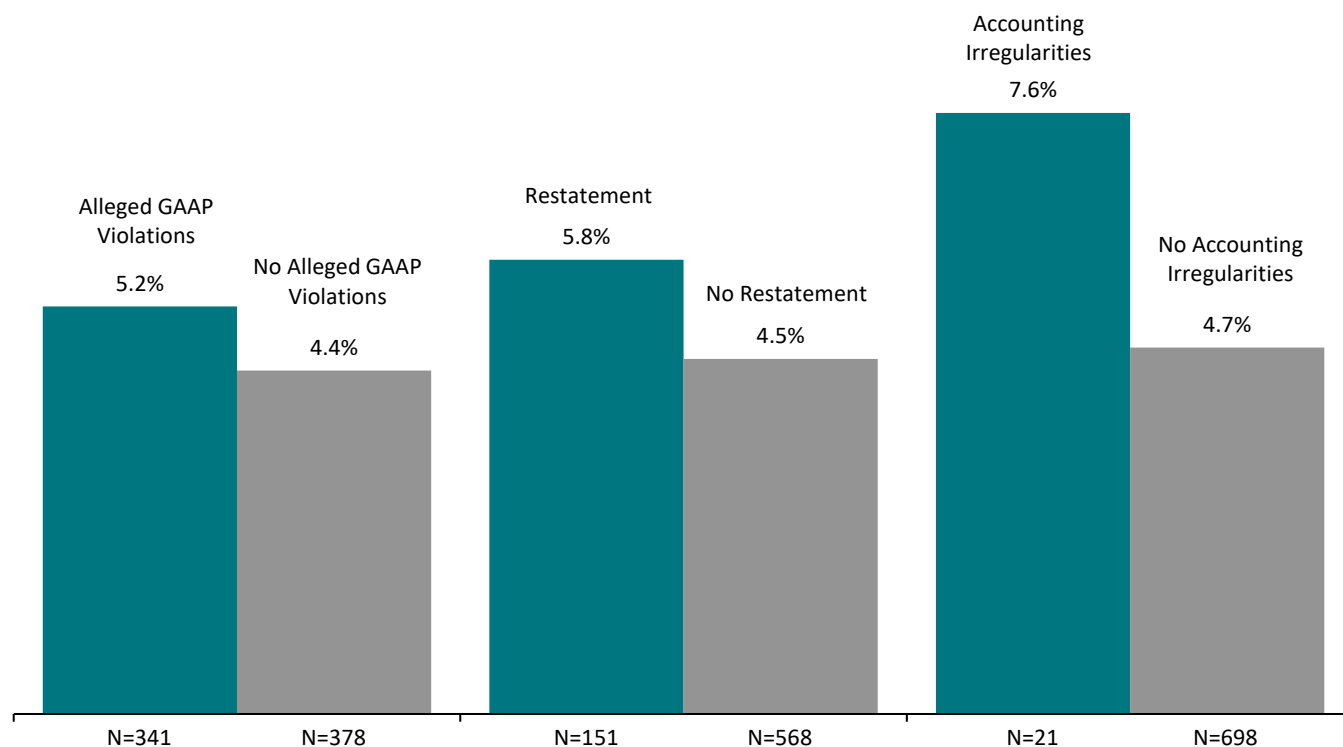
This analysis examines allegations of GAAP violations in settlements of securities class actions involving Rule 10b-5 claims, including two sub-categories of GAAP violations—financial statement restatements and accounting irregularities.¹⁰ For further details regarding settlements of accounting cases, see Cornerstone Research’s annual report on *Accounting Class Action Filings and Settlements*.¹¹

- The percentage of settled cases in 2023 alleging GAAP violations (37%) remained well below the prior nine-year average (49%).
- Contributing to the low number of GAAP cases settled in 2023 were continued low levels of cases involving financial statement restatements and accounting irregularities. In particular, 14% of settled cases in 2023 involved a restatement of financial statements, compared to 22% for the prior nine years. Only 1% of settled cases in 2023 involved accounting irregularities.

- Auditor codefendants were involved in only 2% of settled cases, consistent with the past few years but substantially lower than the average from 2014 to 2022.

In 2023, the median settlement as a percentage of “simplified tiered damages” for cases with alleged GAAP violations increased nearly 25% from 2022.

Figure 8: Median Settlement as a Percentage of “Simplified Tiered Damages” and Allegations of GAAP Violations 2014–2023



Note: “N” refers to the number of cases. This analysis is limited to cases alleging Rule 10b-5 claims (whether alone or in addition to other claims).

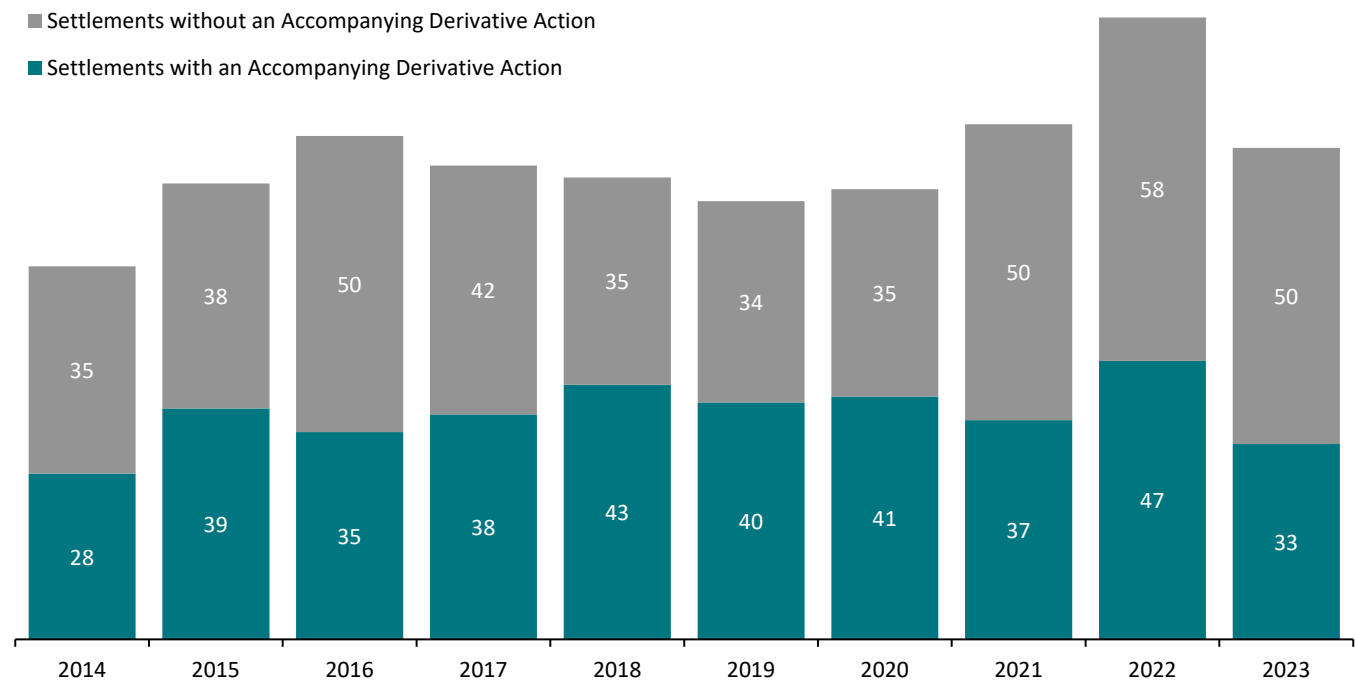
Derivative Actions

- Securities class actions often involve accompanying (or parallel) derivative actions with similar claims, and such cases have historically settled for higher amounts than securities class actions without accompanying derivative matters.¹²
- The percentage of cases involving accompanying derivative actions in 2023 (40%) was the lowest since 2011, in part driven by a reduction in the number of cases filed in Delaware (13) compared to the prior four-year average (17).
- For cases settled during 2019–2023, 40% of parallel derivative suits were filed in Delaware. California and New York were the next most common venues, representing 19% and 17% of such settlements, respectively.

In 2023, the median settlement amount for cases with an accompanying derivative action was \$21 million, over 40% higher than in 2022.

- It is commonly understood that most parallel derivative actions do not settle for monetary amounts (other than plaintiffs' attorney fees). However, the likelihood of a monetary settlement among parallel derivative actions is higher when the securities class action settlement is large, as shown in Cornerstone Research's [Parallel Derivative Action Settlement Outcomes](#).¹³

Figure 9: Frequency of Derivative Actions
2014–2023

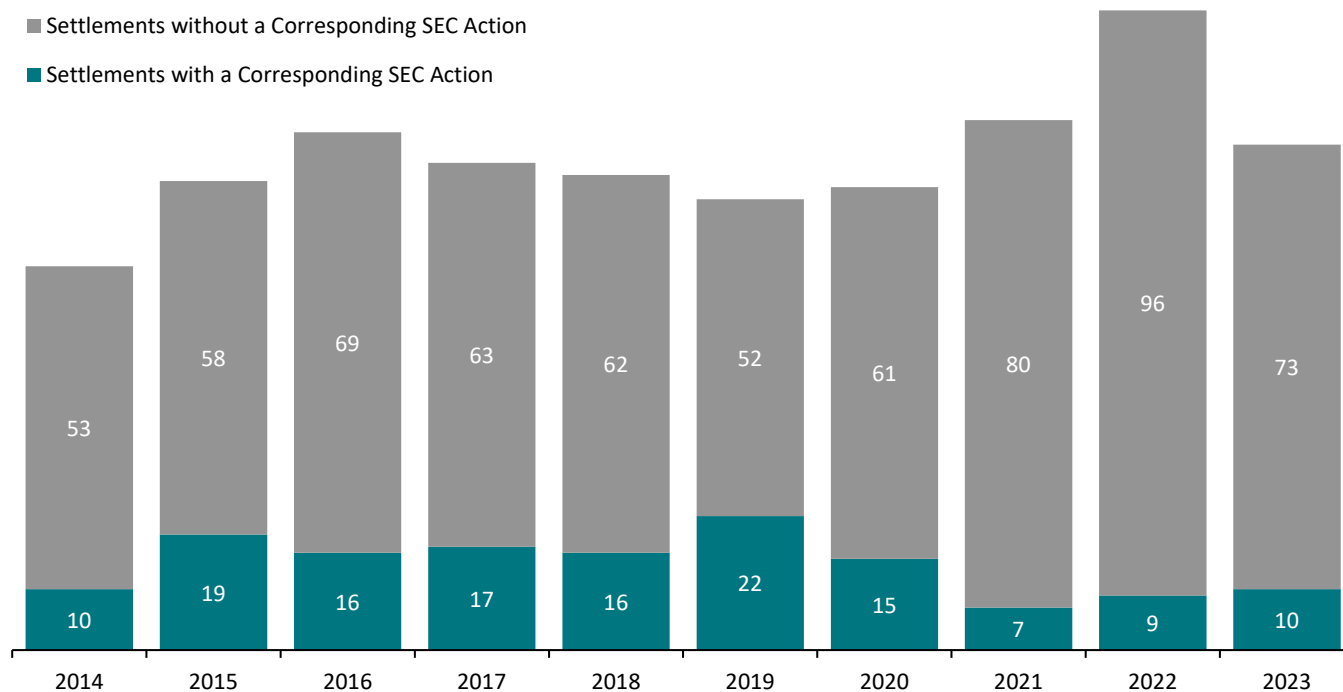


Corresponding SEC Actions

- The percentage of settled cases in 2023 involving a corresponding SEC action was 12%. This represents a slight rebound from 2021 and 2022, when this percentage was less than 10%, but is still well below the prior nine-year average of 19%.
- Historically, cases with a corresponding SEC action have typically been associated with substantially higher settlement amounts.¹⁴ However, this pattern did not hold in 2023 when, for the third time in the past 10 years, the median settlement amount for cases with a corresponding SEC action was less than that for cases without such an action.
- Among 2023 settled cases that involved a corresponding SEC action, 70% also had an institutional investor as a lead plaintiff, up from 33% in 2022.

Over the past 10 years, nearly 75% of settled cases involving SEC actions also involved a restatement of financial statements or alleged GAAP violations.

Figure 10: Frequency of SEC Actions
 2014–2023



Institutional Investors

As discussed in prior reports, increasing institutional investor participation as lead plaintiff in securities litigation was a focus of the Reform Act.¹⁵ Indeed, in years following passage of the Reform Act, institutional investor involvement as lead plaintiffs did increase, particularly in cases with higher “simplified tiered damages.”

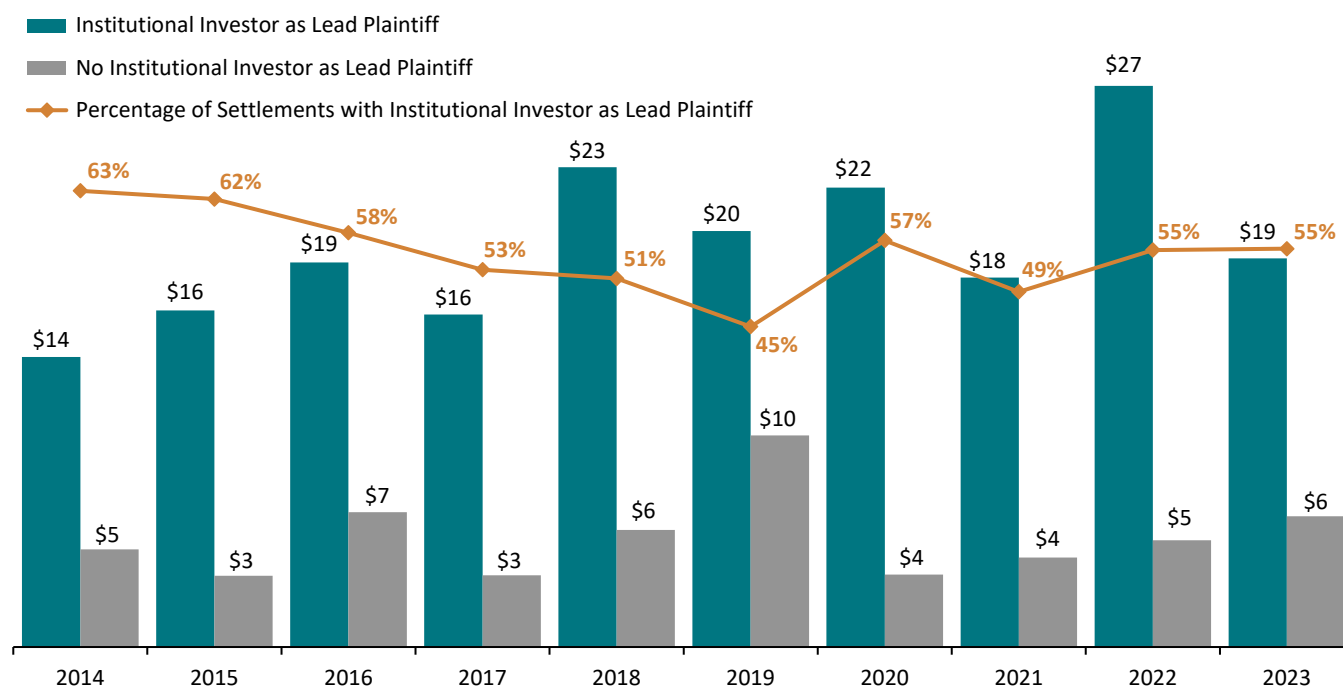
- In 2023, for cases involving an institutional investor as lead plaintiff, median “simplified tiered damages” and median total assets were two times and nine times higher, respectively, than the median values for cases without an institutional investor as a lead plaintiff.

- In 2023, a public pension plan served as lead plaintiff in nearly two-thirds of cases with an institutional lead plaintiff.
- Institutional investor participation as lead plaintiff continues to be associated with particular plaintiff counsel. For example, in 2023 an institutional investor served as a lead plaintiff in over 88% of settled cases in which Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP (“Robbins Geller”) and/or Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP (“Bernstein Litowitz”) served as lead or co-lead plaintiff counsel. In contrast, institutional investors served as lead plaintiff in 21% of cases in which The Rosen Law Firm, Pomerantz LLP, or Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP served as lead or co-lead plaintiff counsel.

All nine mega settlements in 2023 included an institutional investor as lead plaintiff.

Figure 11: Median Settlement Amounts and Institutional Investors 2014–2023

(Dollars in millions)



Note: Settlement dollars are adjusted for inflation; 2023 dollar equivalent figures are presented.

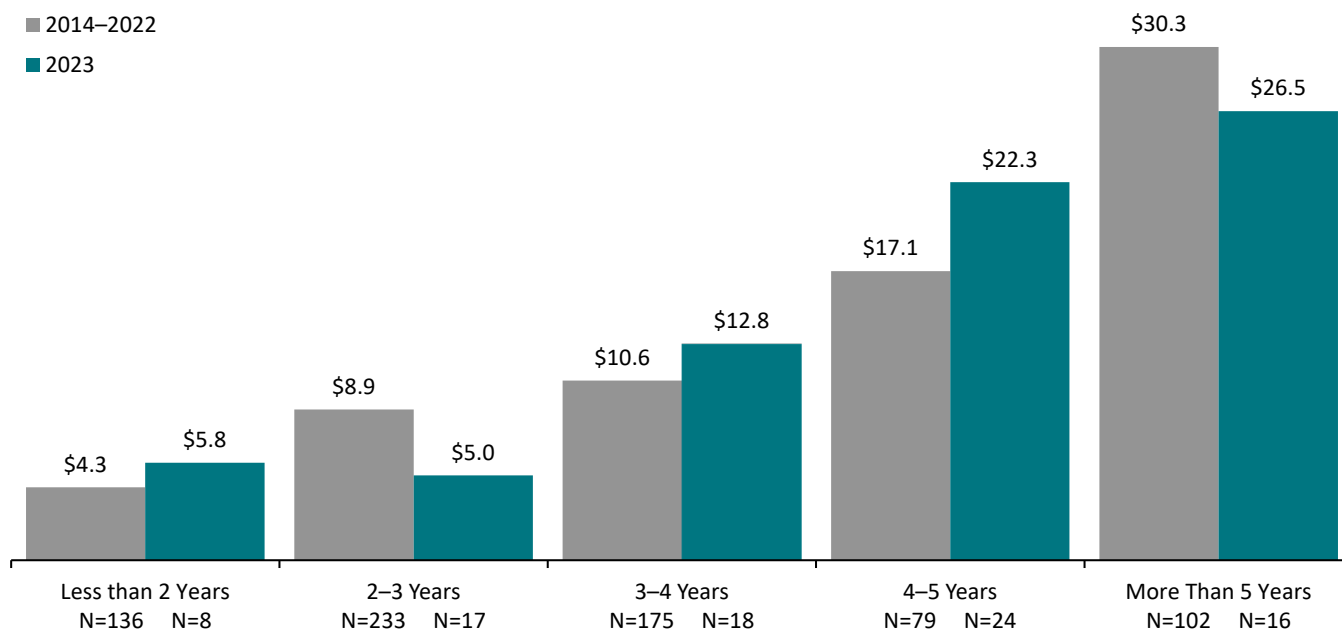
Time to Settlement and Case Complexity

- Overall, less than one-third of cases settled in 2023 settled within three years of filing.
- Cases involving an institutional lead plaintiff continued to take longer to settle. In particular, cases settled in 2023 with an institutional lead plaintiff had a median time to settle of over 4.2 years compared to 3.4 years for cases without an institutional lead plaintiff.
- In 2023, the median time to settle for cases with GAAP allegations was almost a year longer than the median for cases without GAAP allegations.
- Historically, cases with The Rosen Law Firm, Pomerantz LLP, or Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP as lead or co-lead plaintiff counsel settled within three years of case filing. However, cases settled in 2023 with these firms acting as plaintiff counsel collectively took 3.9 years to settlement, a level reached in only one other year (2009). These three law firms were lead or co-lead plaintiff counsel in approximately 30% of cases in 2023.
- The presence of Robbins Geller as lead or co-lead plaintiff counsel is associated with a longer duration between filing and settlement. Cases settled in 2023 with Robbins Geller acting as lead or co-lead plaintiff counsel (28% of settled cases) had a median time to settle of 4.1 years compared to 3.5 years for cases in which the law firm was not involved.¹⁶
- The number of docket entries can be viewed as a proxy for the time and effort expended by plaintiff counsel and/or case complexity. Median docket entries in 2023 (142) increased only slightly from 2022 (138).

The median time from filing to settlement hearing date in 2023 (3.7 years) was up nearly 17% from 2022.

Figure 12: Median Settlement by Duration from Filing Date to Settlement Hearing Date 2014–2023

(Dollars in millions)



Note: Settlement dollars are adjusted for inflation; 2023 dollar equivalent figures are presented. “N” refers to the number of cases.

Case Stage at the Time of Settlement

Using data obtained through collaboration with Stanford Securities Litigation Analytics (SSLA), this report analyzes settlements in relation to the stage in the litigation process at the time of settlement.

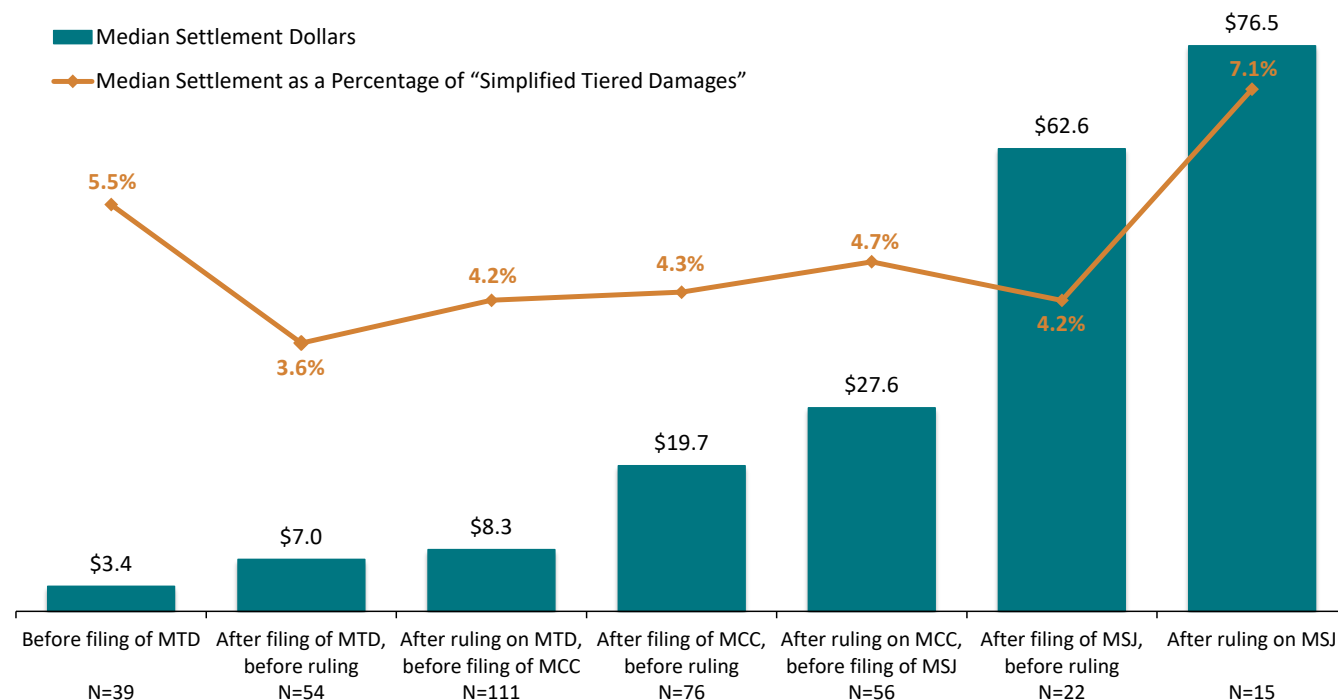
- Cases settling at later stages continue to be larger in terms of total assets and “simplified tiered damages.”
- For example, both median total assets and median “simplified tiered damages” for cases that settled in 2023 after the ruling on a motion for class certification were over two times the respective medians for cases that settled in 2023 prior to such a motion being ruled on.
- In the five-year period from 2019 through 2023, over 90% of cases settled prior to the filing of a motion for summary judgment.

- In 2023, cases settling at later stages continued to include an institutional lead plaintiff at a higher percentage. Specifically, 68% of cases that settled after the filing of a motion for class certification involved an institutional lead plaintiff compared to 41% of cases that settled prior to the filing of such a motion.

In 2023, the percentage of cases settling prior to the filing of a motion to dismiss continued to decline—from 14% of cases in 2019 to 7% of cases in 2023.

Figure 13: Median Settlement Dollars and Resolution Stage at Time of Settlement 2019–2023

(Dollars in millions)



Note: Settlement dollars are adjusted for inflation; 2023 dollar equivalent figures are presented. “N” refers to the number of cases. MTD refers to “motion to dismiss,” MCC refers to “motion for class certification,” and MSJ refers to “motion for summary judgment.” This analysis is limited to cases alleging Rule 10b-5 claims (whether alone or in addition to other claims).

Cornerstone Research's Settlement Analysis

This research applies regression analysis to examine the relations between settlement outcomes and certain securities case characteristics. Regression analysis is employed to better understand the factors that are important for estimating what cases might settle for, given the characteristics of a particular securities class action.

Determinants of Settlement Outcomes

Based on the research sample of cases that settled from January 2006 through December 2023, important determinants of settlement amounts include the following:

- “Simplified tiered damages”
- Maximum Dollar Loss (MDL)—the dollar-value change in the defendant issuer’s market capitalization from its class period peak to the first trading day without inflation
- The most recently reported total assets prior to the settlement hearing date for the defendant issuer
- Number of entries on the lead case docket
- Whether there were accounting allegations
- Whether there was an SEC action with allegations similar to those included in the underlying class action complaint, as evidenced by a litigation release or an administrative proceeding against the issuer, officers, directors, or other defendants
- Whether there were criminal charges against the issuer, officers, directors, or other defendants with allegations similar to those included in the underlying class action complaint
- Whether there was a derivative action with allegations similar to those included in the underlying class action complaint

- Whether, in addition to Rule 10b-5 claims, Section 11 claims were alleged and were still active prior to settlement
- Whether the issuer has been delisted from a major exchange and/or has declared bankruptcy (i.e., whether the issuer was “distressed”)
- Whether an institutional investor acted as lead plaintiff
- Whether securities other than common stock/ADR/ADS were included in the alleged class

Cornerstone Research analyses show that settlements were higher when “simplified tiered damages,” MDL, issuer defendant asset size, or the number of docket entries was larger, or when Section 11 claims were alleged in addition to Rule 10b-5 claims.

Settlements were also higher in cases involving accounting allegations, a corresponding SEC action, criminal charges, an accompanying derivative action, an institutional investor lead plaintiff, or securities in addition to common stock included in the alleged class.

Settlements were lower if the issuer was distressed.

More than 75% of the variation in settlement amounts can be explained by the factors discussed above.

Research Sample

- The database compiled for this report is limited to cases alleging Rule 10b-5, Section 11, and/or Section 12(a)(2) claims brought by purchasers of a corporation's common stock. The sample contains only cases alleging fraudulent inflation in the price of a corporation's common stock.
- Cases with alleged classes of only bondholders, preferred stockholders, etc., cases alleging fraudulent depression in price, and mergers and acquisitions cases are excluded. These criteria are imposed to ensure data availability and to provide a relatively homogeneous set of cases in terms of the nature of the allegations.
- The current sample includes nearly 2,200 securities class actions filed after passage of the Reform Act (1995) and settled from 1996 through 2023. These settlements are identified based on a review of case activity collected by Securities Class Action Services LLC (SCAS).¹⁷
- The designated settlement year, for purposes of this report, corresponds to the year in which the hearing to approve the settlement was held.¹⁸ Cases involving multiple settlements are reflected in the year of the most recent partial settlement, provided certain conditions are met.¹⁹

Data Sources

In addition to SCAS, data sources include Dow Jones Factiva, Bloomberg, the Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) at University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Standard & Poor's Compustat, Refinitiv Eikon, court filings and dockets, SEC registrant filings, SEC litigation releases and administrative proceedings, LexisNexis, Stanford Securities Litigation Analytics (SSLA), Securities Class Action Clearinghouse (SCAC), and public press.

Endnotes

- ¹ Reported dollar figures and corresponding comparisons are adjusted for inflation; 2023 dollar equivalent figures are presented in this report.
- ² “Simplified tiered damages” are calculated for cases that settled in 2006 or later, following the U.S. Supreme Court’s 2005 landmark decision in *Dura Pharmaceuticals Inc. v. Broudo*, 544 U.S. 336. “Simplified tiered damages” is based on the stock-price declines associated with the alleged corrective disclosure dates that are described in the settlement plan of allocation.
- ³ Comparison to “all-time” refers to the inception of Cornerstone Research’s database of post-Reform Act settlements beginning in 1996.
- ⁴ The “simplified tiered damages” approach used for purposes of this settlement research does not examine the mix of information associated with the specific dates listed in the plan of allocation, but simply applies the stock price movements on those dates to an estimate of the “true value” of the stock during the alleged class period (or “value line”). This proxy for damages utilizes an estimate of the number of shares damaged based on reported trading volume and the number of shares outstanding. Specifically, reported trading volume is adjusted using volume reduction assumptions based on the exchange on which the issuer defendant’s common stock is listed. No adjustments are made to the underlying float for institutional holdings, insider trades, or short-selling activity during the alleged class period. Because of these and other simplifying assumptions, the damages measures used in settlement benchmarking may differ substantially from damages estimates developed in conjunction with case-specific economic analysis.
- ⁵ Laarni T. Bulan, Ellen M. Ryan, and Laura E. Simmons, *Estimating Damages in Settlement Outcome Modeling*, Cornerstone Research (2017).
- ⁶ MDL is the dollar-value change in the defendant issuer’s market capitalization from its class period peak to the first trading day without inflation.
- ⁷ Catherine J. Galley, Nicholas D. Yavorsky, Filipe Lacerda, and Chady Gemayel, *Approved Claims Rates in Securities Class Actions: Evidence from 2015–2018 Rule 10b-5 Settlements*, Cornerstone Research (2020). Data on “plaintiff-estimated damages” is made available to Cornerstone Research through collaboration with Stanford Securities Litigation Analytics (SSLA). SSLA tracks and collects data on private shareholder securities litigation and public enforcements brought by the SEC and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The SSLA dataset includes all traditional class actions, SEC actions, and DOJ criminal actions filed since 2000. Available on a subscription basis at <https://sla.law.stanford.edu/>.
- ⁸ The statutory purchase price is the lesser of the security offering price or the security purchase price. Prior to the first complaint filing date, the statutory sales price is the price at which the security was sold. After the first complaint filing date, the statutory sales price is the greater of the security sales price or the “value” of the security on the first complaint filing date. For purposes of “simplified statutory damages,” the “value” of the security on the first complaint filing date is assumed to be the security’s closing price on this date. Similar to “simplified tiered damages,” the estimation of “simplified statutory damages” makes no adjustments to the underlying float for institutional holdings, insider trades, or short-selling activity.
- ⁹ As noted in prior reports, the March 2018 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Cyan Inc. v. Beaver County Employees Retirement Fund* (Cyan) held that ‘33 Act claim securities class actions could be brought in state court. While ‘33 Act claim cases had often been brought in state courts before Cyan, filing rates in state courts increased substantially following this ruling. This trend reversed, however, following the March 2020 Delaware Supreme Court decision in *Salzberg v. Sciabacucchi* upholding the validity of federal forum-selection provisions in corporate charters. See, for example, *Securities Class Action Filings—2021 Year in Review*, Cornerstone Research (2022).
- ¹⁰ The two sub-categories of accounting issues analyzed in Figure 8 of this report are (1) restatements—cases involving a restatement (or announcement of a restatement) of financial statements, and (2) accounting irregularities.
- ¹¹ *Accounting Class Action Filings and Settlements—2023 Review and Analysis*, Cornerstone Research, forthcoming in spring 2024.
- ¹² To be considered an accompanying (or parallel) derivative action, the derivative action must have underlying allegations that are similar or related to the underlying allegations of the securities class action and either be active or settling at the same time as the securities class action.
- ¹³ *Parallel Derivative Action Settlement Outcomes*, Cornerstone Research (2022).
- ¹⁴ As noted in prior reports, it could be that the merits in such cases are stronger, or simply that the presence of a corresponding SEC action provides plaintiffs with increased leverage when negotiating a settlement. For purposes of this research, an SEC action is evidenced by the presence of a litigation release or an administrative proceeding posted on www.sec.gov involving the issuer defendant or other named defendants with allegations similar to those in the underlying class action complaint.
- ¹⁵ See, for example, *Securities Class Action Settlements—2006 Review and Analysis*, Cornerstone Research (2007); Michael A. Perino, “Have Institutional Fiduciaries Improved Securities Class Actions? A Review of the Empirical Literature on the PSLRA’s Lead Plaintiff Provision,” St. John’s Legal Studies Research Paper No. 12-0021 (2013).
- ¹⁶ Although Robbins Geller is associated with a longer duration to settlement, its presence as lead or co-lead plaintiff counsel is not associated with significantly higher settlements as a percentage of “simplified tiered damages.”
- ¹⁷ Available on a subscription basis. For further details see <https://www.issgovernance.com/securities-class-action-services/>.
- ¹⁸ Movements of partial settlements between years can cause differences in amounts reported for prior years from those presented in earlier reports.
- ¹⁹ This categorization is based on the timing of the settlement hearing date. If a new partial settlement equals or exceeds 50% of the then-current settlement fund amount, the entirety of the settlement amount is re-categorized to reflect the settlement hearing date of the most recent partial settlement. If a subsequent partial settlement is less than 50% of the then-current total, the partial settlement is added to the total settlement amount and the settlement hearing date is left unchanged.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Settlement Percentiles

(Dollars in millions)

Year	Average	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
2014	\$23.5	\$2.2	\$3.7	\$7.7	\$17.0	\$64.4
2015	\$50.6	\$1.7	\$2.8	\$8.4	\$20.9	\$120.9
2016	\$89.6	\$2.4	\$5.3	\$10.9	\$41.9	\$185.4
2017	\$22.9	\$1.9	\$3.2	\$6.5	\$19.0	\$44.0
2018	\$78.7	\$1.8	\$4.4	\$13.7	\$30.0	\$59.6
2019	\$33.6	\$1.7	\$6.7	\$13.1	\$23.8	\$59.6
2020	\$64.9	\$1.6	\$3.8	\$11.5	\$23.8	\$62.8
2021	\$23.1	\$1.9	\$3.5	\$9.3	\$20.1	\$65.9
2022	\$37.9	\$2.1	\$5.2	\$13.5	\$36.4	\$74.8
2023	\$47.3	\$3.0	\$5.0	\$15.0	\$33.3	\$101.0

Note: Settlement dollars are adjusted for inflation; 2023 dollar equivalent figures are presented.

Appendix 2: Settlements by Select Industry Sectors

2014–2023

(Dollars in millions)

Industry	Number of Settlements	Median Settlement	Median “Simplified Tiered Damages”	Median Settlement as a Percentage of “Simplified Tiered Damages”
Financial	91	\$17.8	\$313.3	5.3%
Technology	106	\$9.4	\$318.2	4.3%
Pharmaceuticals	122	\$8.5	\$242.5	3.9%
Telecommunication	28	\$11.4	\$381.0	4.4%
Retail	51	\$15.2	\$350.4	4.6%
Healthcare	21	\$10.1	\$240.4	6.0%

Note: Settlement dollars and “simplified tiered damages” are adjusted for inflation; 2023 dollar equivalent figures are presented. “Simplified tiered damages” are calculated only for cases involving Rule 10b-5 claims (whether alone or in addition to other claims).

Appendix 3: Settlements by Federal Circuit Court 2014–2023

(Dollars in millions)

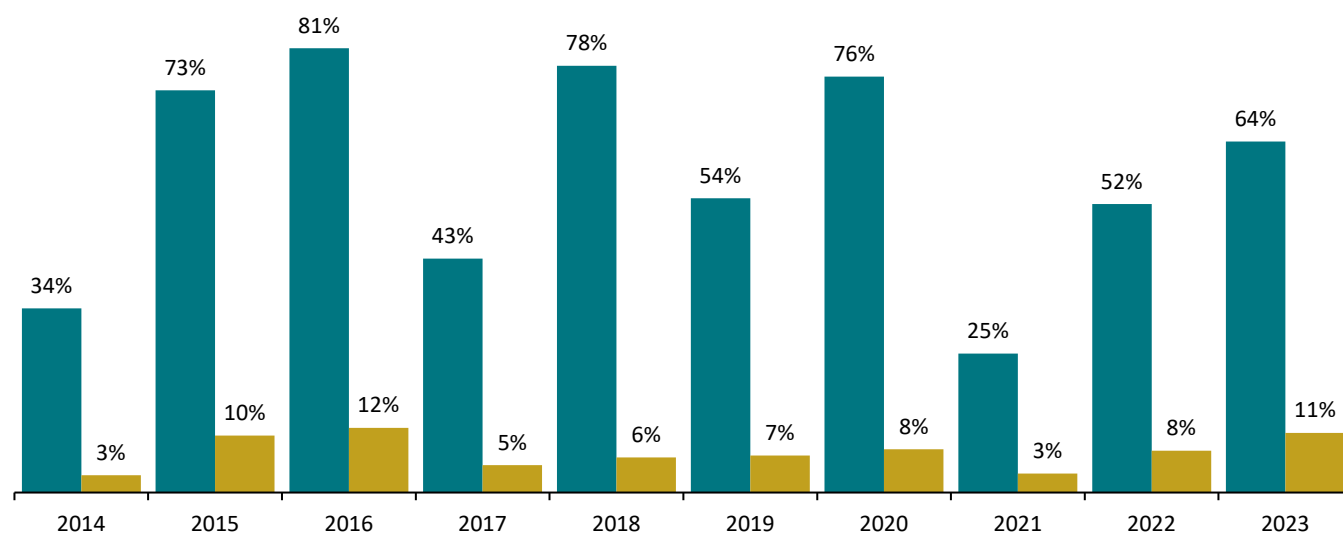
Circuit	Number of Settlements	Median Settlement	Median Settlement as a Percentage of “Simplified Tiered Damages”
First	20	\$14.1	2.8%
Second	212	\$8.9	4.9%
Third	85	\$7.3	4.9%
Fourth	23	\$24.5	3.9%
Fifth	38	\$11.7	4.7%
Sixth	35	\$15.8	6.7%
Seventh	40	\$18.0	3.7%
Eighth	14	\$48.3	4.6%
Ninth	190	\$9.0	4.4%
Tenth	19	\$12.4	5.3%
Eleventh	36	\$13.7	4.7%
DC	4	\$27.9	2.2%

Note: Settlement dollars are adjusted for inflation; 2023 dollar equivalent figures are presented. Settlements as a percentage of “simplified tiered damages” are calculated only for cases alleging Rule 10b-5 claims (whether alone or in addition to other claims).

Appendix 4: Mega Settlements 2014–2023

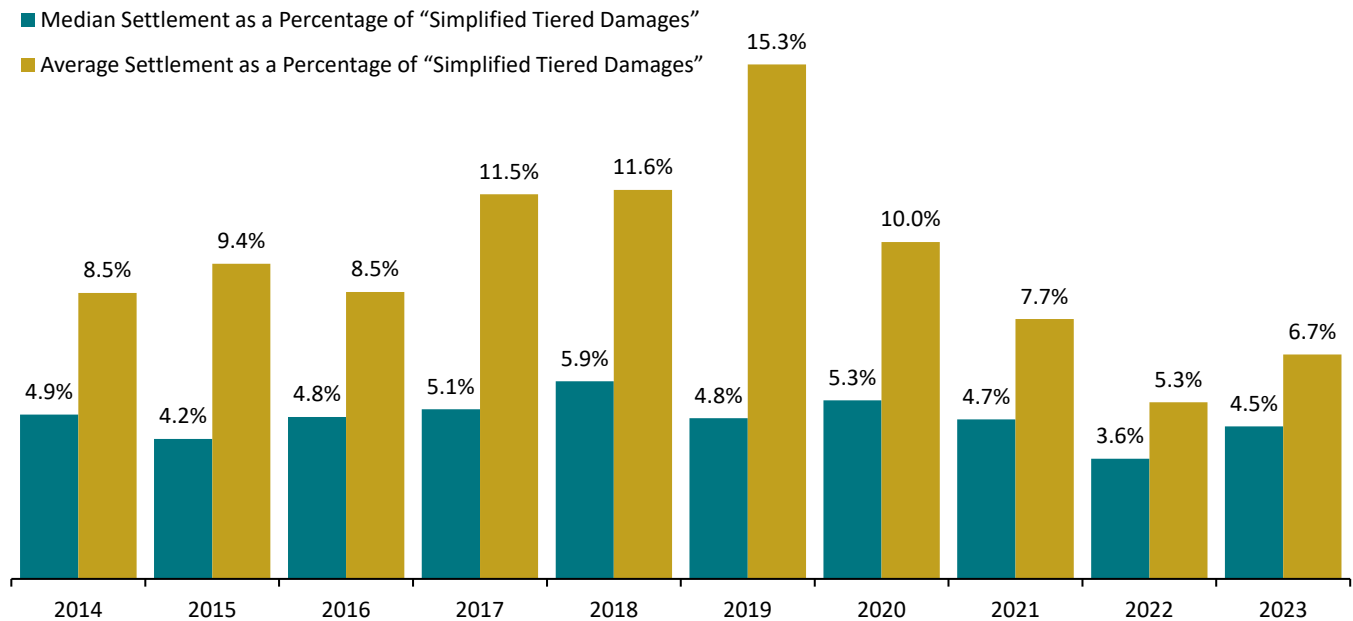
■ Total Mega Settlement Dollars as a Percentage of All Settlement Dollars

■ Number of Mega Settlements as a Percentage of All Settlements



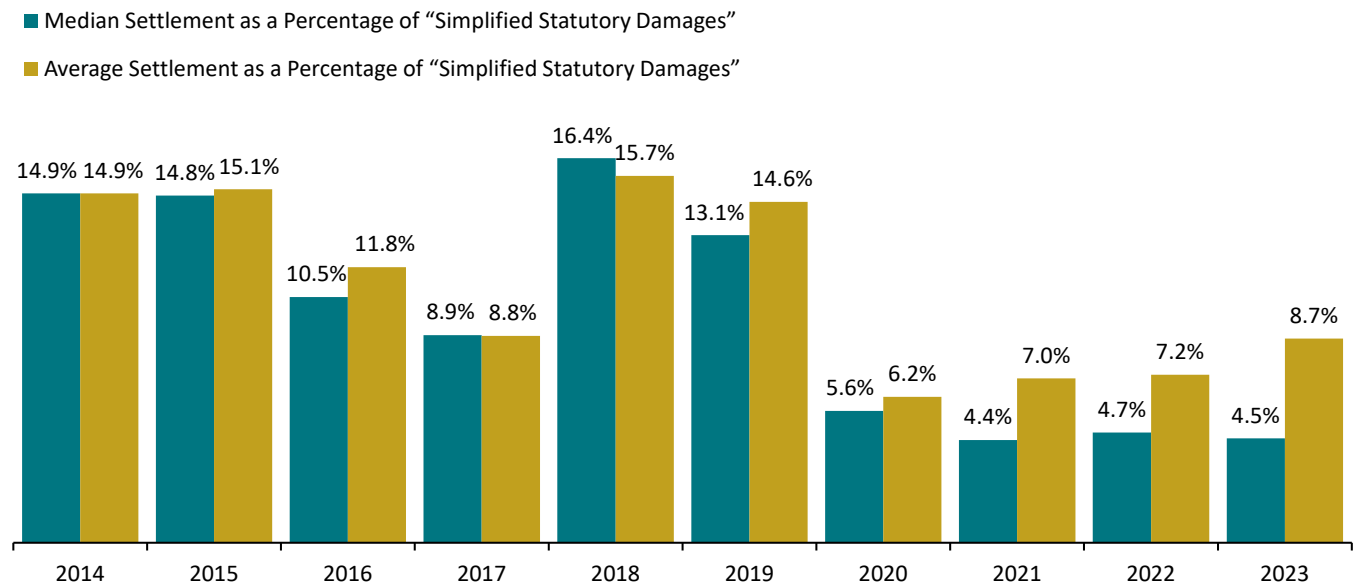
Note: Mega settlements are defined as total settlement funds equal to or greater than \$100 million.

Appendix 5: Median and Average Settlements as a Percentage of “Simplified Tiered Damages”
2014–2023



Note: “Simplified tiered damages” are calculated only for cases alleging Rule 10b-5 claims (whether alone or in addition to other claims).

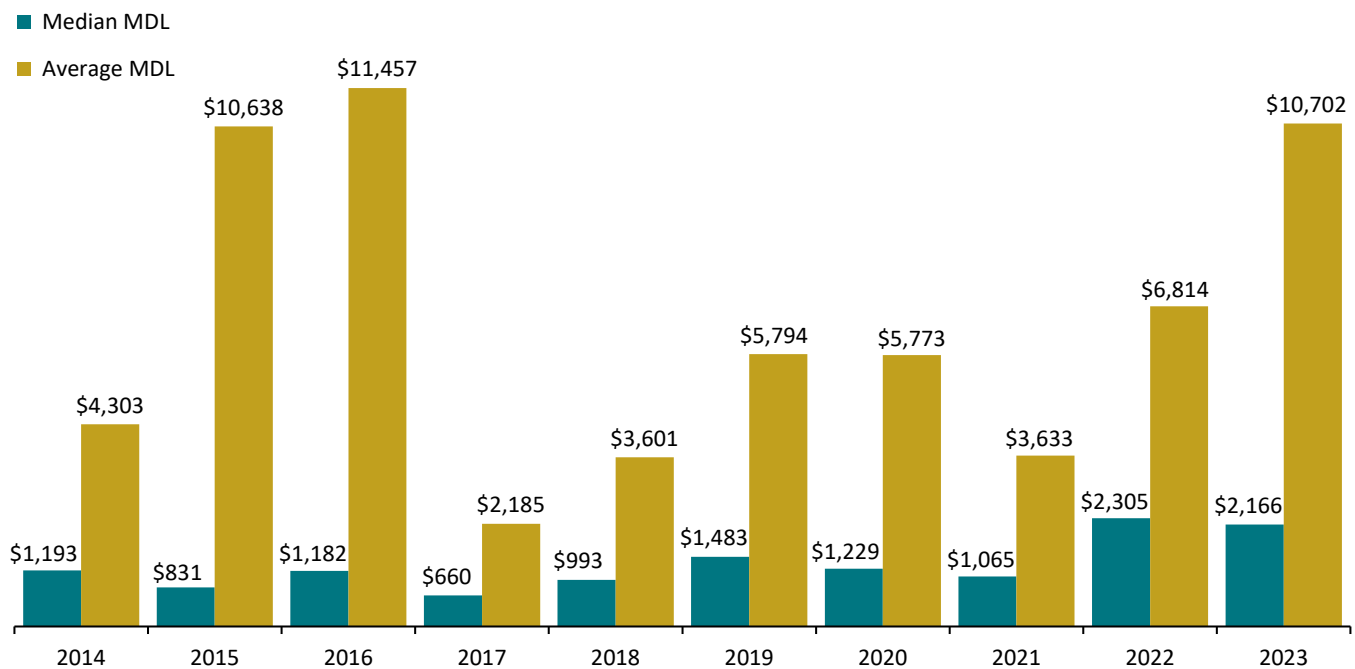
Appendix 6: Median and Average Settlements as a Percentage of “Simplified Statutory Damages”
2014–2023



Note: “Simplified statutory damages” are calculated only for cases alleging Section 11 (’33 Act) claims and no Rule 10b-5 claims.

Appendix 7: Median and Average Maximum Dollar Loss (MDL) 2014–2023

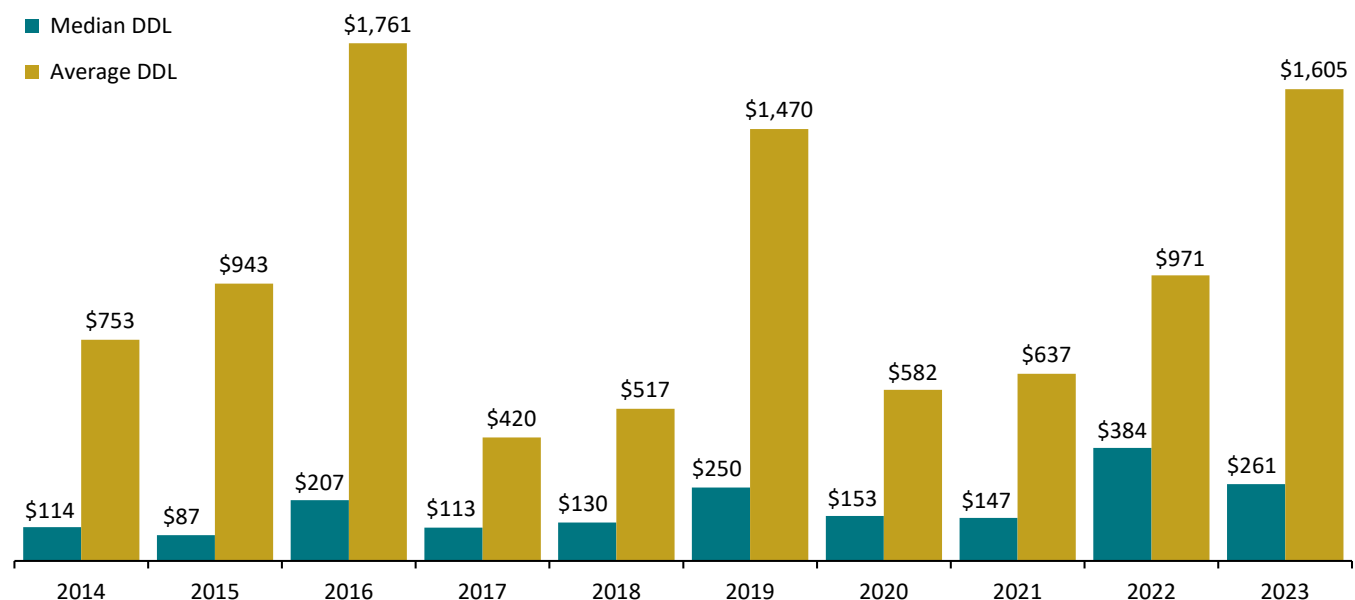
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Note: MDL is adjusted for inflation based on class period end dates; 2023 dollar equivalents are presented. MDL is the dollar-value change in the defendant issuer's market capitalization from its class period peak to the first trading day without inflation. This analysis excludes cases alleging '33 Act claims only.

Appendix 8: Median and Average Disclosure Dollar Loss (DDL) 2014–2023

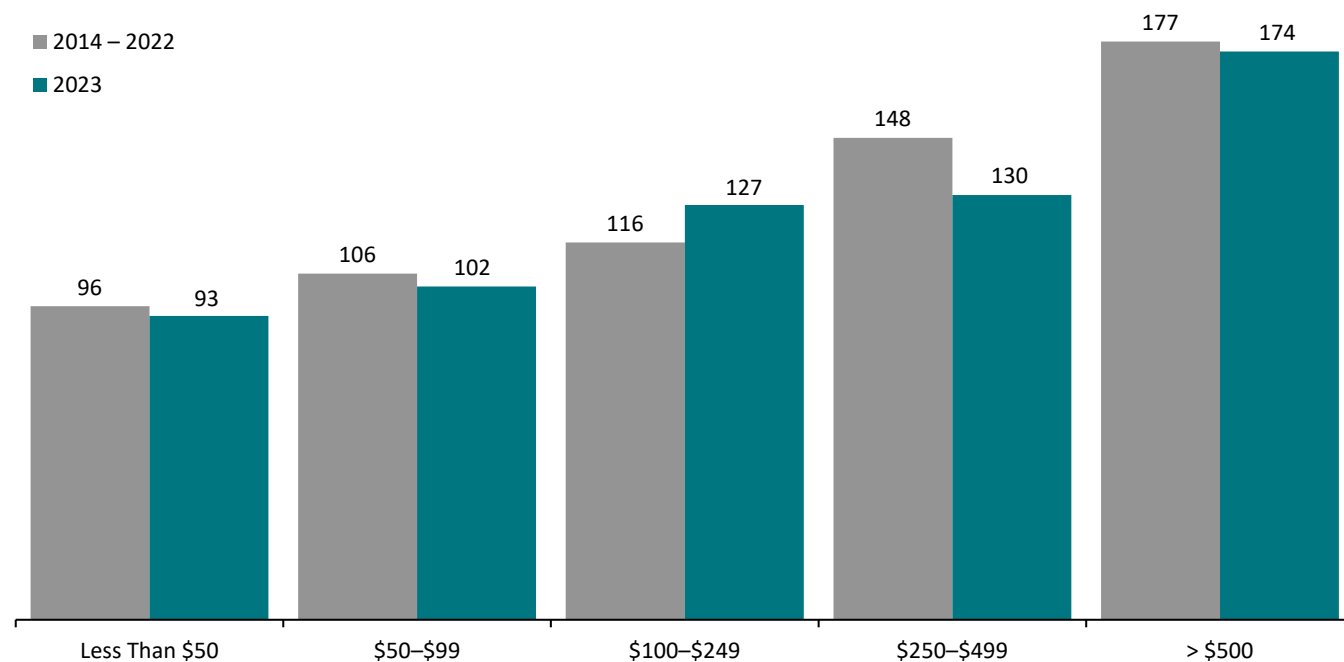
(Dollars in millions)



Note: DDL is adjusted for inflation based on class period end dates; 2023 dollar equivalents are presented. DDL is the dollar-value change in the defendant firm's market capitalization between the end of the class period to the first trading day without inflation. This analysis excludes cases alleging '33 Act claims only.

**Appendix 9: Median Docket Entries by “Simplified Tiered Damages” Range
2014–2023**

(Dollars in millions)



Note: “Simplified tiered damages” are calculated only for cases alleging Rule 10b-5 claims (whether alone or in addition to other claims).

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

BOSTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM,

Plaintiff,

v.

UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

Case No.: 3:19-cv-06361-RS

**DECLARATION OF ALFRED L. FATALE III ON BEHALF OF
LABATON KELLER SUCHAROW LLP IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AN
AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES**

I, Alfred L. Fatale III, declare as follows, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746:

1. I am a member of the law firm of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP ("Labaton"). I submit this declaration in support of my firm's application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses in

1 connection with services rendered in the above-entitled action (the “Action”) from the
2 commencement of the matter in August 2019 through September 20, 2024 (the “Time Period”).

3 2. My firm, which serves as Court-appointed Lead Counsel to Lead Plaintiff Boston
4 Retirement System (“BRS”) and Class Counsel for the certified Class, has had oversight of, and been
5 involved in, all aspects of the litigation, which is described in the accompanying Declaration of Alfred
6 L. Fatale III in Support of (I) Class Representatives’ Motion for Final Approval of Class Action
7 Settlement and Plan of Allocation; and (II) Class Counsel’s Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees
8 and Payment of Expenses, filed herewith. My firm also worked with Thornton Law Firm LLP
9 (“Thornton Law”), which, until November 2020, was liaison counsel for Labaton and assisted
10 Labaton with respect to Lead Plaintiff’s efforts in the Action. *See* ECF No. 115 (order approving
11 substitution of Thornton Law with Levi & Korsinsky, LLP). The Thornton Firm will be compensated
12 by Labaton and is not filing its own declaration.

13 3. In particular, Labaton conducted an extensive factual investigation into the issues
14 surrounding the allegations in this Action. This investigation, which included developing confidential
15 witness testimony through telephonic and in person interviews, resulted in the drafting of the first
16 amended complaint, which wholly survived Defendants’ dismissal efforts. The drafting of the first
17 amended complaint and responding to Defendants’ first motion to dismiss were solely the efforts of
18 Labaton. After surviving Defendants’ first motion to dismiss, Labaton prepared and filed the first
19 motion for class certification, responded to Defendants’ discovery requests directed at Lead Plaintiff,
20 and coordinated the consolidation of the *Messinger* Action into this Action.

21 4. Once the *Messinger* Action and this Action were consolidated, Labaton spearheaded
22 plaintiff-side litigation strategy and co-counsel coordination efforts. These efforts included
23 coordinating the successful response to Defendants’ second motion to dismiss; preparing or
24 contributing to hundreds of discovery requests and responses served on Defendants and third parties;
25 drafting much of the initial and reply briefing in connection with Class Representatives’ revised
26 motion for class certification; and participating in the review and categorization of the 2 million pages
27 of documents produced by defendants and third parties for use at depositions, in expert reports, at
28 summary judgment, trial, and mediation. Labaton took the depositions of numerous key witnesses,

1 including that of Uber's CFO, Uber's Chief Accounting Officer, Uber's founder and former CEO,
2 Travis Kalanick, and numerous others. Labaton took and defended subject matter expert depositions
3 on matters related to damages and negative causation. At the time the Settlement was reached,
4 Labaton was preparing Class Representatives' affirmative summary judgment motion and preparing
5 for trial.

6 5. Labaton also oversaw case development and strategy, including building out new
7 claims through the discovery process and creating the themes and narratives for theories of liability.
8 Labaton did so through leading discovery dispute strategy, including appropriate motion practice,
9 while acting as the architect of virtually all discovery disputes, such as (i) leading the successful effort
10 to take depositions of Uber's top executives pursuant to the "Apex" doctrine, and (ii) prosecuting
11 discovery disputes, which led to the production of additional evidence beneficial to Class
12 Representatives' efforts to prove their claims. Labaton orchestrated the identification and retention
13 of Class Representatives' experts. Labaton also engaged and worked with a trial and jury consultant
14 to assist with jury research and trial preparation.

15 6. Finally, Labaton led the mediation and settlement negotiations and documentation
16 processes on behalf of Class Representatives.

17 7. The information in this declaration regarding Labaton's time and expenses is taken
18 from time and expense records prepared and maintained by the firm in the ordinary course of business.
19 These records (and backup documentation where necessary) were reviewed by me and others at my
20 firm, under my direction, to confirm both the accuracy of the entries as well as the necessity for and
21 reasonableness of the time and expenses committed to the Action. As a result of this review and the
22 adjustments made, I believe that the time reflected in the firm's lodestar calculation and the expenses
23 for which payment is sought are reasonable in amount and were necessary for the effective and
24 efficient prosecution and resolution of the Action. In addition, I believe that the expenses are all of a
25 type that would normally be paid by a fee-paying client in the private legal marketplace.

26 8. After this review, the number of hours spent on the litigation by my firm is 26,411.50.
27 The lodestar amount for attorney/professional support staff time based on the firm's current hourly
28 rates is \$15,111,062.50. A summary of the lodestar is provided in Exhibit A and a breakdown of the

work associated with the lodestar, by task code, is provided in Exhibit B. The schedules were prepared from daily time records regularly prepared and maintained by my firm, which are available at the request of the Court. Time expended in preparing this application for fees and payment of expenses has not been included. The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A are consistent with the hourly rates submitted by the firm in other contingent securities class action litigation. The firm's rates are set based on periodic analysis of rates used by firms performing comparable work both on the plaintiff and defense side. For personnel who are no longer employed by the firm, the "current rate" used for the lodestar calculation is the rate for that person in his or her final year of employment with the firm.

9. As detailed in Exhibit C, my firm has incurred a total of \$1,656,927.97 in expenses in connection with the prosecution of the Action. The expenses are reflected on the books and records of my firm. These books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records, and other source materials and are an accurate record of the expenses incurred.

10. The following is additional information regarding certain of the expenses of Labaton, as reported in Exhibit C. (Expenses were also incurred by the Joint Litigation Expense Fund maintained by Labaton, which is discussed below):

(a) **Court, Witness & Service Fees:** \$15,473.06 These expenses have been paid to attorney service firms or courts in connection with attorney admissions, court filings, and document retrieval.

(b) **Experts/Consultants/Outside Investigators:** \$49,000.70.

(i) Causation/Damages - \$22,911.25. In connection with its investigation of the claims at the beginning of the case, Class Counsel retained a consulting damages expert to provide analysis of causation issues and aggregate damages.

(ii) Outside Investigators - \$26,089.45. In connection with its investigation of the claims at the beginning of the case, Class Counsel worked with an outside investigation firm to assist with the identification of potential witnesses and to gather information about the defendants.

(c) **Work-Related Transportation, Hotels & Meals:** \$52,702.25. In connection with the prosecution of this case, the firm has paid for work-related transportation expenses, meals, and travel expenses related to, among other things, traveling in connection with the dozens of

depositions in the case, appearing at court hearings, meeting with potential witnesses, meeting with Lead Plaintiff, the mediation process, and working late hours. (Any first-class airfare has been reduced to be comparable to economy rates.)

(d) **Online Legal & Factual Research:** \$60,047.33. These expenses relate to the usage of electronic databases, such as PACER, Westlaw, LexisNexis Risk Solutions and LexisNexis. These databases were used to obtain access to financial data, factual information, and legal research. The usage of the databases is tracked by entry of the client-matter number for this case.

(e) **Joint Litigation Expense Fund:** \$1,438,432.06. My firm contributed \$1,046,264.01 to the Joint Litigation Expense Fund maintained by Labaton, which was established to manage the major expenses in the litigation and is explained below. My firm seeks reimbursement for its contributions and also funds to pay the outstanding balance (\$392,168.05) in the Joint Litigation Expense Fund, as explained below.

11. With respect to the standing of my firm, attached hereto as Exhibit D is a brief biography of my firm as well as biographies of the firm's partners and of counsels.

12. As mentioned, my firm was responsible for maintaining a joint litigation expense fund on behalf of Plaintiffs' Counsel (the "Joint Litigation Expense Fund" or the "Litigation Fund") in order to monitor the major expenses incurred in the Action and to facilitate their payment. The expenses incurred by the Litigation Fund are reported in Exhibit E, attached hereto.

13. The Litigation Fund received contributions of \$1,046,264.01 from Labaton, \$300,125.00 from Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, \$195,250.00 from Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy LLP, \$110,250.00 from Levi & Korsinsky, LLP, and \$239,625.00 from Scott + Scott Attorneys at Law LLP. (These contributions are reported in Exhibit C to each firm's individual fee and expense declaration so that each firm can be reimbursed for these contributions.) The Litigation Fund incurred a total of \$2,283,682.06 in expenses in connection with the prosecution of the Action, which were paid using the firms' contributions. Accordingly, there is a shortfall of \$392,168.05. This amount has been added to Labaton's expense request given its control of the Litigation Fund so that, upon Court approval, the unpaid expenses can be paid.

14. The following is additional information regarding certain of the Joint Litigation Expense Fund expenses summarized in Exhibit E:

15. **Mediation Fees:** \$18,906.60. These are Class Representatives' share of the fees of Robert A. Meyer, Esq., a well-respected and highly experienced mediator from JAMS. Mr. Meyer oversaw the Parties' formal mediation sessions and facilitated their ongoing discussions, which ultimately culminated in the proposed Settlement.

16. **Deposition Reporting and Transcripts:** \$196,088.31. These are the fees of videographers and court reporters in connection with the dozens of depositions taken and defended by Plaintiffs' Counsel.

17. **Experts:** \$1,977,520.53. These are the fees of Class Representatives' experts in the case, who were key to the development of the claims and rebuttal of Defendants' defenses. Four were deposed and prepared expert reports and analyses. Class Representatives' testifying damages expert also developed the proposed Plan of Allocation for the proceeds of the Settlement.

(a) Damages/Causation/Plan of Allocation: \$445,665.92

(b) Accounting: \$20,000.00

(c) Underwriter Due Diligence: \$493,613.32

(d) Director Due Diligence: \$773,394.68

(e) Tracing: \$244,846.61

18. **Trial and Jury Consultant:** \$34,103.91. Class Counsel retained a trial consulting firm to assist with jury research and trial preparation.

19. **Litigation Support:** \$56,265.11. These are the fees of an e-discovery vendor retained to host and manage documents produced by Lead Plaintiff prior to the consolidation of the *Messinger* Action.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 4th day of October, 2024.


ALFRED L. FATALE III

Exhibit A

*Uber Securities Litigation***EXHIBIT A****LODESTAR REPORT**

FIRM: LABATON KELLER SUCHAROW LLP

REPORTING PERIOD: INCEPTION THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

PROFESSIONAL	POSITION	CURRENT RATE	HOURS	LODESTAR
Keller, C.	(P)	\$1,325	73.8	\$97,785.00
Gardner, J.	(P)	\$1,275	473.4	\$603,585.00
Zeiss, N.	(P)	\$1,075	161.0	\$173,075.00
Belfi, E.	(P)	\$1,075	19.0	\$20,425.00
Canty, M.	(P)	\$1,025	65.9	\$67,547.50
Fatale, A.	(P)	\$1,000	2,078.0	\$2,078,000.00
McConville, F.	(P)	\$950	8.8	\$8,360.00
Rosenberg, E.	(OC)	\$925	185.6	\$171,680.00
Cividini, D.	(OC)	\$800	430.1	\$344,080.00
Cotilletta, J.	(OC)	\$750	3,490.0	\$2,617,500.00
Schervish II, W.	(OC)	\$700	8.8	\$6,160.00
Coquin, A.	(A)	\$575	26.2	\$15,065.00
Khinchuk, B.	(A)	\$550	1,607.2	\$883,960.00
Wood, C.	(A)	\$550	136.9	\$75,295.00
Strejlau, L.	(A)	\$550	97.6	\$53,680.00
Duenas, M.	(A)	\$525	3,897.2	\$2,046,030.00
Stiene, C.	(A)	\$500	998.4	\$499,200.00
Rowley, R.	(A)	\$500	494.6	\$247,300.00
Izzo, D.	(A)	\$500	323.0	\$161,500.00
Menkova, A.	(A)	\$450	107.9	\$48,555.00
Mann, W.	(A)	\$300	732.4	\$219,720.00
Brissett, V.	(SA)	\$475	5,371.4	\$2,551,415.00
Carrigan, R.	(SA)	\$450	266.1	\$119,745.00
Drapkin, A.	(SA)	\$430	379.8	\$163,314.00
Barrett, T.	(SA)	\$425	385.6	\$163,880.00
Abidi, S.	(SA)	\$350	2,353.5	\$823,725.00
Lacovara, J.	(LC)	\$300	32.4	\$9,720.00
Guerra, A.	(LC)	\$275	120.6	\$33,165.00
Primm, B.	(LC)	\$275	38.4	\$10,560.00
Bailey-Marett, J.	(LC)	\$250	56.5	\$14,125.00
Greenbaum, A.	(I)	\$625	97.9	\$61,187.50
Clark, J.	(I)	\$500	22.9	\$11,450.00

PROFESSIONAL	POSITION	CURRENT RATE	HOURS	LODESTAR
Brecher, D.	(I)	\$475	15.0	\$7,125.00
Graf, R.	(I)	\$475	13.5	\$6,412.50
Frenkel, G.	(I)	\$475	7.2	\$3,420.00
Wroblewski, R.	(I)	\$450	52.0	\$23,400.00
Rutherford, C.	(I)	\$450	23.1	\$10,395.00
Collins, K.	(I)	\$335	27.6	\$9,246.00
Stroock, A.	(I)	\$150	11.4	\$1,710.00
Ginefra, V.	(RA)	\$190	12.4	\$2,356.00
Frasca, C.	(PL)	\$390	1,149.9	\$448,461.00
Ramphul, R.	(PL)	\$390	71.0	\$27,690.00
Manzollillo, S.	(PL)	\$390	42.7	\$16,653.00
Boria, C.	(PL)	\$390	31.7	\$12,363.00
Donlon, N.	(PL)	\$390	25.7	\$10,023.00
Pina, E.	(PL)	\$375	181.5	\$68,062.50
Rogers, D.	(PL)	\$375	23.0	\$8,625.00
Gonzalez, J.	(PL)	\$375	14.8	\$5,550.00
Schneider, P.	(PL)	\$360	7.6	\$2,736.00
Jordan, E.	(PL)	\$335	103.3	\$34,605.50
Richardson, A.	(PL)	\$200	57.2	\$11,440.00
TOTALS			26,411.5	\$15,111,062.50

Partner (P) Staff Attorney (SA) Research Analyst (RA)
 Of Counsel (OC) Investigator (I) Law Clerk (LC)
 Associate (A) Paralegal (PL)

Exhibit B

*Uber Securities Litigation***EXHIBIT B****REPORT OF TIME BY TASK CATEGORIES**

FIRM: LABATON KELLER SUCHAROW LLP
REPORTING PERIOD: INCEPTION THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Categories:

- (1) Factual Investigation and Financial Research
(2) Draft Initial/Amended Complaint
(3) Discovery, Document Review and Fact Depositions
(4) Case Management
(5) Motions and Legal Research

- (6) Court Appearances and Preparation
(7) Experts/Consultants
(8) Litigation Strategy/Analysis
(9) Mediation/Settlement
(10) Class Certification

- (11) Trial Preparation
(12) Appeal
(13) Client/Shareholder Communication

Name	Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total Hours	Current Rate	Lodestar
Keller, C.	(P)	16.00	4.00	-	-	34.00	-	-	6.50	-	13.30	-	-	-	73.80	\$1,325	\$97,785.00
Gordner, J.	(P)	7.70	7.40	94.60	33.40	49.80	2.30	26.70	140.20	55.70	31.00	2.50	2.60	19.50	473.40	\$1,275	\$603,385.00
Zaira, N.	(P)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.00	144.40	15.60	-	-	-	161.00	\$1,075	\$173,075.00
Belle, E.	(P)	-	-	5.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.00	19.00	\$1,075	\$20,425.00
Canty, M.	(P)	0.60	-	23.80	-	-	1.00	0.20	4.30	3.00	0.60	30.20	-	2.20	65.90	\$1,025	\$67,547.50
Faria, A.	(P)	40.30	113.50	788.70	48.80	183.90	61.50	150.10	146.50	296.30	189.40	20.00	33.60	5.40	2,078.00	\$1,000	\$2,078,000.00
McConville, F.	(P)	1.80	-	-	-	7.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.80	\$950	\$8,360.00
Rosenberg, E.	(OC)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	185.60	-	-	-	-	185.60	\$925	\$171,680.00
Civildani, D.	(OC)	-	-	416.10	-	-	-	-	4.00	2.20	-	-	-	7.80	430.10	\$800	\$344,080.00
Cottler, J.	(OC)	2.30	-	\$50.70	57.70	653.20	101.20	391.20	1,346.10	68.00	4.70	32.50	-	0.40	3,490.00	\$750	\$2,617,500.00
Schervish II, W.	(OC)	8.50	0.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.80	\$700	\$6,160.00
Cosquin, A.	(A)	-	-	-	-	26.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26.20	\$575	\$15,065.00
Khinachuk, B.	(A)	-	-	745.50	2.10	369.70	0.50	200.10	23.80	265.20	-	0.30	-	-	1,607.20	\$550	\$883,960.00
Wood, C.	(A)	0.50	-	84.20	0.90	39.40	-	2.20	9.20	-	-	-	-	0.50	136.90	\$550	\$75,295.00
Strajlan, L.	(A)	37.20	6.50	1.00	0.70	31.70	2.20	-	16.90	-	1.10	-	-	0.30	97.60	\$350	\$33,680.00
Duanan, M.	(A)	6.30	434.10	1,633.10	162.70	1,044.70	4.70	37.90	374.30	103.40	17.70	-	76.40	1.90	3,897.20	\$525	\$2,046,030.00
Stieus, C.	(A)	-	-	310.20	262.00	105.80	0.50	110.40	65.50	43.10	-	99.40	0.30	1.20	998.40	\$500	\$499,200.00
Ronley, R.	(A)	15.10	-	324.30	3.20	147.20	-	-	2.40	-	2.40	-	-	-	494.60	\$500	\$247,300.00
Izzo, D.	(A)	3.00	-	131.80	-	161.60	-	-	14.50	12.10	-	-	-	-	323.00	\$500	\$161,500.00
Meakova, A.	(A)	60.50	2.50	-	11.60	20.30	-	0.20	11.80	-	-	-	-	1.00	107.90	\$450	\$48,555.00
Mann, W.	(A)	10.90	-	287.80	16.30	231.30	-	149.60	2.50	34.00	-	-	-	-	732.40	\$300	\$219,720.00
Brissett, V.	(SA)	-	23.60	5,302.30	-	-	-	-	-	45.50	-	-	-	-	5,371.40	\$475	\$2,551,415.00
Carrigan, R.	(SA)	-	-	266.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	266.10	\$450	\$119,745.00
Drapkin, A.	(SA)	-	-	379.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	379.80	\$430	\$163,314.00
Barrett, T.	(SA)	-	8.80	376.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	385.60	\$425	\$163,880.00
Abidi, S.	(SA)	-	-	2,333.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,333.50	\$350	\$823,725.00
Lacovara, J.	(LC)	10.90	-	-	-	20.90	-	-	0.60	-	-	-	-	-	32.40	\$300	\$9,720.00
Guerra, A.	(LC)	115.60	-	-	-	-	0.60	-	4.40	-	-	-	-	-	120.60	\$275	\$33,165.00
Primm, B.	(LC)	-	-	10.70	-	27.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38.40	\$275	\$10,560.00
Bailey-Marett, J.	(LC)	-	-	-	-	56.10	-	-	0.40	-	-	-	-	-	56.50	\$250	\$14,125.00

Name	Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total Hours	Current Rate	Lodestar
Greenbaum, A.	(I)	97.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97.90	\$625	\$61,187.50
Clark, J.	(I)	22.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.90	\$500	\$11,450.00
Brecher, D.	(I)	15.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00	\$475	\$7,125.00
Graf, R.	(I)	13.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.50	\$475	\$6,412.50
Frankel, G.	(I)	7.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.20	\$475	\$3,420.00
Wroblewski, R.	(I)	52.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52.00	\$450	\$23,400.00
Rutherford, C.	(I)	23.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23.10	\$450	\$10,395.00
Collins, K.	(I)	27.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.60	\$335	\$9,246.00
Sirock, A.	(I)	11.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.40	\$150	\$1,710.00
Giesira, V.	(RA)	12.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.40	\$190	\$2,356.00
Frasca, C.	(PL)	18.50	1.70	14.60	774.70	298.00	-	-	-	15.00	-	4.40	22.00	-	1,149.90	\$390	\$448,461.00
Ramphal, R.	(PL)	-	-	31.90	3.50	35.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71.00	\$390	\$27,690.00
Manuelillo, S.	(PL)	-	0.20	0.80	22.10	9.70	-	-	-	9.90	-	-	-	-	42.70	\$390	\$16,653.00
Boris, C.	(PL)	2.00	-	-	3.00	14.00	-	-	-	12.70	-	-	-	-	31.70	\$390	\$12,363.00
Donlon, N.	(PL)	-	-	-	0.20	20.40	-	0.40	-	4.70	-	-	-	-	25.70	\$390	\$10,023.00
Pina, F.	(PL)	-	-	-	-	181.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	181.50	\$375	\$68,062.50
Rogers, D.	(PL)	15.10	-	-	-	7.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23.00	\$375	\$8,625.00
Gonzalez, J.	(PL)	-	-	-	-	14.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.80	\$375	\$5,550.00
Schneider, P.	(PL)	-	7.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.60	\$360	\$2,736.00
Jordan, E.	(PL)	6.10	76.20	1.60	15.40	-	-	-	4.00	-	-	-	-	-	103.30	\$335	\$34,605.50
Richardson, A.	(PL)	-	10.30	-	-	46.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57.20	\$200	\$11,440.00
TOTALS:		661.90	696.70	14,434.90	1,418.30	3,822.30	174.50	1,069.00	2,178.90	1,300.80	275.80	189.30	134.90	54.20	26,411.50		\$15,111,062.50

(I) Investigator
(P) Partner
(OC) Of Counsel
(PL) Paralegal
(A) Associate
(RA) Research Analyst
(SA) Staff Attorney
(LC) Law Clerk

Exhibit C

*Uber Securities Litigation***EXHIBIT C****EXPENSE REPORT**

FIRM: LABATON KELLER SUCHAROW LLP

REPORTING PERIOD: INCEPTION THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

CATEGORY		TOTAL AMOUNT
Court / Witness / Service Fees		\$15,473.06
Long Distance Telephone / Fax/ Conference Calls		\$227.91
Postage / Overnight Delivery Services		\$592.10
Online Legal & Factual Research		\$60,047.33
Experts/Consultants/Outside Investigators		\$49,000.70
Causation/Damages	\$22,911.25	
Outside Investigators	\$26,089.45	
Litigation Support		\$625.45
Work-Related Transportation / Hotels / Meals		\$58,702.25*
Duplicating		\$26,202.60
In-House Color: (48,663 pages at \$0.40 per page)	\$19,465.20	
In-House BW: (33,687 pages at \$0.20 per page)	\$6,737.40	
Contribution to Joint Litigation Expense Fund		\$1,046,264.01
Outstanding Joint Litigation Expense Fund Costs		\$392,168.05
Mediation		\$7,437.50
Miscellaneous		\$187.01
TOTAL		\$1,656,927.97

* The total for Work-Related Transportation/Hotels/Meals includes \$6,000 in estimated travel costs in connection with attending the final Settlement Hearing. If less than this estimate is incurred, the Settlement Fund will be refunded. If more is incurred, \$6,000 will be the cap.

Exhibit D

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EXHIBIT D

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About the Firm

Labaton Keller Sucharow has recovered billions of dollars for investors, businesses, and consumers

Founded in 1963, Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP has earned a reputation as one of the leading plaintiffs' firms in the United States. For more than 60 years, Labaton Keller Sucharow has successfully exposed corporate misconduct and recovered billions of dollars in the United States and around the globe on behalf of investors and consumers. Our mission is to continue this legacy and to continue to advance market fairness and transparency in the areas of securities, corporate governance and shareholder rights, and data privacy and cybersecurity litigation, as well as whistleblower representation. Our Firm has recovered significant losses for investors and secured corporate governance reforms on behalf of the nation's largest institutional investors, including public pension, Taft-Hartley, and hedge funds, investment banks, and other financial institutions.

Along with securing newsworthy recoveries, the Firm has a track record for successfully prosecuting complex cases from discovery to trial to verdict. As *Chambers and Partners* has noted, the Firm is ***"considered one of the greatest plaintiffs' firms,"*** and *The National Law Journal* "Elite Trial Lawyers" recently recognized our attorneys for their ***"cutting-edge work on behalf of plaintiffs."*** Our appellate experience includes winning appeals that increased settlement values for clients and securing a landmark U.S. Supreme Court victory in 2013 that benefited all investors by reducing barriers to the certification of securities class action cases.

Our Firm provides global securities portfolio monitoring and advisory services to more than 250 institutional investors, including public pension funds, asset managers, hedge funds, mutual funds, banks, sovereign wealth funds, and multi-employer plans—with collective assets under management (AUM) in excess of \$3.5 trillion. We are equipped to deliver results due to our robust infrastructure of more than 80 full-time attorneys, a dynamic professional staff, and innovative technological resources. Labaton Keller Sucharow attorneys are skilled in every stage of business litigation and have challenged corporations from every sector of the financial market. Our professional staff includes financial analysts, paralegals, e-discovery specialists, certified public accountants, certified fraud examiners, and a forensic accountant. We have one of the largest in-house investigative teams in the securities bar.



Securities Litigation: As a leader in the securities litigation field, the Firm is a trusted advisor to more than 250 institutional investors with collective assets under management in excess of \$3.5 trillion. Our practice focuses on portfolio monitoring and domestic and international securities litigation for sophisticated institutional investors. Since the passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, we have recovered more than \$25 billion in the aggregate. Our success is driven by the Firm's robust infrastructure, which includes one of the largest in-house investigative teams in the plaintiffs' bar.

Corporate Governance and Shareholder Rights Litigation: Our breadth of experience in shareholder advocacy has also taken us to Delaware, where we press for corporate reform through our Wilmington office. These efforts have already earned us a string of enviable successes, including the historic \$1 billion cash settlement three weeks before trial in *In re Dell Technologies Inc. Class V Stockholders Litigation*, the largest shareholder settlement ever in any state court in America and the 17th largest shareholder settlement of all time in federal and state court, and a \$153.75 million settlement on behalf of shareholders in *In re Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Derivative Litigation*, one of the largest derivative settlements ever achieved in the Court of Chancery.

Consumer Protection and Data Privacy Litigation: Labaton Keller Sucharow is dedicated to putting our expertise to work on behalf of consumers who have been wronged by fraud in the marketplace. Built on our world-class litigation skills, deep understanding of federal and state rules and regulations, and an unwavering commitment to fairness, our Consumer Protection and Data Privacy Litigation focuses on protecting consumers and improving the standards of business conduct through litigation and reform. Our team achieved a historic \$650 million settlement in the *In re Facebook Biometric Information Privacy Litigation* matter—the largest consumer data privacy settlement ever, and one of the first cases asserting biometric privacy rights of consumers under Illinois' Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA).

"Labaton Keller Sucharow is 'superb' and 'at the top of its game.' The Firm's team of 'hard-working lawyers...push themselves to thoroughly investigate the facts' and conduct 'very diligent research.'"

– The Legal 500



Securities Class Action Litigation Practice

Labaton Keller Sucharow has been an advocate and trusted partner on behalf of institutional investors for more than 60 years. As a result of the significant victories the Firm has obtained for clients, Labaton Keller Sucharow has earned a reputation as a leading law firm for pension funds, asset managers, and other large institutional investors across the world.

Since the passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PSLRA), the Firm has recovered more than **\$25 billion** for injured investors through securities class actions prosecuted throughout the United States against numerous public corporations and other corporate wrongdoers.

We have earned the trust of our clients and the courts, serving as lead counsel in some of the most intricate and high-profile securities fraud cases in history. These notable recoveries would not be possible without our exhaustive case evaluation process, which allows our securities litigators to focus solely on cases with strong merits. The benefits of our selective approach are reflected in the low dismissal rate of the securities cases we pursue, a rate well below the industry average.

Our attorneys are skilled in every stage of business litigation and have challenged corporations from every sector of the financial markets. More than half of the Firm's partners have trial experience. In many instances, this broad experience with every stage of litigation is supplemented by knowledge and expertise gained from prior professional experience. For example, seven of the Firm's partners have worked in government, including the Department of Justice (DOJ).

From investigation to the litigation of claims, we work closely with our clients to provide the information and analysis necessary to fully protect their investments. Labaton Keller Sucharow is one of the first firms in the country to have a dedicated, in-house investigations department. ***The Firm stands out in the securities class action bar in that our monitoring, investigation, and litigation services are all performed in-house.***

The Firm's success is reflected in the results Labaton Keller Sucharow achieves for its clients. Our world-class case evaluation and development services are informed by our experience serving as lead/co-lead counsel in more than 275 U.S. federal securities class actions.

Representative Experience

Labaton Keller Sucharow has achieved notable successes in financial and securities class actions on behalf of investors, including the following:



In re American International Group, Inc. Securities Litigation

In one of the most complex and challenging securities cases in history, Labaton Keller Sucharow secured more than **\$1 billion** in recoveries on behalf of co-lead plaintiffs Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, and Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund in a case arising from allegations of bid rigging and accounting fraud. To achieve this remarkable recovery, the Firm took over 100 depositions and briefed 22 motions to dismiss. The full settlement entailed a \$725 million settlement with American International Group (AIG), a \$97.5 million settlement with AIG's auditors, a \$115 million settlement with former AIG officers and related defendants, and an additional \$72 million settlement with General Reinsurance Corporation.

In re Countrywide Financial Corp. Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow, as lead counsel for the New York State Common Retirement Fund and the five New York City public pension funds, secured a \$624 million settlement on behalf of investors in one of the nation's largest issuers of mortgage loans. The Firm's focused investigation and discovery efforts uncovered incriminating evidence of credit risk misrepresentations. The settlement is one of the top 20 securities class action settlements in the history of the PSLRA.

In re Apple Inc. Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow secured a \$490 million settlement on behalf of our client the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Rhode Island. The case involves Apple's January 2017 software update that allegedly secretly slowed the performance of certain iPhones with battery-related issues, leading consumers to prematurely believe their devices had become obsolete and upgrade their iPhones at a fast rate. Apple revealed it had been intentionally slowing down certain iPhones, also disclosing that the problem was battery-related, as opposed to device-related, and offered discounted replacement batteries throughout 2018 in light of public outrage. The deliberate materially false and misleading statements also disregarded the U.S.-China trade war, declining Chinese economy, and the strength of the U.S. dollar had negatively impacted demand for iPhones in Greater China, Apple's third-largest marketing and most important growth market.

In re HealthSouth Corp. Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as co-lead counsel to New Mexico State Investment Council in a case stemming from one of the largest frauds ever perpetrated in the healthcare industry. The \$671 million settlement recovered for the class is one of the top 15 securities class action settlements of all time. In early 2006, lead plaintiffs negotiated a settlement of \$445 million with defendant HealthSouth. In 2009, the court also granted final approval to a \$109 million settlement with defendant Ernst & Young LLP. In addition, in 2010, the court granted final approval to a \$117 million settlement with the remaining principal defendants in the case—UBS AG, UBS Warburg LLC, Howard Capek, Benjamin Lorello, and William McGahan.



In re Schering-Plough/ENHANCE Securities Litigation

As co-lead counsel, Labaton Keller Sucharow secured a \$473 million settlement on behalf of co-lead plaintiff Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Management Board. The settlement was approved after five years of litigation and just three weeks before trial. This recovery is one of the largest securities fraud class action settlements against a pharmaceutical company. The Special Masters' Report noted, "The outstanding result achieved for the class is the direct product of outstanding skill and perseverance by Co-Lead Counsel . . . no one else . . . could have produced the result here—no government agency or corporate litigant to lead the charge and the Settlement Fund is the product solely of the efforts of Plaintiffs' Counsel."

In re Waste Management, Inc. Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow achieved an extraordinary settlement that provided for the recovery of \$457 million in cash, plus an array of far-reaching corporate governance measures. Labaton Keller Sucharow represented lead plaintiff Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds. At the time of the settlement, it was the largest common fund settlement of a securities action achieved in any court within the Fifth Circuit and the third largest achieved in any federal court in the nation.

In re General Motors Corp. Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow secured a settlement of \$303 million as co-lead counsel in a case against automotive giant General Motors (GM) and its auditor Deloitte & Touche LLP (Deloitte). The final settlement is one of the largest settlements ever secured in the early stages of a securities fraud case, which consisted of a cash payment of \$277 million by GM and \$26 million in cash from Deloitte. Lead plaintiff Deka Investment GmbH alleged that GM, its officers, and its outside auditor overstated GM's income by billions of dollars and GM's operating cash flows by tens of billions of dollars, through a series of accounting manipulations.

Wyatt v. El Paso Corp.

Labaton Keller Sucharow secured a \$285 million class action settlement against the El Paso Corporation on behalf of the co-lead plaintiff, an individual. The case involved a securities fraud stemming from the company's inflated earnings statements, which cost shareholders hundreds of millions of dollars during a four-year span. Upon approving the settlement, the court commended the efficiency with which the case had been prosecuted, particularly in light of the complexity of the allegations and the legal issues.

In re Bear Stearns Cos., Inc. Securities, Derivative & ERISA Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as co-lead counsel, securing a \$294.9 million settlement on behalf of lead plaintiff State of Michigan Retirement Systems and the class. The action alleged that Bear Stearns and certain officers and directors made misstatements and omissions in connection with Bear Stearns' financial condition, including losses in the value of its mortgage-backed assets and Bear Stearns' risk profile and liquidity. The action further claimed that Bear Stearns' outside auditor, Deloitte, made misstatements and omissions in connection with its audits of Bear Stearns' financial statements for



fiscal years 2006 and 2007. Our prosecution of this action required us to develop a detailed understanding of the arcane world of packaging and selling subprime mortgages. Our complaint was called a “tutorial” for plaintiffs and defendants alike in this fast-evolving area. After surviving motions to dismiss, the court granted final approval to settlements with the defendant Bear Stearns for \$275 million and with Deloitte for \$19.9 million.

In re Massey Energy Co. Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow secured a \$265 million all-cash settlement as co-lead counsel representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Trust in a case arising from one of the most notorious mining disasters in U.S. history. The settlement was reached with Alpha Natural Resources, Massey’s parent company. Investors alleged that Massey falsely told investors it had embarked on safety improvement initiatives and presented a new corporate image following a deadly fire at one of its coalmines in 2006. After another devastating explosion, which killed 29 miners in 2010, Massey’s market capitalization dropped by more than \$3 billion.

Boston Retirement System v. Uber Technologies, Inc.

Labaton Keller Sucharow achieved a \$200 million settlement (pending final court approval) serving as lead counsel representing Boston Retirement System in an action against Uber Technologies Inc. The case alleges that offering documents for Uber’s May 2019 IPO misleadingly heralded a “new day at Uber” and that Uber had left its checkered history in the past, while failing to disclose material facts concerning Uber’s global playbook for illegally launching and operating its ridesharing business, illegal misclassification of Uber drivers as independent contractors rather than employees, deficient safety policies and practices that led to sexual assaults and other abuses, slowing growth, and massive restructuring and layoffs planned for the weeks and months after the IPO. The Firm overcame several hurdles to reach a settlement, including defeating Defendants’ motion to appeal class certification in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and overcoming Defendants’ request to block the depositions of 16 high-level Uber executives and members of the board of directors.

Eastwood Enterprises, LLC v. Farha (WellCare Securities Litigation)

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as co-lead counsel and secured a \$200 million settlement on behalf of the New Mexico State Investment Council and the Public Employees Retirement Association of New Mexico over allegations that WellCare Health Plans, Inc., a Florida-based healthcare service provider, disguised its profitability by overcharging state Medicaid programs. Further, under the terms of the settlement approved by the court, WellCare agreed to pay an additional \$25 million in cash if, at any time in the next three years, WellCare was acquired or otherwise experienced a change in control at a share price of \$30 or more after adjustments for dilution or stock splits.

In re SCANA Corporation Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as co-lead counsel and secured a \$192.5 million settlement on behalf of the class and co-lead plaintiff West Virginia Investment Management Board in this matter against a



regulated electric and natural gas public utility. When the case settled in 2019, it represented the largest securities fraud settlement in the history of the District of South Carolina. The action alleged that for a period of two years, the company and certain of its executives made a series of misstatements and omissions regarding the progress, schedule, costs, and oversight of a key nuclear reactor project in South Carolina. Labaton Keller Sucharow conducted an extensive investigation into the alleged fraud, including by interviewing 69 former SCANA employees and other individuals who worked on the nuclear project. In addition, Labaton Keller Sucharow obtained more than 1,500 documents from South Carolina regulatory agencies, SCANA's state-owned junior partner on the nuclear project, and a South Carolina newspaper, among others, pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). This information ultimately provided the foundation for our amended complaint and was relied upon by the court extensively in its opinion denying defendants' motion dismiss.

In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as lead counsel representing the lead plaintiff, union-owned LongView Collective Investment Fund of the Amalgamated Bank (LongView), against drug company Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS). LongView claimed that the company's press release touting its new blood pressure medication, Vanlev, left out critical information— that undisclosed results from the clinical trials indicated that Vanlev appeared to have life-threatening side effects. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) expressed serious concerns about these side effects and BMS released a statement that it was withdrawing the drug's FDA application, resulting in the company's stock price falling and losing nearly 30 percent of its value in a single day. After a five-year battle, we won relief on two critical fronts. First, we secured a \$185 million recovery for shareholders, and second, we negotiated major reforms to the company's drug development process that will have a significant impact on consumers and medical professionals across the globe. Due to our advocacy, BMS must now disclose the results of clinical studies on all of its drugs marketed in any country.

In re Fannie Mae 2008 Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow secured a \$170 million settlement as co-lead counsel on behalf of co-lead plaintiff Boston Retirement System. The lead plaintiffs alleged that Fannie Mae and certain of its current and former senior officers violated federal securities laws, by making false and misleading statements concerning the company's internal controls and risk management with respect to Alt-A and subprime mortgages. The lead plaintiffs also alleged that defendants made misstatements with respect to Fannie Mae's core capital, deferred tax assets, other-than-temporary losses, and loss reserves. Labaton Keller Sucharow successfully argued that investors' losses were caused by Fannie Mae's misrepresentations and poor risk management, rather than by the financial crisis. This settlement is a significant feat, particularly following the unfavorable result in a similar case involving investors in Fannie Mae's sibling company, Freddie Mac.



In re Broadcom Corp. Class Action Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as lead counsel on behalf of lead plaintiff New Mexico State Investment Council in a case stemming from Broadcom Corp.'s \$2.2 billion restatement of its historic financial statements for 1998–2005. In 2010, the Firm achieved a \$160.5 million settlement with Broadcom and two individual defendants to resolve this matter, representing the second largest up-front cash settlement ever recovered from a company accused of options backdating. Following a Ninth Circuit ruling confirming that outside auditors are subject to the same pleading standards as all other defendants, the district court denied the motion by Broadcom's auditor, Ernst & Young, to dismiss on the ground of loss causation. This ruling is a major victory for the class and a landmark decision by the court—the first of its kind in a case arising from stock-options backdating. In 2012, the court approved a \$13 million settlement with Ernst & Young.

In re Satyam Computer Services Ltd. Securities Litigation

Satyam Computer Services Ltd. (Satyam), referred to as “India’s Enron,” engaged in one of the most egregious frauds on record. In a case that rivals the Enron and Bernie Madoff scandals, Labaton Keller Sucharow represented lead plaintiff, UK-based Mineworkers’ Pension Scheme, which alleged that Satyam, related entities, Satyam’s auditors, and certain directors and officers made materially false and misleading statements to the investing public about the company’s earnings and assets, artificially inflating the price of Satyam securities. Labaton Keller Sucharow achieved a \$125 million settlement with Satyam and a \$25.5 million settlement with the company’s auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers. .

Boston Retirement System v. Alexion Pharmaceuticals Inc

Serving as co-lead counsel representing Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho, Labaton Keller Sucharow achieved a \$125 million settlement in a securities fraud case against Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and certain of its executives. The suit alleges that Alexion, a pharmaceutical drug company that generated nearly all of its revenue from selling the Company’s flagship drug, Soliris, made materially false and misleading statements and omissions principally connected to Alexion’s sales practices in connection with the marketing of Soliris.

In re Mercury Interactive Corp. Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as co-lead counsel and secured a \$117.5 million settlement on behalf of co-lead plaintiff Steamship Trade Association/International Longshoremen’s Association Pension Fund. The plaintiffs alleged that Mercury Interactive Corp. (Mercury) backdated option grants used to compensate employees and officers of the company. Mercury’s former CEO, CFO, and General Counsel actively participated in and benefited from the options backdating scheme, which came at the expense of the company’s shareholders and the investing public.

In re CannTrust Holdings Inc. Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as U.S. lead counsel on behalf of lead plaintiffs Granite Point Master Fund, LP; Granite Point Capital; and Scorpion Focused Ideas Fund in this action against CannTrust



Holdings Inc., a cannabis company primarily traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange, resulting in landmark settlements totaling CA\$129.5 million. Class actions against the company commenced in both the U.S. and Canada, with the U.S. class action asserting that CannTrust made materially false and misleading statements and omissions concerning its compliance with relevant cannabis regulations and an alleged scheme to increase its cannabis production.

In re Oppenheimer Champion Fund Securities Fraud Class Actions and In re Core Bond Fund

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as lead counsel and represented individuals and the proposed class in two related securities class actions brought against Oppenheimer Funds, Inc., among others, and certain officers and trustees of two funds—Oppenheimer Core Bond Fund and Oppenheimer Champion Income Fund. The Firm achieved settlements amounting to \$100 million: \$52.5 million in *In re Oppenheimer Champion Fund Securities Fraud Class Actions* and a \$47.5 million settlement in *In re Core Bond Fund*. The lawsuits alleged that the investment policies followed by the funds resulted in investor losses when the funds suffered drops in net asset value despite being presented as safe and conservative investments to consumers.

In re Computer Sciences Corporation Securities Litigation

As lead counsel representing Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, Labaton Keller Sucharow secured a \$97.5 million settlement in this “rocket docket” case involving accounting fraud. The settlement was the third largest all-cash recovery in a securities class action in the Fourth Circuit and the second largest all-cash recovery in such a case in the Eastern District of Virginia. The plaintiffs alleged that IT consulting and outsourcing company, Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), fraudulently inflated its stock price by misrepresenting and omitting the truth about the state of its most visible contract and its internal controls. In particular, the plaintiffs alleged that CSC assured the market that it was performing on a \$5.4 billion contract with the UK National Health Service when CSC internally knew that it could not deliver on the contract, departed from the terms of the contract, and as a result, was not properly accounting for the contract.

In re Allstate Corporation Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow achieved a \$90 million settlement as lead counsel representing the Carpenters Pension Trust Fund for Northern California, the Carpenters Annuity Trust Fund for Northern California, and the City of Providence Employee Retirement System in a securities case against The Allstate Corporation and certain current and former executives. The suit alleged that Allstate implemented an aggressive growth strategy, including lowering the company's underwriting standards, in an effort to grow its auto insurance business. Defendants are accused of concealing the resulting increase in the number of claims filed by the company's auto insurance customers for several months, while the company's CEO sold \$33 million in Allstate stock. The Firm vigorously litigated the case for more than five years, overcoming Allstate's motion to dismiss and winning class certification two times, following remand to the District Court by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.



In re Nielsen Holdings PLC Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as lead counsel representing Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi and secured a \$73 million settlement in a securities class action against the data analytics company Nielsen Holdings PLC over allegations the company misrepresented the strength and resiliency of its business and the impact of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation, commonly known as the GDPR.

In re Resideo Technologies Inc. Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as co-lead counsel and secured a \$55 million settlement on behalf of Naya Capital Management in an action alleging Resideo failed to disclose the negative effects of a spin-off on the company's product sales, supply chain, and gross margins, and misrepresented the strength of its financial forecasts.

Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi v. Endo Int'l plc

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as lead counsel in a securities class action against Endo Pharmaceuticals. The case settled for \$50 million, the largest class settlement in connection with a secondary public offering obtained in any court pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933. The action alleged that Endo failed to disclose adverse trends facing its generic drugs division in advance of a secondary public offering that raised \$2 billion to finance the acquisition of Par Pharmaceuticals in 2015. The Firm overcame several procedural hurdles to reach this historic settlement, including successfully opposing defendants' attempts to remove the case to federal court and to dismiss the class complaint in state court.

Sinnathurai v. Novavax, Inc.

Labaton Keller Sucharow achieved a \$47 million settlement serving as co-lead counsel in a securities class action against Novavax, Inc., a biotechnology company that focuses on the discovery, development, and commercialization of vaccines to prevent serious infectious diseases and address health needs, representing an individual. The company's product candidates include NVX-CoV2373, which was in development as a vaccine for COVID-19. Prior to the start of the Class Period, Novavax announced that it planned to complete Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) submissions for NVX-CoV2373 with the FDA in the second quarter of 2021. The suit alleges Novavax made false and/or misleading statements and/or failed to disclose that it overstated its manufacturing capabilities and downplayed manufacturing issues that would impact its approval timeline for NVX-CoV2373; as a result, Novavax was unlikely to meet its anticipated EUA regulatory timelines.

In re JELD-WEN Holding, Inc. Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow was court-appointed co-lead counsel and represented Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi in a securities class action lawsuit against JELD-WEN Holding, Inc. and certain of its executives. The parties reached an agreement to settle the action for \$40 million. The case is related to allegedly false and misleading statements and omissions concerning JELD-WEN's



allegedly anticompetitive conduct and financial results in the doorskins and interior molded door markets and the merit of a lawsuit filed against JELD-WEN by an interior door manufacturer.

City of Warren Police and Fire Retirement System v. World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as court-appointed lead counsel in a securities class action against World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. (WWE), securing a \$39 million settlement on behalf of lead plaintiff Firefighters Pension System of the City of Kansas City Missouri Trust. The action alleged WWE defrauded investors by making false and misleading statements in connection with certain of its key overseas businesses in the Middle East North Africa region. The lead plaintiff further alleged that the price of WWE publicly traded common stock was artificially inflated as a result of the company's allegedly false and misleading statements and omissions and that the price declined when the truth was allegedly revealed through a series of partial revelations.

In re Uniti Group Inc. Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as co-lead counsel in a securities class action against Uniti Group Inc. and recovered \$38.875 million. The action alleged misstatements and omissions concerning the validity and propriety of the April 24, 2015, REIT spin-off through which Uniti was formed and the master lease agreement Uniti entered into with Windstream Services with respect to telecommunications equipment. The court issued an order denying defendants' motion to dismiss in its entirety and denied defendants' motion for reconsideration of that ruling. In discovery, the Firm participated in dozens of depositions and reviewed millions of pages of documents.

In re Conduent Sec. Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow achieved a \$32 million settlement in a securities class action against Conduent Inc., a company that specializes in providing infrastructure technology for its clients across multiple sectors, including E-ZPass Group. As part of the company's toll-collecting operations, Conduent offered a system that eliminated toll booths altogether, called all-electronic tolling or cashless tolling. The suit alleges that Conduent and its former CEO and former CFO falsely represented to investors that the company had addressed legacy IT issues it faced after its spin-off from Xerox. After extensive delays, Conduent finally started to migrate and consolidate its data centers without the necessary IT mapping resulting in severe network outages and service issues for multiple cashless tolling clients from several states including New York, Maryland, New Jersey, and Texas, which withheld revenue from or fined Conduent for its failure to meet its service requirements under its tolling contracts with those agencies.

Pension Trust Fund for Operating Engineers v. DeVry Education Group, Inc.

In a case that underscores the skill of our in-house investigative team, Labaton Keller Sucharow secured a \$27.5 million recovery in an action alleging that DeVry Education Group, Inc. issued false statements to investors about employment and salary statistics for DeVry University graduates. The Firm took over



as lead counsel after a consolidated class action complaint and an amended complaint were both dismissed. Labaton Keller Sucharow filed a third amended complaint, which included additional allegations based on internal documents obtained from government entities through FOIA and allegations from 13 new confidential witnesses who worked for DeVry. In denying defendants' motion to dismiss, the court concluded that the "additional allegations . . . alter[ed] the alleged picture with respect to scienter" and showed "with a degree of particularity . . . that the problems with DeVry's [representations] . . . were broad in scope and magnitude."

ODS Capital LLC v. JA Solar Holdings Co. Ltd.

In a hard-won victory for investors, Labaton Keller Sucharow secured a \$21 million settlement in a securities class action against JA Solar Holdings Co. Ltd and certain of its executives on behalf of ODS Capital LLC. The litigation involved allegations that defendants made misstatements or omissions that artificially depressed the price of JA Solar securities in order to avoid paying a fair price during the company's take-private transaction. As court-appointed co-lead counsel, Labaton Keller Sucharow revived the suit in an August 2022 Second Circuit ruling, after a lower court initially granted JA Solar's dismissal bid.

Vancouver Alumni Asset Holdings Inc. v. Daimler A.G.

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as lead counsel on behalf of Public School Retirement System of Kansas City, Missouri, and secured a \$19 million settlement in a class action against automaker Daimler AG. The action arose out of Daimler's alleged misstatements and omissions touting its Mercedes-Benz diesel vehicles as "green" when independent tests showed that under normal driving conditions, the vehicles exceeded the nitrous oxide emissions levels set by U.S. and E.U. regulators. Defendants lodged two motions to dismiss the case. However, the Firm was able to overcome both challenges. The court then stayed the action after the U.S. DOJ intervened. The Firm worked with the DOJ and defendants to partially lift the stay in order to allow lead plaintiffs to seek limited discovery.

Avila v. LifeLock, Inc.

Labaton Keller Sucharow served as co-lead counsel and secured a \$20 million settlement on behalf of Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System and Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System in a securities class action against LifeLock. The action alleged that LifeLock misrepresented the capabilities of its identity theft alerts to investors. While LifeLock repeatedly touted the "proactive," "near real-time" nature of its alerts, the actual timeliness of such alerts to customers did not resemble a near real-time basis. After being dismissed by the Arizona District Court twice, the Firm was able to successfully appeal the case to the Ninth Circuit and secured a reversal of the District Court's dismissals. The case settled shortly after being remanded to the District Court.

In re Prothena Corporation PLC Securities Litigation

Labaton Keller Sucharow, as co-lead counsel, secured a \$15.75 million recovery in a securities class action against development-stage biotechnology company, Prothena Corp. The action alleged that



Prothena and certain of its senior executives misleadingly cited the results of an ongoing clinical study of NEOD001—a drug designed to treat amyloid light chain amyloidosis and one of Prothena’s principal assets. Despite telling investors that early phases of testing were successful, defendants later revealed that the drug was “substantially less effective than a placebo.” Upon this news, Prothena’s stock price dropped nearly 70 percent.

Labaton Keller Sucharow ***In re Acuity Brands, Inc. Securities Litigation***

Labaton Keller Sucharow secured a \$15.75 million settlement as co-lead counsel representing Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi in a securities class action lawsuit against Acuity Brands, Inc., a leading provider of lighting solutions for commercial, institutional industrial, infrastructure, and residential applications throughout North America and select international markets. The suit alleged that Acuity misled investors about the impact of increased competition on its business, including its relationship with its largest retail customer, Home Depot. Despite defendants’ efforts, the court denied their motion to dismiss in significant part and granted class certification, rejecting their arguments in full. Defendants appealed the class certification order to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, which the Firm vigorously opposed. Subsequently, the parties mediated and agreed on a settlement-in-principle, and the Eleventh Circuit stayed the appeal and removed the case from the docket.

Labaton Keller Sucharow ***Ronge v. Camping World Holdings, Inc.***

In a securities class action against Camping World Holdings, Labaton Keller Sucharow achieved a multi-million dollar settlement for investors. The action alleged that, for a period of two years, the recreational vehicle company and certain of its executives made materially false and misleading statements regarding its financial results, internal controls, and success of its integration of an acquired company. The Firm conducted an extensive investigation into the alleged fraud, including by reviewing public filings and statements and interviewing several former employees. This investigation provided the foundation for our amended complaint and ultimately resulted in \$12.5 million recovery for investors through a mediated settlement with defendants.



Representative Client List

- ✘ 1199SEIU Benefit and Pension Funds
- ✘ Retirement Systems of Alabama
- ✘ Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System
- ✘ Arizona State Retirement System
- ✘ Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System
- ✘ Arkansas Teacher Retirement System
- ✘ Austin Firefighters Relief and Retirement Fund
- ✘ City of Austin Employees Retirement System
- ✘ Blue Sky Group Holding B.V.
- ✘ Border to Coast Pensions Partnership
- ✘ Boston Retirement System
- ✘ British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme
- ✘ Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec
- ✘ California Ironworkers Field Pension Trust
- ✘ California Public Employees' Retirement System
- ✘ Carpenters Pension Trust Fund for Northern California
- ✘ Construction Laborers Pension Trust for Southern California
- ✘ Northern California Plastering Industry Pension Plan
- ✘ The Regents of the University of California
- ✘ Cambridge Retirement System
- ✘ Central Laborers Pension, Welfare & Annuity Funds
- ✘ Central States Pension Fund
- ✘ Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association
- ✘ City of Dearborn Employees' Retirement System
- ✘ Degroof Petercam Asset Management
- ✘ DeKalb County Employees Retirement Plan
- ✘ Delaware Public Employees Retirement System
- ✘ Denver Employees Retirement Plan
- ✘ Bricklayers Pension Trust Fund Metropolitan Area
- ✘ The Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit
- ✘ Genesee County Employees' Retirement System
- ✘ Gwinnett County Retirement Plans
- ✘ State of Hawaii Employees Retirement System
- ✘ Hermes Investment Management Limited
- ✘ Houston Municipal Employees Pension Plan
- ✘ Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho
- ✘ Carpenters Pension Fund of Illinois
- ✘ Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund
- ✘ Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters Pension Fund



- ✘ Indiana Public Retirement System
- ✘ International Painters and Allied Trades Industry Pension Fund
- ✘ Kansas City Employees' Retirement System
- ✘ Legal & General
- ✘ Local Pensions Partnership Investments
- ✘ Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association
- ✘ Macomb County Retirement System
- ✘ Massachusetts Laborers' Annuity and Pension Fund
- ✘ Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi
- ✘ National Elevator Industry Pension Plan
- ✘ Nebraska State Investment Council
- ✘ New England Teamsters & Trucking Industry
- ✘ New Orleans Employees' Retirement System
- ✘ Newport News Employees' Retirement Fund
- ✘ New York State Common Retirement Fund
- ✘ New York State Teamsters Conference Pension & Retirement Fund
- ✘ New Zealand Superannuation
- ✘ Public Employees Retirement Association of New Mexico
- ✘ Norfolk County Retirement System
- ✘ North Carolina Retirement Systems
- ✘ Ohio Carpenters' Pension Plan
- ✘ Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
- ✘ Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System
- ✘ Omaha Police & Fire Retirement System
- ✘ Oregon Public Employees Retirement System
- ✘ Central Pennsylvania Teamsters Pension Fund and Health & Welfare Fund
- ✘ Greater Pennsylvania Carpenters' Pension Fund
- ✘ Pennsylvania State Employees Retirement System
- ✘ Phoenix Employees' Retirement System
- ✘ City of Pontiac General Employees Retirement System
- ✘ Employees Retirement System of Rhode Island
- ✘ Sacramento Employees Retirement System
- ✘ San Francisco Employees Retirement System
- ✘ Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System
- ✘ Seattle City Employees' Retirement System
- ✘ The Police Retirement System of St. Louis
- ✘ Steamfitters Local #449 Benefit Funds
- ✘ Teacher Retirement System of Texas
- ✘ Utah Retirement Systems
- ✘ Vermont State Employees' Retirement System
- ✘ Virginia Retirement System
- ✘ Wayne County Employees' Retirement System
- ✘ West Virginia Investment Management Board
- ✘ West Virginia Laborers Pension Trust Fund



Awards and Accolades

Consistently Ranked as a Leading Firm:



Benchmark Litigation recognized Labaton Keller Sucharow both nationally and regionally, in **New York** and **Delaware**, in its 2024 edition and named 9 Partners as **Litigation Stars** and **Future Stars** across the U.S. The Firm received top rankings in the **Securities** and **Dispute Resolution** categories. The publication also named the Firm a **"Top Plaintiffs Firm"** in the nation.



Labaton Keller Sucharow is recognized by *Chambers USA 2024* among the leading plaintiffs' firms in the nation, receiving a total of three practice group rankings and seven partners ranked or recognized. *Chambers* notes that the Firm is **"top flight all-round,"** a **"very high-quality practice,"** with **"good, sensible lawyers."**



Labaton Keller Sucharow has been recognized as one of the **Nation's Best Plaintiffs' Firms** by *The Legal 500*. In 2024, the Firm earned a **Tier 1 ranking in Securities Litigation** and ranked for its excellence in **M&A Litigation**. 11 Labaton Keller Sucharow attorneys were ranked or recommended in the guide noting the Firm as **"superb,"** **"very knowledgeable and experienced,"** and **"excellent at identifying the strongest claims in each case and aggressively prosecuting those claims without wasting time and resources on less strategically relevant issues."**



Lawdragon recognized 15 Labaton Keller Sucharow attorneys among the **500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers** in the country in their 2024 guide. The guide recognizes attorneys that are "the best in the nation – many would say the world – at representing plaintiffs."



Labaton Keller Sucharow was named a **2021 Securities Group of the Year** by *Law360*. The award recognizes the attorneys behind significant litigation wins and major deals that resonated throughout the legal industry.



The National Law Journal "2023 Elite Trial Lawyers" recognized Labaton Keller Sucharow as the **2023 Securities Litigation and Shareholder Rights Firm of the Year** and **Diversity Initiative Firm of the Year**.



For a second consecutive year, Labaton Keller Sucharow was named **Gender Diversity North America Firm of the Year** by the 2024 *Women in Business Law Awards*, in addition to being named a finalist in six additional categories. The *WIBL Awards* recognizes firms advancing diversity in the profession.



Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

“Now, more than ever, it is important to focus on our diverse talent and create opportunities for young lawyers to become our future leaders. We are proud that our Diversity Committee provides a place for our diverse lawyers to expand their networks and spheres of influence, develop their skills, and find the sponsorship and mentorship necessary to rise and realize their full potential.”

– Carol C. Villegas, Partner

Over sixty years, Labaton Keller Sucharow has earned global recognition for its success in securing historic recoveries and reforms for investors and consumers. We strive to attain the same level of achievement in promoting fairness and equality within our practice and throughout the legal profession and believe this can be realized by building and maintaining a team of professionals with a broad range of backgrounds, orientations, and interests. Partner Christine M. Fox serves as Chair of the Committee.

As a national law firm serving a global clientele, diversity is vital to reaching the right result and provides us with distinct points of view from which to address each client’s most pressing needs and complex legal challenges. Problem solving is at the core of what we do...and equity and inclusion serve as a catalyst for understanding and leveraging the myriad strengths of our diverse workforce.

Research demonstrates that diversity in background, gender, and ethnicity leads to smarter and more informed decision-making, as well as positive social impact that addresses the imbalance in business today—leading to generations of greater returns for all. We remain committed to developing initiatives that focus on tangible diversity, equity, and inclusion goals involving recruiting, professional development, retention, and advancement of diverse and minority candidates, while also raising awareness and supporting real change inside and outside our Firm.



In recognition of our efforts, we’ve been named Gender Diversity North America Firm of the Year, for two consecutive years, and Diverse Women Lawyers North America Firm of the Year by the *Women in Business Law Awards* and have been consistently shortlisted in their Americas Firm of the Year, United States – North East, Women in Business Law, Career

Development, and Talent Management categories. In addition, the Firm is a repeated recipient of The National Law Journal “Elite Trial Lawyers” Diversity Initiative Award and has been selected as a finalist for Chambers & Partners’ Diversity and Inclusion Awards in the Outstanding Firm and Inclusive Firm of the Year categories. Our Firm understands the importance of extending leadership positions to diverse lawyers and is committed to investing time and resources to develop the next generation of leaders and counselors. We actively recruit, mentor, and promote to partnership minority and female lawyers.



Women's Initiative

Women's Networking and Mentoring Initiative

Labaton Keller Sucharow is the first securities litigation firm with a dedicated program to foster growth, leadership, and advancement of female attorneys. Established more than a decade ago, our Women's Initiative has hosted seminars, workshops, and networking events that encourage the advancement of female lawyers and staff, and bolster their participation as industry collaborators and celebrated thought innovators. We engage important women who inspire us by sharing their experience, wisdom, and lessons learned. We offer workshops on subject matter that ranges from professional development, negotiation, and public speaking, to business development and gender inequality in the law today.

Institutional Investing in Women and Minority-Led Investment Firms

Our Women's Initiative hosts an annual event on institutional investing in women and minority-led investment firms that was shortlisted for a *Chambers & Partners'* Diversity & Inclusion award. By bringing pension funds, diverse managers, hedge funds, investment consultants, and legal counsel together and elevating the voices of diverse women, we address the importance and advancement of diversity investing. Our 2018 inaugural event was shortlisted among *Euromoney's* Best Gender Diversity Initiative.

Minority Scholarship and Internship

To take an active stance in introducing minority students to our practice and the legal profession, we established the Labaton Keller Sucharow Minority Scholarship and Internship years ago. Annually, we present a grant and Summer Associate position to a first-year minority student from a metropolitan New York law school who has demonstrated academic excellence, community commitment, and unwavering personal integrity. Several past recipients are now full-time attorneys at the Firm. We also offer two annual summer internships to Hunter College students.



Professional Profiles



Christopher J. Keller

Chairman

Christopher J. Keller is Chairman of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP and head of the Firm's Executive Committee. He is based in the Firm's New York office. Chris focuses on complex securities litigation cases and works with institutional investor clients, including some of the world's largest public and private pension funds with tens of billions of dollars under management.

In his role as Chairman, Chris is responsible for establishing and executing upon Labaton Keller Sucharow's strategic priorities, including advancing business initiatives and promoting a culture of performance, collaboration, and collegiality. Commitment to these priorities has helped the Firm deepen its practice area expertise, extend its worldwide reach, and earn industry recognition for workplace culture.

Chris's distinction in the plaintiffs' bar has earned him recognition from *Lawdragon* as a Legend, Elite Lawyer in the Legal Profession, and among the top Global Plaintiff Lawyers, the country's Leading Lawyers, Leading Litigators, and Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers. *Chambers & Partners USA* has recognized him as a Noted Practitioner, and he has received recommendations from *The Legal 500* for excellence in the field of securities litigation.

Chris is a frequent commentator on legal issues and has been featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *Law360*, and *National Law Journal*, among others. Educating institutional investors is a significant element of Chris's advocacy efforts for shareholder rights. He is regularly called upon for presentations on developing trends in the law and new case theories at annual meetings and seminars for institutional investors.



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Chris has been integral in the prosecution of traditional fraud cases such as *In re Schering-Plough Corporation/ENHANCE Securities Litigation*; *In re Massey Energy Co. Securities Litigation*, where the Firm obtained a \$265 million all-cash settlement with Alpha Natural Resources, Massey's parent company; as well as *In re Satyam Computer Services, Ltd. Securities Litigation*, where the Firm obtained a settlement of more than \$150 million. Chris was also a principal litigator on the trial team of *In re Real Estate Associates Limited Partnership Litigation*. The six-week jury trial resulted in a \$185 million plaintiffs' verdict, one of the largest jury verdicts since the passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act.

Educating institutional investors is a significant element of Chris's advocacy efforts for shareholder rights. He is regularly called upon for presentations on developing trends in the law and new case theories at annual meetings and seminars for institutional investors.

Chris is a member of several professional groups, including the New York State Bar Association and the New York County Lawyers' Association. He is a prior member of the Board of Directors of the City Bar Fund, the nonprofit 501(c)(3) arm of the New York City Bar Association aimed at engaging and supporting the legal profession in advancing social justice.



Eric J. Belfi

Partner

Eric J. Belfi is a Partner in the New York and London offices of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP and a member of the Firm's Executive Committee. An accomplished litigator and former prosecutor, Eric represents many of the world's foremost pension funds and other leading institutional investors. His practice actively focuses on domestic and international securities and shareholder rights litigation. Beyond his litigation responsibilities, Eric leads the Firm's Client Development Group and is an integral member of the Firm's Case Analysis Group. He is actively engaged in initial case evaluation and providing counsel to institutional investor clients on potential claims. Eric has successfully handled numerous high-profile domestic securities cases and spearheads the Firm's Non-U.S. Securities Litigation Practice, exclusively dedicated to assessing potential claims in non-U.S. jurisdictions and offering guidance on the associated risks and benefits. Additionally, he advises domestic and international clients on complex ESG issues.

Widely recognized by industry observers for his professional achievements, Eric has been recognized by *Chambers & Partners USA* as a "notable practitioner" and is recommended by *The Legal 500* for excellence in the field of securities litigation. He has been named as one of the top Global Plaintiff Lawyers, Leading Global Litigators, Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers, and Leading Litigators by *Lawdragon*.

Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Eric served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of New York and as an Assistant District Attorney for the County of Westchester. During his tenure as a prosecutor, he specialized in investigating and prosecuting white-collar criminal cases with a particular emphasis on securities law violations.



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Eric is a member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA) Securities Litigation Working Group and the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Corporate Advisory Board. He is a frequent commentator and has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Law360*, and *The National Law Journal*, among others. Eric is a frequent speaker in the U.S. and abroad on the topics of shareholder litigation and U.S.-style class actions in European countries.

Eric earned his Juris Doctor from St. John's University School of Law and received his Bachelor of Arts from Georgetown University.



Jake Bissell-Linsk

Partner

Jake Bissell-Linsk is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. Jake focuses his practice on securities fraud class actions.

Jake has been recognized as a Rising Star by *The National Law Journal*'s "Elite Trial Lawyers" and *New York Law Journal*'s New York Legal Awards, as well as a Next Generation Lawyer by *Lawdragon*. *The Best Lawyers in America*® listed him as one of the "Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch" in the Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions: Plaintiffs category and *Benchmark Litigation* named him to their "40 & Under List."

Jake has litigated federal securities class actions in jurisdictions across the country at both the District Court and Appellate Court level. He is currently litigating cases against Rocket Companies alleging that insiders misstated the risks of rising interest rates on the business and engaged in a \$500 million insider sale ahead of disclosing declining performance; against Intelsat insiders alleging they sold \$246 million in stock shortly after learning the FTC would reject a bet-the-company deal; against Tesla, General Motors, and Cruise alleging executives misrepresented the safety and capabilities of their autonomous driving technologies; against Boeing alleging the company misstated its safety practices; against Cronos for alleged accounting fraud related to cannabis sales; and against Playtika for allegedly omitting to disclose risks related to a planned major redesign of its two major products before its IPO.

In addition to these varied securities fraud cases, Jake is litigating a number of cases involving take-private mergers, including several cases involving Chinese-based and Cayman-incorporated firms that were delisted from U.S. exchanges. For example, one such case alleges E-House's executives withheld favorable projections and internal plans to relist the company in China after an undervalued



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Bar Admissions:

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buyout and another alleges members of Shanda's management issued unjustifiable projections and hid tremendous results for the newest release in its marquee video game franchise before an undervalued buyout.

Jake has played a pivotal role in securing favorable settlements for investors in a variety of securities actions, including recent cases against Nielsen (\$73 million settlement), in a case that involved allegations of inflated goodwill and the effect of the EU's GDPR on the company; Mindbody (\$9.75 million settlement), in a case alleging false guidance and inadequate disclosures prior to a private equity buyout; and against Qihoo (\$29.75 million settlement) and JA Solar (\$21 million settlement), in cases alleging misrepresentations about projections and post-merger plans included in proxies prior to a management buyout.

Beyond securities cases, Jake is currently litigating a class action alleging that Flo Health improperly shared app users' health data and that Meta, Google and Flurry improperly intercepted confidential user data. Jake also regularly provides pro bono assistance to pro se parties through the Federal Pro Se Legal Assistance Project.

Jake was previously a Litigation Associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, where he worked on complex commercial litigation including contract disputes, bankruptcies, derivative suits, and securities claims. He also assisted defendants in government investigations and provided litigation advice on M&A transactions and during restructurings.

Jake earned his Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He served as Senior Editor of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* and Associate Editor of the *East Asia Law Review*. While in law school, Jake interned for Judge Melvin L. Schweitzer at the New York Supreme Court (Commercial Division). He received his bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from Hamline University.



Guillaume Buell

Partner

Guillaume Buell is a Partner in the New York and London offices at Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. He is an experienced and trusted advisor to a wide range of institutional investors in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Europe regarding global securities litigation, corporate governance matters, and shareholder rights. His clients include a wide range of pension funds, asset managers, insurance companies, and other sophisticated investors. As part of the Firm's Non-U.S. Securities Litigation Practice, which is one of the first of its kind, Guillaume serves as liaison counsel to institutional investors in select overseas matters. He also advises clients in connection with complex consumer matters.

Guillaume has played an important role in cases against CVS Caremark, Unilever Group, Nu Skin Enterprises, Conduent, Stamps.com, Genworth Financial, Rent-A-Center, and Castlight Health, among others. Guillaume has been recognized by *Lawdragon* among the top "500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers" and as a "Next Generation Lawyer." *Benchmark Litigation* also named him to their "40 & Under List."

Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Guillaume was an attorney with Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP in New York and Hicks Davis Wynn, P.C. in Houston, where he provided legal counsel to a wide range of Fortune 500 and other corporate clients in the aviation, construction, energy, financial, consumer, pharmaceutical, and insurance sectors in state and federal litigations, government investigations, and internal investigations.

Guillaume is an active member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA), where he serves as an appointed member of its Securities Litigation Committee, Fiduciary & Governance Committee, and the New Member Education Committee. In addition, he is actively involved with the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems, the Association of Canadian Pension



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- ✕ Corporate Governance and Shareholder Rights Litigation

Bar Admissions:

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- ✕ Texas
- ✕ Supreme Court of the United States



Management, the Michigan Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems, the National Association of Shareholder and Consumer Attorneys, the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans, and the Georgia Association of Public Pension Trustees.

Guillaume received his Juris Doctor from Boston College Law School, where he was the recipient of the Boston College Law School award for outstanding contributions to the law school community. He was also a member of the National Environmental Law Moot Court Team, which advanced to the national quarterfinals and received recognition for best oralists. While in law school, Guillaume was a Judicial Intern with the Honorable Loretta A. Preska, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and an Intern with the Government Bureau of the Attorney General of Massachusetts. He received his Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude* with departmental honors, from Brandeis University.

Guillaume is fluent in French and conversant in German. He is an Eagle Scout and actively involved in his hometown's local civic organizations.



Michael P. Canty

Partner and General Counsel

Michael P. Canty is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP, where he serves on the Firm's Executive Committee and as its General Counsel. In addition, he leads one of the Firm's Securities Litigation teams and serves as head of the Firm's Consumer Protection and Data Privacy Litigation Practice.

Highly regarded as one of the country's elite litigators, Michael has been recommended by *The Legal 500* and recognized as a Litigation Star by *Benchmark Litigation*. In addition, he has been named a Plaintiffs' Trailblazer, Class Action / Mass Tort Litigation Trailblazer, and a NY Trailblazer by *The National Law Journal* and the *New York Law Journal*, respectively, for his impact on the practice and business of law. *Lawdragon* has recognized him as one of the country's Leading Litigators, Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers, and Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers. *New York Law Journal* has also shortlisted Michael for "Attorney of the Year."

Michael has successfully prosecuted a number of high-profile securities matters on behalf of institutional investors, including *Boston Retirement System v. Alexion Pharmaceuticals Inc.* (\$125 million settlement), *In re The Allstate Corporation Securities Litigation* (\$90 million settlement), *In re Okta, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$60 million settlement, pending final court approval), and *Sinnathurai v. Novavax, Inc.* (\$47 million settlement) as well as matters involving Advanced Micro Devices, Camping World Holdings, and Credit Acceptance Corp, among others. Michael is actively leading the litigation of prominent cases against Fidelity National Information Services, Estée Lauder, Rocket Companies and PG&E.

In addition to his securities practice, Michael has extensive experience representing consumers in high-profile data privacy litigation. Most notably, one of Michael's most recent successes was the historic



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- ✕ Consumer Protection and Data Privacy Litigation

Bar Admissions:

- ✕ New York



\$650 million settlement in the *In re Facebook Biometric Information Privacy Litigation* matter—one of the largest consumer data privacy settlements ever and one of the first cases asserting consumers’ biometric privacy rights under Illinois’ Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA). Michael currently serves as co-lead counsel in *Garner v. Amazon.com, Inc.* alleging Amazon’s illegal wiretapping and surreptitious recording through its Alexa-enabled devices.

Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Michael served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York, where he was the Deputy Chief of the Office’s General Crimes Section. During his time as a federal prosecutor, Michael also served in the Office’s National Security and Cybercrimes Section. Prior to this, he served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office, where he handled complex state criminal offenses and served in the Office’s Homicide Unit.

Michael has extensive trial experience both from his days as a prosecutor in New York City for the U.S. Department of Justice and as a Nassau County Assistant District Attorney. Michael served as trial counsel in more than 35 matters, many of which related to violent crime, white-collar, and terrorism-related offenses. He played a pivotal role in *United States v. Abid Naseer*, where he prosecuted and convicted an al-Qaeda operative who conspired to carry out attacks in the United States and Europe. Michael also led the investigation in *United States v. Marcos Alonso Zea*, a case in which he successfully prosecuted a citizen for attempting to join a terrorist organization in the Arabian Peninsula and for providing material support for planned attacks.

Before becoming a prosecutor, Michael worked as a Congressional Staff Member for the U.S. House of Representatives. He primarily served as a liaison between the Majority Leader’s Office and the Government Reform and Oversight Committee. During his time with the House of Representatives, Michael managed congressional oversight of the United States Postal Service and reviewed and analyzed counter-narcotics legislation as it related to national security matters.

Michael is a frequent commentator on legal issues and has been featured in *The Washington Post*, *Law360*, and *The National Law Journal*, among others, and has appeared on CBS and NPR.

He is a member of the Federal Bar Council American Inn of Court, which endeavors to create a community of lawyers and jurists and promotes the ideals of professionalism, mentoring, ethics, and legal skills. He is also a member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA).

Michael earned his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from St. John’s University’s School of Law. He received his Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, from Mary Washington College.



James T. Christie

Partner

James T. Christie is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. James focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors. He is currently involved in litigating cases against major U.S. and non-U.S. corporations, such as Array, Estee Lauder, Fidelity National Information Services (FIS), iQIYI, Nikola, Opendoor, Rocket Companies and StoneCo. James also serves as Assistant General Counsel to the Firm and is a Co-Chair of the Firm's Technology Committee. James is also a member of the Firm's Executive Committee.

Seen as a rising star in securities litigation, James is recommended by *The Legal 500* and has been named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "40 & Under Hot List." He has been recognized as a "Rising Star of the Plaintiffs Bar" by *The National Law Journal*, a "Next Generation Lawyer" and "Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer" by *Lawdragon*, and a Securities Rising Star by *Law360*, which noted his leadership in several high-profile matters. In addition, *The Best Lawyers in America*® listed him as one of the "Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch" in the Litigation: Securities category.

James was an integral part of the Firm's team that helped recover \$192.5 million for investors in a settlement for *In re SCANA Corporation Securities Litigation*. James served in a critical role in recovering a \$125 million settlement on behalf of investors in *Boston Retirement System v. Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.* James was a crucial part of a cross-border effort in *In re Canntrust Holdings Securities Litigation* that was able to obtain a landmark CA\$129.5 million settlement against a Canadian cannabis producer and its executive officers. James was actively involved in litigating *In re Okta, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a \$60 million settlement. James helped lead an effort in fast-paced case litigated in the Eastern District of Virginia, *In re Jeld-Wen Holding, Inc. Securities*



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Litigation, where the Firm recovered \$40 million for injured investors. In addition, James was a key contributor to the Firm's efforts in recovering \$47 million for investors in a case against a vaccine manufacturer in *Sinnathurai v. Novavax, Inc.* James also assisted in recovering \$20 million on behalf of investors in *Avila v. LifeLock, Inc.*, where he played a significant role in obtaining a key appellate victory in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversing the district court's order dismissing the case with prejudice. In addition, James assisted in the \$14.75 million recovery secured for investors against PTC Therapeutics Inc., a pharmaceutical manufacturer of orphan drugs, in *In re PTC Therapeutics, Inc. Securities Litigation*.

James previously served as a Judicial Intern in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York under the Honorable Sandra J. Feuerstein.

He is an active member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Council, and the Georgia Association of Public Pension Trustees (GAPPT), where he serves on the Rules Committee.

James earned his Juris Doctor from St. John's University School of Law, where he was the Senior Articles Editor of the *St. John's Law Review*, and his Bachelor of Science, *cum laude*, from St. John's University Tobin College of Business.



Thomas A. Dubbs

Partner

Thomas A. Dubbs is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. Tom focuses on the representation of institutional investors in domestic and multinational securities cases. Tom serves and has served as lead or co-lead counsel in some of the most important federal securities class actions in recent years, including those against American International Group, the Bear Stearns Companies, Facebook, Fannie Mae, Broadcom, and WellCare.

Tom is highly-regarded in his practice. He has been named a top litigator by *Chambers & Partners USA* for more than 11 consecutive years and has been consistently ranked as a Leading Lawyer in Securities Litigation by *The Legal 500*. *Law360*

named him an MVP of the Year for distinction in class action litigation, and he has been recognized by *The National Law Journal* and *Benchmark Litigation* for excellence in securities litigation. *Lawdragon* has recognized Tom as a Global Plaintiff Lawyer and one of the country's Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers, in addition to naming him to their Hall of Fame. Tom has also received a rating of AV Preeminent from the publishers of the Martindale-Hubbell directory. Furthermore, *The Legal 500* has inducted Tom into its Hall of Fame—an honor presented only to the four plaintiffs' securities litigators "who have received constant praise by their clients for continued excellence."

Tom has played an integral role in securing significant settlements in numerous high-profile cases, including *In re American International Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* (settlements totaling more than \$1 billion); *In re Bear Stearns Companies, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$275 million settlement with Bear Stearns Companies plus a \$19.9 million settlement with Deloitte & Touche LLP, Bear Stearns' outside auditor); *In re HealthSouth Securities Litigation* (\$671 million settlement); *Eastwood Enterprises LLC v. Farha et al.* (WellCare Securities Litigation) (over \$200 million settlement); *In re Fannie Mae 2008 Securities Litigation* (\$170 million settlement); *In re Broadcom Corp. Securities Litigation* (\$160.5 million



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Bar Admissions:

- ✕ New York
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settlement with Broadcom, plus \$13 million settlement with Ernst & Young LLP, Broadcom's outside auditor); *In re St. Paul Travelers Securities Litigation* (\$144.5 million settlement); *In re Amgen Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$95 million settlement); and *In re Vesta Insurance Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$78 million settlement).

Representing an affiliate of the Amalgamated Bank, Tom successfully led a team that litigated a class action against Bristol-Myers Squibb, which resulted in a settlement of \$185 million as well as major corporate governance reforms. He has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court and has argued 10 appeals dealing with securities or commodities issues before the U.S. Courts of Appeals.

Due to his reputation in securities law, Tom frequently lectures to institutional investors and other groups, such as the Government Finance Officers Association, the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems, and the Council of Institutional Investors. He is a prolific author of articles related to his field, including "Textualism and Transnational Securities Law: A Reappraisal of Justice Scalia's Analysis in *Morrison v. National Australia Bank*," which he penned for the *Southwestern Journal of International Law*. He has also written several columns in U.K. publications regarding securities class actions and corporate governance.

Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Tom was Senior Vice President & Senior Litigation Counsel for Kidder, Peabody & Co. Incorporated, where he represented the company in many class actions, including the *First Executive* and *Orange County* litigation and was first chair in many securities trials. Before joining Kidder, Tom was head of the litigation department at Hall, McNicol, Hamilton & Clark, where he was the principal partner representing Thomson McKinnon Securities Inc. in many matters, including the *Petro Lewis* and *Baldwin-United* class actions.

Tom serves as a FINRA Arbitrator and is an Advisory Board Member for the Institute for Transnational Arbitration. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, as well as a patron of the American Society of International Law. Tom is an active member of the American Law Institute and is currently an adviser on the proposed Restatement of the Law Third, Conflict of Laws; he was also a member of the Consultative Groups for the Restatement of the Law Fourth, U.S. Foreign Relations Law, and the Principles of Law, Aggregate Litigation. Tom also serves on the Board of Directors for The Sidney Hillman Foundation.

Tom earned his Juris Doctor and his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He received his master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.



Alfred L. Fatale III

Partner

Alfred L. Fatale III is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. Leading one of the Firm's Securities Litigation teams, he is actively overseeing litigation against Concho, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Rent the Runway, and The Honest Company, Inc., among others.

Alfred's success in moving the needle in the legal industry has earned him recognition from *Chambers & Partners USA*, as well as *The National Law Journal* as a Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer and *The American Lawyer* as a Northeast Trailblazer. *Business Today* named Alfred one of the "Top 10 Most Influential Securities Litigation Lawyer in New York." *Lawdragon* has recognized him as one of the country's Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers, Leading Litigators, and Next Generation Lawyers. *Benchmark Litigation* also recognized him as a Future Star and named him to their "40 & Under List," and *The Best Lawyers in America*® listed him as one of the "Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch" in the Litigation: Securities category.

Alfred represents individual and institutional investors in cases related to the protection of the financial markets and public securities offerings in trial and appellate courts throughout the country. In particular, he is leading the Firm's efforts to litigate securities claims in state courts following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Cyan, Inc. v. Beaver County Employees Retirement Fund* while also overseeing litigation of several cases in federal courts. Alfred led the team that secured a \$200 million recovery (pending final court approval) in *Boston Retirement System v. Uber Technologies, Inc.*, a case that alleged Uber's \$8.1 billion IPO offering documents misrepresented the company's business model, growth strategy, passenger safety efforts, and financial condition.

Since joining the Firm in 2016, Alfred has lead the investigation and prosecution of successful cases such as *In re ADT Inc. Securities Litigation*, resulting in a \$30 million recovery; *In re BrightView*



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Bar Admissions:

✕ New York



Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation, resulting in a \$11.5 million recovery; *John Ford, Trustee of the John Ford Trust v. UGI Corporation*, resulting in a \$10.25 million recovery; *Plymouth County Retirement Association v. Spectrum Brands Holdings Inc.*, resulting in a \$9 million recovery; *In re SciPlay Corp. Securities Litigation*, resulting in an \$8.275 million recovery; and *In re Livent Corp. Securities Litigation*, resulting in a \$7.4 million recovery.

Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Alfred was an Associate at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, where he advised and represented financial institutions, investors, officers, and directors in a broad range of complex disputes and litigations including cases involving violations of federal securities law and business torts.

Alfred is an active member of the American Bar Association and the New York City Bar Association.

Alfred earned his Juris Doctor from Cornell Law School, where he was a member of the *Cornell Law Review* as well as the Moot Court Board. He also served as a Judicial Extern under the Honorable Robert C. Mulvey. He received his bachelor's degree, *summa cum laude*, from Montclair State University.



Christine M. Fox

Partner

Christine M. Fox is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. With more than 25 years of securities litigation experience, Christine prosecutes complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors. In addition to her litigation responsibilities, Christine serves as the Chair of the Firm's Diversity Committee.

The National Law Journal's "Elite Trial Lawyers" has selected Christine to its class of Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar, and *Lawdragon* has repeatedly recognized her as one of the Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America.

Christine is actively involved in litigating matters against PayPal, FirstCash Holdings, Hain Celestial, Catalent, and Unity Software. She has played a pivotal role in securing favorable settlements for investors in class actions against Barrick Gold Corporation, one of the largest gold mining companies in the world (\$140 million recovery); Nielsen, a data analytics company that provides clients with information about consumer preferences (\$73 million recovery); Oak Street Health, a primary care center operator that focus exclusively on Medicare-eligible patients (\$60 million recovery, pending final court approval); CVS Caremark, the nation's largest pharmacy retail chain (\$48 million recovery); Nu Skin Enterprises, a multilevel marketing company (\$47 million recovery); Intuitive Surgical, a manufacturer of robotic-assisted technologies for surgery (\$42.5 million recovery); and World Wrestling Entertainment, a media and entertainment company (\$39 million recovery).

Christine is actively involved in the Firm's pro bono immigration program and reunited a father and child separated at the border. She is currently working on their asylum application.

Prior to joining the Firm, Christine worked at a national litigation firm focusing on securities, antitrust, and consumer litigation in state and federal courts. She played a significant role in securing class action



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Practice Areas:

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Bar Admissions:

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recoveries in a number of high-profile securities cases, including *In re Merrill Lynch Co., Inc. Research Reports Securities Litigation* (\$475 million recovery); *In re Informix Corp. Securities Litigation* (\$136.5 million recovery); *In re Alcatel Alsthom Securities Litigation* (\$75 million recovery); and *In re Ambac Financial Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$33 million recovery).

She is a member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, and Puerto Rican Bar Association.

Christine earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School and received her bachelor's degree from Cornell University.

Christine is conversant in Spanish.



Jonathan Gardner

Managing Partner and Head of Litigation

Jonathan Gardner serves as the Managing Partner of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP and as a member of its Executive Committee. He is based in the Firm's New York office. Jonathan helps direct the growth and management of the Firm.

With more than 30 years of experience, Jonathan oversees all of the Firm's litigation matters, including prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors. Jonathan has played an integral role in developing the Firm's groundbreaking ADR Practice in response to the use of mandatory arbitration clauses by companies in consumer contracts.

A *Benchmark Litigation* "Star" acknowledged by his peers as "engaged and strategic," Jonathan has also been named an MVP by *Law360* for securing hard-earned successes in high-stakes litigation and complex global matters. He is ranked by *Chambers & Partners USA* describing him as "an outstanding lawyer who knows how to get results" and recommended by *The Legal 500*, whose sources remarked on Jonathan's ability to "understand the unique nature of complex securities litigation and strive for practical yet results-driven outcomes" and his "considerable expertise and litigation skill and practical experience that helps achieve terrific results for clients." Jonathan is also recognized by *Lawdragon* among the top Global Plaintiff Lawyers, one of the country's Leading Lawyers, Leading Litigators in America, and Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers.

Jonathan has played an integral role in securing some of the largest class action recoveries against corporate offenders since the global financial crisis. He oversaw the Firm's team in the investigation and prosecution of *Boston Retirement System v. Uber Technologies, Inc.*, which resulted in a \$200 million recovery (pending final court approval), and *In re Barrick Gold Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a \$140 million recovery, among other cases. He has also served as the lead attorney in numerous cases resulting in significant recoveries for injured class members, including *In re Hewlett-Packard Company*



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Bar Admissions:

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Securities Litigation (\$57 million recovery); *Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi v. Endo International PLC* (\$50 million recovery); *Medoff v. CVS Caremark Corporation* (\$48 million recovery); *In re Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc., Securities Litigation*, (\$47 million recovery); *In re Intuitive Surgical Securities Litigation* (\$42.5 million recovery); *In re Carter's Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$23.3 million recovery against Carter's and certain officers, as well as its auditing firm PricewaterhouseCoopers); and *In re Aeropostale Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$15 million recovery).

Jonathan has led the Firm's representation of investors in many high-profile cases including *Rubin v. MF Global Ltd.*, which involved allegations of material misstatements and omissions in a Registration Statement and Prospectus issued in connection with MF Global's IPO. The case resulted in a recovery of \$90 million for investors. Jonathan also represented lead plaintiff City of Edinburgh Council as Administering Authority of the Lothian Pension Fund in *In re Lehman Brothers Equity/Debt Securities Litigation*, which resulted in settlements exceeding \$600 million against Lehman Brothers' former officers and directors, Lehman's former public accounting firm, as well as the banks that underwrote Lehman Brothers' offerings. In representing lead plaintiff Massachusetts Bricklayers and Masons Trust Funds in an action against Deutsche Bank, Jonathan secured a \$32.5 million recovery for a class of investors injured by the bank's conduct in connection with certain residential mortgage-backed securities.

Jonathan has also been responsible for prosecuting several of the Firm's options backdating cases, including *In re Monster Worldwide, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$47.5 million settlement); *In re SafeNet, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$25 million settlement); *In re Semtech Securities Litigation* (\$20 million settlement); and *In re MRV Communications, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$10 million settlement). He also was instrumental in *In re Mercury Interactive Corp. Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$117.5 million, one of the largest settlements or judgments in a securities fraud litigation based on options backdating. Jonathan also represented the Successor Liquidating Trustee of Lipper Convertibles, a convertible bond hedge fund, in actions against the fund's former independent auditor and a member of the fund's general partner as well as numerous former limited partners who received excess distributions. He successfully recovered over \$5.2 million for the Successor Liquidating Trustee from the limited partners and \$29.9 million from the former auditor.

Jonathan is a member of the Federal Bar Council, New York State Bar Association, and Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Jonathan earned his Juris Doctor from St. John's University School of Law. He received his bachelor's degree from American University.



Jamie E. Hanley

Partner

Jamie E. Hanley is a Partner in the London office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. An accomplished litigator, Jamie has represented thousands of individuals and institutional investors across a more than 25 year career in the UK. His practice actively focuses on international securities, shareholder rights litigation, and securing corporate governance reforms. Jamie is a member of the Firm's Client Development and Case Analysis Groups.

Jamie has a particular interest in ESG issues, and throughout his career he has stood on the side of workers and individuals who have been harmed by corporate negligence and malfeasance.

Jamie is recognized as a Leading Global Litigator by *Lawdragon*.

Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP, Jamie served at the Management Board level at two leading UK law firms for 17 years and then as General Counsel at the GMB Trade Union, where he retains an interest.

Outside of work, Jamie is heavily engaged in civic and political issues. He is an experienced chairman, having led boards across the legal, political, and educational sectors. He is currently non-executive Chair of a major more than £60million UK anchor institution. Jamie has twice stood for election to the UK Parliament, and as a policy maker and campaigner, he has worked alongside two UK Prime Ministers and a U.S. President.

Jamie graduated with Honours in Law from The University of Hull and then from The College of Law with Commendation. He is a graduate of the Oxford University Executive Leadership Programme.



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Bar Admissions:

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Thomas G. Hoffman, Jr

Partner

Thomas G. Hoffman, Jr. is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. Thomas focuses on representing institutional investors in complex securities actions.

Thomas was instrumental in securing a more than \$1 billion recovery in the eight-year litigation against AIG and related defendants in *In re American International Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*. He also was a key member of the Labaton Keller Sucharow teams that secured significant recoveries for investors in *In re 2008 Fannie Mae Securities Litigation* (\$170 million); *In re The Allstate Corporation Securities Litigation* (\$90 million settlement); *In re STEC, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$35.75 million settlement); and *In re Facebook, Inc., IPO Securities and Derivative Litigation* (\$35 million settlement).

Thomas earned his Juris Doctor from UCLA School of Law, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the *UCLA Entertainment Law Review* and served as a Moot Court Executive Board Member. In addition, he served as a judicial extern to the Honorable William J. Rea, United States District Court for the Central District of California. Thomas received his bachelor's degree, with honors, from New York University.



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Francis P. McConville

Partner

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Francis has been named a Rising Star of securities litigation in *Law360*'s list of attorneys under 40 whose legal accomplishments transcend their age.

The Best Lawyers in America® named him among the "Ones to Watch" in the Securities Litigation category and *Lawdragon* has recognized him as one of the country's Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers and Next Generation Lawyers. *Benchmark Litigation* also recognized him as a Future Star and named him to their "40 & Under List."

Francis has played a key role in filing several matters on behalf of the Firm, including *Boston Retirement System v. Uber Technologies, Inc.*, No. 3:19-cv-06361 (N.D. Cal.) (\$200 million settlement, pending court approval); *In re SCANA Securities Litigation* (\$192.5 million settlement); *Boston Retirement System v. Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, No. 3:16-cv-02127 (D. Conn.) (\$125 million settlement); *In re Nielsen Holdings PLC Securities Litigation* (\$73 million settlement); *In re The Boeing Company Securities Litigation*; *In re PG&E Corporation Securities Litigation*; *McAlice v. The Estée Lauder Companies, Inc.*; *Ohio Carpenters Pension Fund v. Norfolk Southern Corporation*; and *In re Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. Securities Litigation*, among others.

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Bar Admissions:

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institutional and individual clients in federal and state court across the country in class action securities litigation and shareholder disputes, along with a variety of commercial litigation matters. He assisted in the prosecution of several matters, including *Kiken v. Lumber Liquidators Holdings, Inc.* (\$42 million recovery); *Hayes v. MagnaChip Semiconductor Corp.* (\$23.5 million recovery); and *In re Galena Biopharma, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$20 million recovery).

Francis has served on *Law360*'s Securities Editorial Advisory Board.

Francis received his Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, from New York Law School where he was named a John Marshall Harlan Scholar and received a Public Service Certificate. Francis served as Associate Managing Editor of the *New York Law School Law Review* and worked in the Urban Law Clinic. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame.



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Domenico “Nico” Minerva is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. A former financial advisor, his work focuses on securities and consumer class actions and shareholder derivative litigation, representing Taft-Hartley, public pension funds, hedge funds, asset managers, insurance companies, and banks across the world. Nico advises leading pension funds and other institutional investors on issues related to corporate fraud in the U.S. securities markets.

Nico is described by clients as “always there for us” and known to provide “an honest answer and describe all the parameters and/or pitfalls of each and every case.” As a result of his work, the Firm has received a Tier 1 ranking in Class Actions from *The Legal 500*. *Lawdragon* has recognized Nico as one of the country’s Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers and Leading Global Litigators.

Nico’s extensive securities litigation experience includes the case against global security systems company Tyco and co-defendant PricewaterhouseCoopers (*In re Tyco International Ltd., Securities Litigation*), which resulted in a \$3.2 billion settlement—the largest single-defendant settlement in post-PSLRA history.

He also has counseled companies and institutional investors on corporate governance reform. Nico has played an important role in *In re Dell Technologies Inc. Class V Stockholders Litigation*. The \$1 billion recovery in Dell currently stands as the largest shareholder settlement ever in any state court in America and the 17th largest shareholder settlement of all time in federal and state court.

On behalf of consumers, Nico represented a plaintiff in *In re ConAgra Foods Inc.*, over misleading claims that Wesson-brand vegetable oils are 100% natural.



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- ✘ Delaware



An accomplished speaker, Nico has given numerous presentations to investors on topics related to corporate fraud, wrongdoing, and waste and has also discussed socially responsible investments for public pension funds including at a roundtable called “The Impact of Non-U.S. Securities Actions and the Rise of ESG Litigation on Dutch Investors.” He is also an active member of the National Association of Public Pension Plan Attorneys.

Nico earned his Juris Doctor from Tulane University Law School, where he completed a two-year externship with the Honorable Kurt D. Engelhardt of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida.



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Lauren A. Ormsbee is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. Leading one of the Firm's Securities Litigation teams, her practice focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors.

Lauren has been recognized as one of "The Top 50 Attorneys of New York" by *Attorney Intel* and as a "Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer" by *Lawdragon*.

Lauren has obtained hundreds of millions of dollars in recoveries representing institutional investors and individuals in a variety of class and direct actions involving securities fraud and other fiduciary violations, including *In re HealthSouth Bondholder Litigation*, resulting in a \$230 million recovery; *In re Wilmington Trust Securities Litigation*, resulting in a \$210 million recovery; *In re SCANA Corporation Securities Litigation*, resulting in a \$192.5 million recovery; *In re Allergan Generic Drug Pricing Securities Litigation*, resulting in a \$130 million recovery; and *In re New Century Securities Litigation*, resulting in a \$125 million recovery, among others.

Prior to joining the Firm, Lauren was a Partner at Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP focusing on complex commercial and securities litigation. Previously, Lauren was an associate at Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Colleen McMahon in the Southern District of New York.

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Mark D. Richardson is a Partner in the Delaware office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. Mark focuses on representing shareholders in corporate governance and transactional matters, including class action and derivative litigation.

Mark is recommended by *The Legal 500* for the excellence of his work in the Delaware Court of Chancery and Dispute Resolution. Clients highlighted his team's ability to "generate strong cases and take creative and innovative positions." *Lawdragon* has recognized him as one of the country's Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers and Next Generation Lawyers. *The Best Lawyers in America*® named him among the "Ones to Watch" in the Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, and Securities Litigation categories. *Benchmark Litigation* also named him to their "40 & Under List."

Mark has litigated numerous matters through trial, including in the Delaware Court of Chancery, FINRA and AAA arbitrations, and a five-month jury trial in New Jersey state court. Mark served as co-lead counsel in the following matters that recently were tried or settled: *In re Dell Technologies Inc. Class V Stockholders Litigation* (\$1 billion settlement); *In re Pattern Energy Group Inc. Stockholders Litigation* (\$100 million class settlement; largest settlement of *Revlon* claims in Delaware history); *In re Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc.* (\$79 million pre-trial partial settlement; \$400 million trial judgment); *In re Coty Inc. Stockholder Litigation* (\$35 million settlement); *In re Straight Path Communications Inc. Consolidated Stockholder Litigation* (\$12.5 million partial settlement); *In re Amtrust Financial Services Stockholder Litigation* (\$40 million settlement); *In re AGNC Investment Corp.* (\$35.5 million settlement); *In re Stamps.com* (\$30 million settlement); *In re Homefed Corp.* (\$15 million settlement); and *In re CytoDyn Corp.* (rescission of over \$50 million in director and officer stock awards).



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Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Mark was an Associate at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP where he gained substantial experience in complex commercial litigation within the financial services industry and advised and represented clients in class action litigation, expedited bankruptcy proceedings and arbitrations, fraudulent transfer actions, proxy fights, internal investigations, employment disputes, breaches of contract, enforcement of non-competes, data theft, and misappropriation of trade secrets.

In addition to his active caseload, Mark has contributed to numerous publications and is the recipient of The Burton Awards Distinguished Legal Writing Award for his article published in the *New York Law Journal*, "Options When a Competitor Raids the Company." Mark also serves on *Law360*'s Delaware Editorial Advisory Board.

Mark earned his Juris Doctor from Emory University School of Law, where he served as the President of the Student Bar Association. He received his Bachelor of Science from Cornell University.



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Michael H. Rogers is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. An experienced litigator, Mike focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors.

Mike is recommended by *The Legal 500*.

Mike has been a member of the lead counsel teams in many successful class actions, including those against Countrywide Financial (\$624 million settlement), HealthSouth (\$671 million settlement), State Street (\$300 million settlement), SCANA (\$192.5 million settlement), CannTrust (CA \$129.5 million settlement), Alexion Pharmaceuticals (\$125 million settlement), Mercury Interactive (\$117.5 million settlement), Computer Sciences Corp. (\$97.5 million settlement), Novavax (\$47 million settlement), Jeld-Weld Holding (\$40 million recovery), Virtus Investment Partners (\$20 million settlement), and Acuity Brands (\$15.75 million settlement).

Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Mike was an attorney at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP, where he practiced securities and antitrust litigation, representing international banking institutions bringing federal securities and other claims against major banks, auditing firms, ratings agencies and individuals in complex multidistrict litigation. He also represented an international chemical shipping firm in arbitration of antitrust and other claims against conspirator ship owners. Mike began his career as an attorney at Sullivan & Cromwell, where he was part of Microsoft's defense team in the remedies phase of the Department of Justice antitrust action against the company.

Mike earned his Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, where he was a member of the *Cardozo Law Review*. He received his bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from Columbia University.



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Brendan helped secure a \$100 million settlement, currently the largest settlement of *Revlon* claims in Delaware history, in *In re Pattern Energy Group Inc. Stockholders Litigation* and a \$79 million pre-trial partial settlement with trial judgment in excess of \$200 million in *In re Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc. Merger Litigation*.

Brendan is recommended by *The Legal 500* for the excellence of his work in the Delaware Court of Chancery and Dispute Resolution and is recognized as a Next Generation Lawyer by *Lawdragon*. *Law360* named him a Securities Rising Star and *Benchmark Litigation* also named him to their “40 & Under List.”

Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Brendan was an Associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP where he gained substantial experience in class and derivative matters relating to mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance. During law school, he was a Law Clerk for Honorable Judge Leonard P. Stark, U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware.

Brendan’s pro bono experience includes representing a Delaware charter school in a mediation concerning a malpractice claim against its former auditor.

Brendan earned his Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center where he was the Notes Editor on the *Georgetown Law Journal* and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Delaware.



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Irina Vasilchenko

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Irina Vasilchenko is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP and head of the Firm's Associate Training Program. Irina focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors and has over a decade of experience in such litigation.

Irina is recognized as an up-and-coming litigator whose legal accomplishments transcend her age. She has been named repeatedly to *Benchmark Litigation's* "40 & Under List" and has also been recognized as a Future Star by *Benchmark Litigation*, as well as a Rising Star by *Law360*. Additionally, *Lawdragon* has named her one of the Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America.

Irina is involved in actively prosecuting the high-profile cases including *Weston v. DocuSign, Inc.* and *Lilien v. Olaplex Holdings, Inc.*, among others.

Irina also played a pivotal role in securing a historic \$192.5 million settlement for investors in energy company SCANA Corp. over a failed nuclear reactor project in South Carolina, as well as a \$19 million settlement in a shareholders' suit against Daimler AG over its Mercedes Benz diesel emissions scandal. Since joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, she also has been a key member of the Firm's teams that have obtained favorable settlements for investors in numerous securities cases, including *In re Massey Energy Co. Securities Litigation* (\$265 million settlement); *In re Fannie Mae 2008 Securities Litigation* (\$170 million settlement); *In re Amgen Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$95 million settlement); *In re Hewlett-Packard Company Securities Litigation* (\$57 million settlement); *Vancouver Alumni Asset Holdings Inc. v. Daimler A.G.* (\$19 million settlement); *Perreleouis v. Gogo Inc.* (\$17.3 million); *In re Acuity Brands, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$15.75 million settlement); and *In re Extreme Networks, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$7 million settlement).



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Irina maintains a commitment to pro bono legal service, including representing an indigent defendant in a criminal appeal case before the New York First Appellate Division, in association with the Office of the Appellate Defender. As part of this representation, she argued the appeal before the First Department panel. Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Irina was an Associate in the general litigation practice group at Ropes & Gray LLP, where she focused on securities litigation.

She is a member of the New York State Bar Association and New York City Bar Association.

Irina received her Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, from Boston University School of Law where she was an editor of the *Boston University Law Review* and was the G. Joseph Tauro Distinguished Scholar, the Paul L. Liacos Distinguished Scholar, and the Edward F. Hennessey Scholar. Irina earned a Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature, *summa cum laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa*, from Yale University.

Irina is fluent in Russian and proficient in Spanish.



Carol C. Villegas

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Carol C. Villegas is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. Carol focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud and consumer cases on behalf of institutional investors and individuals. Leading one of the Firm's Securities Litigation teams, she is actively overseeing litigation against Boeing, PayPal, Olaplex, DocuSign, Tesla, Catalent, Flo Health, Amazon, and Hain, among others. In addition to her litigation responsibilities, Carol holds a variety of leadership positions within the Firm, including serving on the Firm's Executive Committee, as Chair of the Firm's Women's Networking and Mentoring Initiative, and as the Chief of Compliance.

Carol's development of innovative case theories in complex cases, her skillful handling of discovery work, and her adept ability during oral arguments has earned her accolades from *Chambers & Partners USA* and *The Legal 500* as a Leading Lawyer, where clients praised her for helping them "better understand the process and how to value a case." She has also been recognized by *Law360* as a Class Action MVP, *The National Law Journal* as a Plaintiffs' Trailblazer, and the *New York Law Journal* as a Top Woman in Law, New York Trailblazer, and Distinguished Leader. *Business Today* named Carol one of the "Top 10 Most Influential Securities Litigation Lawyers in New York." *The National Law Journal's* "Elite Trial Lawyers" has repeatedly recognized her superb ability to excel in high stakes matters on behalf of plaintiffs and selected her to its class of Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar and as a finalist for Plaintiff Attorney of the Year. *Benchmark Litigation* has recognized her as a Litigation Star and among the Top 250 Women in Litigation, and has shortlisted her for Plaintiff Litigator of the Year. *Lawdragon* has named her one of the country's Leading Lawyers, Leading Litigators, Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers, and Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers. Additionally, *Crain's New York Business* selected Carol to its list of Notable Women in Law. The *Women in Business Law Awards* has named Carol Securities Litigator of the Year and Thought



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Bar Admissions:

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Leader of the Year and has been shortlisted for Privacy and Data Protection Lawyer of the Year. *Chambers & Partners USA* selected Carol as a finalist for Diversity & Inclusion: Outstanding Contribution and *New York Law Journal's* New York Legal Awards selected her as a Lawyer of the Year finalist.

Notable recent successes include *In re Nielsen Holdings PLC Securities Litigation* (\$73 million settlement), *Allison v. Oak Street Health Inc.* (\$60 million settlement, pending final court approval), and *City of Warren Police and Fire Retirement System v. World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.* (\$39 million settlement). Carol has also played a pivotal role in securing favorable settlements for investors, including in cases against DeVry, a for-profit university; AMD, a multi-national semiconductor company; Liquidity Services, an online auction marketplace; Aeropostale, a leader in the international retail apparel industry; Vocera, a healthcare communications provider; and Prothena, a biopharmaceutical company, among others. Carol has also helped revive a securities class action against LifeLock after arguing an appeal before the Ninth Circuit. The case settled shortly thereafter.

Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Carol served as the Assistant District Attorney in the Supreme Court Bureau for the Richmond County District Attorney's office, where she took several cases to trial. She began her career as an Associate at King & Spalding LLP, where she worked as a federal litigator.

Carol is an active member of the New York State Bar Association's Women in the Law Section and Chair of the Board of Directors of the City Bar Fund, the nonprofit 501(c)(3) arm of the New York City Bar Association. In 2024, she was appointed by the Court of Appeals to the New York State Board of Law Examiners, an organization that administers the bar examination to candidates seeking admission to practice law in the State of New York. Carol is also a member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, the National Association of Women Lawyers, and the Hispanic National Bar Association. In addition, Carol previously served on *Law360's* Securities Editorial Board.

Carol earned her Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law, where she was the recipient of The Irving H. Jurow Achievement Award for the Study of Law and received the Association of the Bar of the City of New York Diversity Fellowship. She received her bachelor's degree, with honors, from New York University.

She is fluent in Spanish.



Michael C. Wagner

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Michael C. Wagner is a Partner in the Delaware office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. Michael focuses on representing shareholders in corporate governance and transactional matters, including class action and derivative litigation.

Michael helped secure a \$100 million settlement, currently the largest settlement of *Revlon* claims in Delaware history, from Pattern Energy. He has also successfully prosecuted cases against Dole, Versum Materials, Arthrocare, and Genetech, among others.

Michael is recommended by *The Legal 500* and has been recognized by *Lawdragon* as one of the Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America.

Previously, Michael was a Partner at Smith, Katzenstein & Jenkins LLP and at Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP. As a litigator for more than 25 years, he has prosecuted a wide variety of matters for investors, in Delaware and in other jurisdictions across the country, at both the trial and appellate levels. He has previously represented investment banks, venture capital funds, and hedge fund managers as well as Fortune 500 companies.

His pro bono work includes guardianship and PFA matters.

Michael earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He served as Associate Editor before becoming Lead Executive Editor for the *Journal of Law and Commerce*. Michael received his bachelor's degree from Franklin and Marshall College.



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Bar Admissions:

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- ✘ Delaware



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Ned Weinberger is a Partner in the Delaware office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP and is Chair of the Firm's Corporate Governance and Shareholder Rights Litigation Practice. An experienced advocate of shareholder rights, Ned focuses almost exclusively on representing investors in corporate governance and transactional matters, including shareholder class, derivative, and appraisal litigation.

Ned has been recognized for many years by *Chambers & Partners USA* in the Delaware Court of Chancery, earning a Band 1 ranking. He is noted for being "a very good case strategist and strong oral advocate." After being named a Future Star earlier in his career, Ned is now recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as a Litigation Star and has been selected to *Benchmark's* "40 & Under List." He has also been named a Leading Lawyer by *The Legal 500*, whose sources remarked that he "is one of the best plaintiffs' lawyers in Delaware," who "commands respect and generates productive discussion where it is needed." *Law360* named Ned a Securities MVP and *The National Law Journal* named him a Plaintiffs' Trailblazer. *Lawdragon* has also recognized him as one of the country's Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers and Leading Litigators and *The Best Lawyers in America®* listed him as one of the "Best Lawyers in America" in the Litigation: Mergers and Acquisitions category. In 2022, Ned was named a Litigator of the Week by *The American Lawyer* for securing a \$1 billion cash settlement three weeks before trial in *In re Dell Technologies Inc. Class V Stockholders Litigation*, C.A. No. 2018-0816-JTL (Del. Ch.). The \$1 billion recovery in *Dell*, which the Delaware Court of Chancery described as the "first home run" in M&A shareholder litigation, currently stands as the largest shareholder settlement ever in any state court in America and the 17th largest shareholder settlement of all time in federal and state court.



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Other notable recoveries where Ned served or is serving as lead or co-lead counsel include: *In re Pattern Energy Group Inc. Stockholders Litigation*, C.A. No. 2020-0357-MTZ (\$100 million class settlement; largest settlement of Revlon claims in Delaware history); *In re Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc. Merger Litigation*, C.A. No. 2018-0484-JTL (Del. Ch.) (\$79 million pre-trial partial settlement; trial judgment in excess of \$400 million); *Nantahala Capital Partners II Limited Partnership v. QAD Inc.*, C.A. No. 2021-0573-PAF (\$65 million class recovery); *In re AmTrust Financial Services Inc. Stockholder Litigation*, C.A. No. 2018-0396-AGB (Consol.) (Del. Ch.) (\$40 million class settlement); *H&N Management Group, Inc. & Aff Cos Frozen Money Purchase Plan v. Couch, et al.*, No. 12847 (Del. Ch.) (\$35.5 million class settlement); *Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island v. Marciano et al.* (\$30 million settlement, plus significant corporate governance reforms); *In re HomeFed Corp. Stockholder Litigation*, C.A. No. 2019-0592-AGB (Del. Ch.) (\$15 million); *John Makris, et al. v. Ionis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al.*, C.A. No. 2021-0681-LWW (Del. Ch.) (\$12.5 million).

Ned has also served as lead or co-lead counsel in numerous matters that have helped positively shape Delaware law for the benefit of shareholders. For example, in *Olenik v. Lodzinski*, 208 A.3d 704 (Del.), Ned successfully argued to the Delaware Supreme Court that where a controlling shareholder substantively engages with management before committing to so-called *MFW* conditions, the transaction should not be subject to business judgment deference.

Ned is a Member of the Advisory Board of the Institute for Law and Economic Policy (ILEP), a research and educational foundation dedicated to enhancing investor and consumer access to the civil justice system. Ned also serves on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Ned earned his Juris Doctor from the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville, where he served on the *Journal of Law and Education*. He received his bachelor's degree, *cum laude*, from Miami University.



Mark S. Willis

Partner

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Mark is recommended by *The Legal 500* for excellence in securities litigation and has been named one of *Lawdragon's* top Global Plaintiff Lawyers, Leading Global Litigators, and Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America. Under his leadership, the Firm has been awarded *Law360* Practice Group of the Year Awards for Class Actions and Securities.

In U.S. matters, Mark currently represents Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, one of Canada's largest institutional investors, against PayPal in one of the largest ongoing U.S. shareholder class actions, as well as the Utah Retirement Systems in several pending shareholder actions. He represented institutions from the UK, Spain, the Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, Canada, Japan and the U.S. in a novel lawsuit in Texas against BP plc that salvaged claims dismissed from the parallel U.S. class action. In the *Converium* class action, Mark represented a Greek institution in a nearly four-year battle that eventually became the first U.S. class action settled on two continents (*i.e.*, New York and Amsterdam). The Dutch portion of this \$145 million trans-Atlantic recovery involved a landmark decision that substantially broadened that court's jurisdictional reach to a scenario where the claims were not brought under Dutch law, the wrongdoing occurred outside the Netherlands, and none of the



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Bar Admissions:

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parties were domiciled there. In the *Parmalat* case, known as the “Enron of Europe” due to the size and scope of the fraud, Mark represented a group of European institutions and eventually recovered nearly \$100 million and negotiated governance reforms with two large European banks, making this the first time in a shareholder class action that such reforms were secured from non-issuer defendants.

Mark has written on corporate, securities, and investor protection issues—often with an international focus—in industry publications such as *International Law News*, *Professional Investor*, *European Lawyer*, and *Investment & Pensions Europe*. He has also authored several chapters in international law treatises on European corporate law and on the listing and subsequent disclosure obligations for issuers listing on European stock exchanges. He also speaks at conferences and at client forums on investor protection through the U.S. federal securities laws, corporate governance measures, and the impact on shareholders of non-U.S. investor remedies.

Mark earned his Juris Doctor from the Pepperdine University School of Law and his master’s degree from Georgetown University Law Center.



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Nicole M. Zeiss is a Partner in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. A litigator with more than two decades of class action experience, Nicole leads the Firm's Settlement Group, which analyzes the fairness and adequacy of the procedures used in class action settlements. Her practice focuses on negotiating and documenting complex class action settlements and obtaining the required court approval of the settlements, notice procedures, and payments of attorneys' fees.

Nicole was part of the Labaton Keller Sucharow team that successfully litigated the \$185 million settlement in *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Securities Litigation*. She played a significant role in *In re Monster Worldwide, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$47.5 million settlement). Nicole also litigated on behalf of investors who were damaged by fraud in the telecommunications, hedge fund, and banking industries. Over the past fifteen years, Nicole has been focused on finalizing the Firm's securities class action settlements, including in cases against Schering-Plough (\$473 million), Massey Energy Company (\$265 million), SCANA (\$192.5 million), Fannie Mae (\$170 million), and Alexion Pharmaceuticals (\$125 million), among many others.

Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Nicole practiced poverty law at MFY Legal Services. She also worked at Gaynor & Bass practicing general complex civil litigation, particularly representing the rights of freelance writers seeking copyright enforcement.

Nicole is a member of the New York City Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. Nicole also maintains a commitment to pro bono legal services.

She received a Juris Doctor from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Barnard College.



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Among his many efforts to protect his clients' interests and maximize shareholder value, Mark helped bring claims against and secure a settlement with Abbott Laboratories' directors, whereby the company agreed to implement sweeping corporate governance reforms, including an extensive compensation clawback provision going beyond the requirements under the Dodd-Frank Act.

Mark has written weekly legal columns for the *Sun Sentinel*, one of the largest daily newspapers circulated in Florida. He has been legal counsel to the American Association of Professional Athletes, an association of over 4,000 retired professional athletes. He has also served as an Assistant State Attorney and as a Special Assistant to the State Attorney's Office in the State of Florida.

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Garrett J. Bradley is Of Counsel to Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. Garrett has decades of experience helping institutional investors, public pension funds, and individual investors recover losses attributable to corporate fraud. A former state prosecutor, Garrett has been involved in hundreds of securities fraud class action lawsuits that have, in aggregate, recouped hundreds of millions of dollars for investors. Garrett's past and present clients include some of the country's largest public pension funds and institutional investors.

Garrett has been consistently named a Super Lawyer in securities litigation by *Super Lawyers*, a Thomson Reuters publication, and was previously named a Rising Star. He was selected as one of "New England's 2020 Top Rated Lawyers" by *ALM Media* and *Martindale-Hubbell*. The American Trial Lawyers Association has named him one of the "Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Massachusetts." The Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys gave him their Legislator of the Year award, and the Massachusetts Bar Association named him Legislator of the Year.

Prior to joining the Firm, Garrett worked as an Assistant District Attorney in the Plymouth County District Attorney's office. He also served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, representing the Third Plymouth District, for 16 years.

Garrett is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, an invitation-only society of trial lawyers comprised of less than 1/2 of 1% of American lawyers. He is also a member of the Public Justice Foundation and the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

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Hui Chang Of Counsel

Hui Chang is Of Counsel in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP and concentrates her practice in the area of shareholder litigation and client relations. As a co-manager of the Firm's Non-U.S. Securities Litigation Practice, Hui focuses on advising institutional investor clients regarding fraud-related losses on securities, and on the investigation and development of securities fraud class, group, and individual actions outside of the United States.

Hui previously served as a member of the Firm's Case Evaluation Group, where she was involved in the identification, investigation, and development of potential actions to recover investment losses resulting from violations of the federal securities laws, and corporate and fiduciary misconduct, and assisted the Firm in securing a number of lead counsel appointments in several class actions.

Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Hui was a Litigation Associate at a national firm primarily focused on securities class action litigation, where she played a key role in prosecuting a number of high-profile securities fraud class actions, including *In re Petrobras Securities Litigation* (\$3 billion recovery).

She is a member of the National Association of Public Pension Plan Attorneys (NAPPA) and the National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA).

Hui earned her Juris Doctor from the University of California, Hastings College of Law, where she worked as a Graduate Research Assistant and a Moot Court Teaching Assistant. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley.



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Hui is fluent in Portuguese and proficient in Taiwanese.



Derick I. Cividini Of Counsel

Derick I. Cividini is Of Counsel in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP and serves as the Firm's Director of E-Discovery. Derick focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors, including class actions, corporate governance matters, and derivative litigation. As the Director of E-Discovery, he is responsible for managing the Firm's discovery efforts, particularly with regard to the implementation of e-discovery best practices for ESI (electronically stored information) and other relevant sources.

Derick was part of the team that represented lead plaintiff City of Edinburgh Council as Administering Authority of the Lothian Pension Fund in *In re Lehman Brothers Equity/Debt Securities Litigation*, which resulted in settlements totaling \$516 million against Lehman Brothers' former officers and directors as well as most of the banks that underwrote Lehman Brothers' offerings.

Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Derick was a litigation attorney at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where he practiced complex civil litigation. Earlier in his litigation career, he worked on product liability class actions with Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP.

Derick earned his Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration from Rutgers University. He received his Bachelor of Science in Finance from Boston College.



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Practice Areas:

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Joseph N. Cotilletta is Of Counsel to the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP, where he prosecutes complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional and individual investors. He also represents investors in corporate governance and transactional matters, including class action and derivative litigation.

Joe has repeatedly been recognized as a “Top 40 Under 40” civil trial lawyer by *The National Trial Lawyers* and as a New York Metro Rising Star by *Super Lawyers*, a Thomson Reuters publication. He has also been recognized as a Rising Star of the Plaintiffs Bar by *The National Law Journal* “Elite Trial Lawyers” and as a Next Generation Lawyer by *Lawdragon*.

Joe is actively involved in the prosecution of several securities class actions including The Honest Company and Concho Resources, among others. He was part of the litigation team that achieved a \$200 million recovery (pending final court approval) in *Boston Retirement Systems v. Uber Technologies, Inc.*—a case alleging that the offering documents for Uber’s \$8.1 billion IPO misrepresented the company’s business model and growth strategy, passenger safety efforts, and financial condition. Joe was also part of the team that secured a \$39 million recovery in *City of Warren Police and Fire Retirement System v. World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.*

Additionally, Joe assisted the team that secured a \$1 billion dollar in *In re Dell Technologies Inc. Class V Stockholders Litigation*. The \$1 billion recovery in Dell currently stands as the largest shareholder settlement ever in any state court in America and the 17th largest shareholder settlement of all time in federal and state court.



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Before joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Joe was a Senior Attorney at The Lanier Law Firm, where he gained substantial trial and litigation experience pursuing high-value cases in various jurisdictions throughout the United States. Joe helped obtain multi-million dollar recoveries from some of the largest, most prominent companies in the country and set legal precedent in the areas of successor liability and personal jurisdiction. Since the start of his legal career, Joe has dedicated himself to becoming a skilled advocate, sharpening his litigation expertise while trying numerous cases as first or second chair and taking and defending hundreds of depositions.

Joe is a member of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section as well as the Securities Litigation Committee of the New York State Bar Association.

Joe earned his Juris Doctor from Penn State Law, where he was selected to join the Order of Barristers and served as an Editor for the *Penn State International Law Review* and as an extern for the Honorable Kim R. Gibson of the Western District of Pennsylvania. Joe received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Bryant University, where he was captain of the Men's Lacrosse team.

He is conversant in Italian.



Lara Goldstone Of Counsel

Lara Goldstone is Of Counsel in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. Lara advises leading pension funds and other institutional investors in the United States and Canada on issues related to corporate fraud in the U.S. securities markets. Her work focuses on monitoring the well-being of institutional investments and counseling clients on best practices in securities, corporate governance and shareholder rights, and consumer class action litigation.

Lara has achieved significant settlements on behalf of clients. She represented investors in high-profile cases against LifeLock, KBR, Fifth Street Finance Corp., NII Holdings, Rent-A-Center, and Castlight Health. Lara has also served as legal adviser to clients who have pursued claims in state court, derivative actions in the form of serving books and records demands, and non-U.S. actions.

Before joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Lara worked as a Legal Intern in the Larimer County District Attorney's Office and the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. She also volunteered at Crossroads Safehouse, which provided legal representation to victims of domestic violence. Prior to her legal career, Lara worked at Industrial Labs where she worked closely with Federal Drug Administration standards and regulations. In addition, she was a teacher in Irvine, California.

Lara is an active member of the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBC), National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA), and Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (TEXPERS). She is also a member of the Firm's Women's Initiative.

Lara earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where she was a judge of the Providence Foundation of Law & Leadership Mock Trial and a competitor of the Daniel S.



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Hoffman Trial Advocacy Competition. She received her bachelor's degree from George Washington University, where she was a recipient of a Presidential Scholarship for academic excellence.



James McGovern Of Counsel

James McGovern is Of Counsel in the Washington, D.C. office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP and advises leading pension funds and other institutional investors on issues related to corporate fraud in domestic and international securities markets. James' work focuses primarily on securities litigation and corporate governance, representing Taft-Hartley, public pension funds, and other institutional investors across the country in domestic securities actions. He also advises clients as to their potential claims tied to securities-related actions in foreign jurisdictions.

James has worked on a number of large securities class action matters, including *In re Worldcom, Inc. Securities Litigation*, the second-largest securities class action settlement since the passage of the PSLRA (\$6.1 billion recovery); *In re Parmalat Securities Litigation* (\$90 million recovery); *In re American Home Mortgage Securities Litigation* (amount of the opt-out client's recovery is confidential); *In re The Bancorp Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$17.5 million recovery); *In re Pozen Securities Litigation* (\$11.2 million recovery); *In re Cabletron Systems, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$10.5 million settlement); and *In re UICI Securities Litigation* (\$6.5 million recovery).

In the corporate governance arena, James helped bring claims against Abbott Laboratories' directors on account of their mismanagement and breach of fiduciary duties for allowing the company to engage in a 10-year off-label marketing scheme. Upon settlement of this action, the company agreed to implement sweeping corporate governance reforms, including an extensive compensation clawback provision going beyond the requirements under the Dodd-Frank Act.

Following the unprecedented takeover of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac by the federal government in 2008, James was retained by a group of individual and institutional investors to seek recovery of the



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Bar Admissions:

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massive losses they had incurred when the value of their shares in these companies was essentially destroyed. He brought and continues to litigate a complex takings class action against the federal government for depriving Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shareholders of their property interests in violation of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and causing damages in the tens of billions of dollars.

James also has addressed members of several public pension associations, including the Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems and the Michigan Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems, where he discussed how institutional investors could guard their assets against the risks of corporate fraud and poor corporate governance.

Prior to focusing his practice on plaintiffs securities litigation, James was an attorney at Latham & Watkins where he worked on complex litigation and FIFRA arbitrations, as well as matters relating to corporate bankruptcy and project finance. At that time, he co-authored two articles on issues related to bankruptcy filings: *Special Issues In Partnership* and *Limited Liability Company Bankruptcies* and *When Things Go Bad: The Ramifications of a Bankruptcy Filing*.

James earned his Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University Law Center. He received his bachelor's and master's from American University, where he was awarded a Presidential Scholarship and graduated with high honors.



Elizabeth Rosenberg Of Counsel

Elizabeth Rosenberg is Of Counsel in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. Elizabeth focuses on litigating complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors, with a focus on obtaining court approval of class action settlements, notice procedures and payment of attorneys' fees.

Prior to joining Labaton Keller Sucharow, Elizabeth was an Associate at Whatley Drake & Kallas LLP, where she litigated securities and consumer fraud class actions. Elizabeth began her career as an Associate at Milberg LLP where she practiced securities litigation and was also involved in the pro bono representation of individuals seeking to obtain relief from the World Trade Center Victims' Compensation Fund.

Elizabeth earned her Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law School. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.



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William Schervish is Of Counsel in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP and serves as the Firm's Director of Financial Research. As a key member of the Firm's Case Evaluation Group, William identifies, analyzes, and develops cases alleging securities fraud and other forms of corporate misconduct that expose the Firm's institutional clients to legally recoverable losses. William also evaluates and develops cases on behalf of confidential whistleblowers for the Securities and Exchange Commission.

William has been practicing securities law for more than 15 years. As a complement to his legal experience, William is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a CFA® Charterholder, and a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) with extensive work experience in accounting and finance.

William has played a key role in filing several matters on behalf of the Firm, including *In re Barrick Gold Securities Litigation* (\$140 million recovery); *In re Nielsen Holdings PLC Securities Litigation* (\$73 million recovery); *In re Uniti Group Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$39 million recovery); *McAlice v. The Estée Lauder Companies, Inc.*; and *In re Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. Securities Litigation*, among others.

Prior to joining the Firm, William worked as a finance attorney at Mayer Brown LLP, where he drafted and analyzed credit default swaps, indentures, and securities offering documents on behalf of large banking institutions. William's professional background also includes positions in controllership, securities analysis, and commodity trading. He began his career as an auditor at PricewaterhouseCoopers.



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William earned a Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Loyola University. He received a Bachelor of Science, *cum laude*, in Business Administration from Miami University, where he was a member of the Business and Accounting Honor Societies.



Nina Varindani Of Counsel

Nina Varindani is Of Counsel in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. Nina focuses on representing institutional investors in litigating securities fraud class actions and derivative lawsuits, books and records demands, and litigation demands. Nina specializes in the analysis of potential new shareholder litigations with a focus on breaches of fiduciary duty and ESG practices, as well as mergers and acquisitions. Nina Co-Chairs the Firm's ESG Task Force.

Prior to joining the Firm, Nina was a Partner at Faruqi & Faruqi where she focused on securities litigation and shareholder derivative litigation matters.

Nina earned her Juris Doctor from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. While in law school, Nina was an Intern at the New York State Judicial Institute. Nina received her Bachelor of Arts from George Washington University.



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John Vielandi Of Counsel

John Vielandi is Of Counsel in the New York office of Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. John researches, analyzes, and assesses potential new shareholder litigations with a focus on breaches of fiduciary duty and mergers and acquisitions.

John has successfully prosecuted cases against Pattern Energy Group Inc., QAD Inc., Coty Inc., Guess, Inc., Sears Hometown and Outlet Stores, Versum Materials, Inc.; Stamps.com Inc.; and Expedia Group, Inc., among others.

John joined the Firm from Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann, where he was a key member of the teams that litigated numerous high profile actions, including *City of Monroe Employees' Retirement System v. Rupert Murdoch et al.* and *In re Vaalco Energy, Inc. Consolidated Stockholder Litigation*. While in law school, John was a Legal Intern at the New York City Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings and a Judicial Intern for the Honorable Carolyn E. Demarest of the New York State Supreme Court.

John earned his Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law School, where he was the Notes and Comments Editor for the *Journal of Corporate, Financial and Commercial Law*, and was awarded the CALI Excellence for the Future Award. He received his bachelor's degree from Georgetown University.



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Exhibit E

*Uber Securities Litigation***EXHIBIT E****JOINT LITIGATION EXPENSE FUND**

<i>CONTRIBUTIONS:</i>	<i>TOTALS</i>
Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP	\$1,046,264.01
Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP	\$300,125.00
Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy LLP	\$195,250.00
Levi & Korsinsky, LLP	\$110,250.00
Scott + Scott Attorneys at Law LLP	\$239,625.00
<i>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</i>	<i>\$1,891,514.01</i>
<i>EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE JOINT LITIGATION EXPENSE FUND:</i>	
Service Fees	\$797.60
Experts/Consultants	\$1,977,520.53
Damages/Causation/Plan of Allocation	\$445,665.92
Accounting	\$20,000.00
Underwriter Due Diligence	\$493,613.32
Director Due Diligence	\$773,394.68
Tracing	\$244,846.61
Trial and Jury Consultants	\$34,103.91
Depositions/Videography/Court Transcripts	\$196,088.31
Mediation	\$18,906.60
Litigation Support*	\$56,265.11
<i>TOTAL EXPENSES OF JOINT LITIGATION EXPENSE FUND</i>	<i>\$2,283,682.06</i>
<i>OUTSTANDING BALANCE IN JOINT LITIGATION EXPENSE FUND AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024</i>	<i>(\$392,168.05)</i>

* The Litigation Support costs include \$200/month in ongoing limited storage costs through February, 2025 related to maintaining the electronic document production of Lead Plaintiff. Once the Settlement reaches its Effective Date, this data will no longer be stored and the ongoing costs will cease. If storage is needed for less time, a refund will be made to Settlement Fund.

Exhibit 9

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

BOSTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM,)	Case No. 3:19-cv-06361-RS
)	
Plaintiff,)	DECLARATION OF THOMAS E. EGLER
)	FILED ON BEHALF OF ROBBINS GELLER
v.)	RUDMAN & DOWD LLP IN SUPPORT OF
)	APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF
UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., et al.,)	ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES
)	
Defendants.)	
)	

1 I, THOMAS E. EGLER, declare as follows pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746:

2 1. I am a member of the firm of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP (“Robbins
3 Geller” or the “Firm”). I am submitting this declaration in support of the application for an award
4 of attorneys’ fees, expenses, and charges (“expenses”) in connection with services rendered in the
5 above-entitled action (the “Litigation”).

6 2. My Firm, which served as additional counsel in the Litigation, and is individual
7 counsel to Class Representatives and named plaintiffs Irving and Judith Braun (“the Brauns”), was
8 involved throughout the course of the Litigation, which is described in the accompanying
9 Declaration of Alfred L. Fatale III in Support of (I) Class Representatives’ Motion for Final
10 Approval of Class Action Settlement and Plan of Allocation; and (II) Class Counsel’s Motion for
11 an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Payment of Expenses, filed herewith. My firm also worked with
12 the Law Offices of Curtis Trinko (“Trinko”), which is personal counsel to the Brauns and aided in
13 the Brauns’ work in this case, including collecting discovery responses and sitting for two
14 depositions. In addition, our firm also worked with Bragar, Eagel and Squire P.C. (“Bragar Eagel”)
15 which is personal counsel for plaintiff Joseph Cianci and aided in his work in this case, including
16 collecting discovery responses and sitting for a deposition.

17 3. In particular, my Firm substantially drafted the opposition to defendants’ motion to
18 dismiss the additional plaintiffs from the Second Amended Class Action Complaint for Violations
19 of the Federal Securities Laws in this Litigation; prepared responses to discovery served on the
20 Brauns and Mr. Cianci, as well as other clients who were subpoenaed by defendants as absent class
21 members; collected and produced responsive discovery materials; prepared our clients for their
22 depositions and defended those depositions; developed and maintained the electronic databases
23 for hosting the discovery materials produced by defendants and third parties; assisted in drafting
24 initial and reply briefing in connection with plaintiffs’ Motion for Class Certification and
25 supporting documents; prepared and served discovery on third parties in connection with class
26 certification issues; reviewed and categorized documents produced by defendants and third parties
27 for use at depositions and trial; drafted and revised forms of the notice of pendency disseminated
28 after class certification was granted; participated in plaintiff-side strategy and development

1 meetings; examined, met and conferred regarding, and filed motions concerning defendants’
2 privilege and redaction logs; took corporate representative depositions and fact depositions of
3 several top Uber employees over defendants’ “Apex” doctrine arguments, including that of Uber’s
4 CEO, Dara Khosrowshahi; identified, met with, and coordinated the engagement of Class
5 Representatives’ tracing expert, defended his deposition and took the deposition of defendants’
6 counter-expert; prepared preliminary drafts of dispositive pretrial motions; reviewed deposition
7 and other testimony for use at summary judgment and/or trial; and participated in the mediation
8 and settlement negotiation processes.

9 4. The information in this declaration regarding the Firm’s time and expenses is taken
10 from time and expense reports and supporting documentation prepared and/or maintained by the
11 Firm in the ordinary course of business. I am the partner who oversaw and/or conducted the day-
12 to-day activities in the Litigation and I reviewed these reports (and backup documentation where
13 necessary or appropriate) in connection with the preparation of this declaration. The purpose of
14 this review was to confirm both the accuracy of the entries as well as the necessity for, and
15 reasonableness of, the time and expenses committed to the Litigation. As a result of this review,
16 reductions were made to both time and expenses in the exercise of billing judgment. Based on this
17 review and the adjustments made, I believe that the time reflected in the Firm’s lodestar calculation
18 and the expenses for which payment is sought herein are reasonable and were necessary for the
19 effective and efficient prosecution and resolution of the Litigation.

20 5. After the reductions referred to above, the number of hours spent on the Litigation
21 by the Firm is 10,289.70. A breakdown of the lodestar is provided in the attached Exhibit A. The
22 lodestar amount for attorney/paraprofessional time based on the Firm’s current rates is
23 \$6,393,436.50. The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A are the Firm’s current rates in contingent
24 cases set by the Firm for each individual. These hourly rates are consistent with hourly rates
25 submitted by the Firm to state and federal courts in other securities class action litigations. The
26 Firm’s rates are set based on periodic analysis of rates of firms performing comparable work both
27 on the plaintiff and defense side. For personnel who are no longer employed by the Firm, the
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1 “current rate” used for the lodestar calculation is based upon the rate for that person in his or her
2 final year of employment with the Firm.

3 6. Attached as Exhibit B is a task-based summary of the work performed and the
4 lodestar incurred by each attorney and professional staff member who performed services in this
5 Litigation.

6 7. The lodestar schedules attached as Exhibits A and B were prepared from daily time
7 records regularly prepared and maintained by the Firm, which are available at the request of the
8 Court. Time expended in preparing this application for fees and payment of expenses has not been
9 included.

10 8. The Firm seeks an award of \$522,892.81 in expenses in connection with the
11 prosecution of the Litigation. Those expenses are summarized by category in the attached Exhibit
12 C.

13 9. The following is additional information regarding certain of these expenses:

14 (a) Witness and Attorney Service Fees: \$284.80. These expenses have been
15 paid to an attorney service firm who advanced a witness fee to testify at a deposition and also
16 served deposition subpoenas.

17 (b) Transportation, Hotels, and Meals: \$44,078.50. In connection with the
18 prosecution of this case, the Firm has paid for travel expenses to, among other things, meet with a
19 mediator and opposing counsel, and take or defend depositions. Any first-class airfare has been
20 reduced to a comparable economy rate.

21 (c) Deposition Transcripts: \$1,373.90. This amount was paid to Veritext Corp.
22 to obtain the Certified Deposition Transcript of Witness Judith Braun.

23 (d) Investigators and Consultants: \$45,526.85.

24 (i) L.R. Hodges & Associates, Ltd. (“LRH&A”): \$36,076.85. LRH&A
25 provided investigative services to Counsel, expending 149.7 hours for combined fees of
26 \$31,042.50, and incurring related expenses of \$5,034.35 for a total of \$36,076.85. Under my
27 Firm’s direction LRH&A’s professional investigators and staff performed an intensive
28 investigation of defendants in this case, contacted and conducted interviews and targeted third-

1 party witnesses, and ultimately prepared comprehensive interview summaries and other case
 2 reports used by Counsel. The information collected through the investigation helped Counsel
 3 better understand the defendant company's industry and the facts at issue, and informed Counsel's
 4 discovery methods and how they prepared the case for dispositive motions and trial.

5 (ii) Tasta Group (d/b/a Caliber Advisors, Inc.): \$9,450.00. My firm
 6 engaged an outside consultant with more than 25 years of experience to provide an estimate of
 7 class-wide losses and damages in the Litigation under the applicable statutory provisions of §§11
 8 and 12 of the Securities Act of 1933 for use in mediation sessions. This work product allowed
 9 Plaintiff to understand the nature and scope of damages and counter defendants' arguments in
 10 mediation processes.

11 (e) Outside Photocopies: \$2,307.82. This amount represents payment to Omni-
 12 Invictus, LLC (d/b/a Array) for blowback printing (quantity: 4530 pages), color, with assembly,
 13 index tabs, and redwell folders in connection with the deposition of Andrew Byrne.

14 (f) Online Legal and Financial Research: \$3,706.78. This category includes
 15 vendors such as LexisNexis products, PACER, and Westlaw. These resources were used to obtain
 16 access to SEC filings, factual databases, legal research, and for proofreading and "blue-booking"
 17 court filings (including checking all legal authorities cited and quoted in briefs). This category
 18 represents the expenses incurred by Robbins Geller for use of these services in connection with
 19 this Litigation. The costs of these vendors vary depending upon the type of services requested.
 20 For example, Robbins Geller has flat-rate contracts with some of these providers for use of their
 21 services. When Robbins Geller utilizes online services provided by a vendor with a flat-rate
 22 contract, access to the service is by an administrative code entered for the specific case being
 23 litigated. At the end of each month in which such services is used, Robbins Geller's costs for such
 24 services are allocated to specific cases based on the percentage of use in connection with that
 25 specific case in the billing period. As a result of the contracts negotiated by Robbins Geller with
 26 certain providers, the Class enjoys substantial savings in comparison with the "market-rate" for *a*
 27 *la carte* use of such services which are more expensive than the rates negotiated by Robbins Geller.

1 (g) eDiscovery Database Hosting: \$122,431.98. Robbins Geller has installed
2 top-tier database software, infrastructure, and security at the Firm for hosting electronic discovery
3 in-house. The platform implemented, Relativity, is offered by over 100 vendors and is currently
4 being used by 198 of the AmLaw200 firms. Over 50 servers are dedicated to Robbins Geller's
5 Relativity hosting environment with all data stored in a secure SSAE 18 Tier III data center with
6 automatic replication to a datacenter located in a different geographic location. By hosting in-
7 house, Robbins Geller is able to set a reduced, all-in rate that includes many services which are
8 often charged as extra fees when hosted by a third-party vendor. Robbins Geller's hosting fee
9 includes user logins, ingestion, processing, OCRing, TIFFing, bates stamping, productions, and
10 archiving – all at no additional per unit cost. Unlimited structured and conceptual analytics (*i.e.*,
11 email threading, inclusive detection, near-dupe detection, concept searching, active learning,
12 clustering, and more) are also included. Robbins Geller is able to provide all these services for a
13 cost that is typically much lower than outsourcing to a third-party vendor. Utilizing a secure,
14 advanced platform in-house has allowed Robbins Geller to prosecute actions more efficiently,
15 utilize advanced AI technology, and has reduced the expense associated with maintaining and
16 searching electronic discovery databases. Similar to third-party vendors, Robbins Geller uses a
17 tiered rate system to calculate hosting charges. The amount requested reflects charges for the
18 hosting of over two million pages of documents produced by parties and non-parties in this
19 Litigation.

20 (h) Joint Litigation Expense Fund Contributions. My Firm contributed
21 \$300,125.00 to a litigation expense fund maintained by Class Counsel Labaton Keller Sucharow
22 LLP, which was established to manage the major expenses in the Litigation. The fund is explained
23 in the declaration submitted by Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP. My firm seeks reimbursement for
24 its contributions to the fund.

25 10. The expenses pertaining to this case are reflected in the books and records of this
26 Firm. These books and records are prepared from receipts, expense vouchers, check records, and
27 other documents and are an accurate record of the expenses.

1 11. The identification and background of my Firm and its partners is attached hereto as
2 Exhibit D.

3 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 4th
4 day of October, 2024, at San Diego, California.


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6 _____
THOMAS E. EGLER

EXHIBIT A

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Boston Retirement System v. Uber Technologies, Inc., et al., Case No. 3:19-cv-06361-RS
 Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP
 September 21, 2020 through July 29, 2024

<i>NAME</i>		<i>HOURS</i>	<i>RATE</i>	<i>LODESTAR</i>
Bays, Lea M.	(P)	10.50	\$ 915	\$ 9,607.50
Egler, Thomas E.	(P)	1,202.90	\$ 1,075	\$ 1,293,117.50
Hubachek, Steven F.	(P)	7.60	\$ 1,200	\$ 9,120.00
Jaconette, James I.	(P)	204.00	\$ 1,075	\$ 219,300.00
Lindell, Nathan R.	(P)	1,015.00	\$ 925	\$ 938,875.00
Love, Andrew S.	(P)	10.40	\$ 1,200	\$ 12,480.00
Pintar, Theodore J.	(P)	23.10	\$ 1,200	\$ 27,720.00
Robbins, Darren J.	(P)	3.30	\$ 1,400	\$ 4,620.00
Rosen, Henry	(P)	337.90	\$ 1,090	\$ 368,311.00
Rudman, Samuel H.	(P)	5.20	\$ 1,400	\$ 7,280.00
Gilliland, Nicole Q.	(A)	186.30	\$ 490	\$ 91,287.00
Tull, Joseph J.	(A)	594.00	\$ 465	\$ 276,210.00
Polychron, Sara B.	(OC)	207.50	\$ 935	\$ 194,012.50
Cohen, Alex M.	(SA)	1,858.60	\$ 475	\$ 882,835.00
Dalglish, Kimberle S.	(SA)	16.80	\$ 475	\$ 7,980.00
Fox, Tiffani E.	(SA)	286.80	\$ 440	\$ 126,192.00
Guy, Ayana D.	(SA)	670.50	\$ 460	\$ 308,430.00
Rosing, Robert A.	(SA)	3,041.80	\$ 475	\$ 1,444,855.00
Roelen, Scott R.	(RA)	5.70	\$ 325	\$ 1,852.50
Angotti, Madison S.	(LS)	12.80	\$ 245	\$ 3,136.00
Camozzi, Miranda C.	(LS)	11.30	\$ 315	\$ 3,559.50
Keita, Omar C.	(LS)	204.00	\$ 315	\$ 64,260.00
Lewis, Bradley P.	(LS)	18.80	\$ 190	\$ 3,572.00
Magos, Bailey	(LS)	16.60	\$ 230	\$ 3,818.00
Cuevas Rios, R. Carlos	(LC)	62.60	\$ 185	\$ 11,581.00
Paralegals		163.30	\$350-\$410	\$ 61,441.00
Document Clerks		112.40	\$ 160	\$ 17,984.00
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>10,289.70</i>		<i>\$ 6,393,436.50</i>

(P) Partner

(A) Associate

(OC) Of Counsel

(SA) Staff Attorney

(RA) Research Analyst

(LS) Litigation Support

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EXHIBIT B

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Reporting Period: September 21, 2020 through July 29, 2024

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| (1) Factual Investigation and Financial Research | (6) Court Appearances and Preparation | (11) Trial Preparation |
| (2) Draft Initial or Amended Complaint | (7) Experts, Consultants and Investigators | (12) Appeal |
| (3) Discovery, Document Review and Fact Depositions | (8) Litigation Strategy and Analysis | (13) Client/Shareholder Communication |
| (4) Case Management | (9) Mediation/Settlement | |
| (5) Motions and Legal Research | (10) Class Certification | |

Name		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Current Hours	Rate	Current Lodestar
Bays, Lea M.	(P)			10.50											10.50	\$ 915	\$ 9,607.50
Egler, Thomas E.	(P)	63.60		606.70		104.30		213.60	143.10	70.30		0.50		0.80	1,202.90	\$ 1,075	\$ 1,293,117.50
Hubachek, Steven F.	(P)												7.60		7.60	\$ 1,200	\$ 9,120.00
Jaconette, James I.	(P)	1.30	9.60	82.70		18.90	3.90	4.80	31.30	27.50	4.40		15.00	4.60	204.00	\$ 1,075	\$ 219,300.00
Lindell, Nathan R.	(P)			532.30		228.00	58.80	16.20	73.60	88.20	3.80	7.80	4.90	1.40	1,015.00	\$ 925	\$ 938,875.00
Love, Andrew S.	(P)												10.40		10.40	\$ 1,200	\$ 12,480.00
Pintar, Theodore J.	(P)									23.10					23.10	\$ 1,200	\$ 27,720.00
Robbins, Darren J.	(P)								1.90	1.40					3.30	\$ 1,400	\$ 4,620.00
Rosen, Henry	(P)	0.80	18.30	173.60		9.80	0.70		25.70	22.40	77.60		9.00		337.90	\$ 1,090	\$ 368,311.00
Rudman, Samuel H.	(P)			3.90					1.30						5.20	\$ 1,400	\$ 7,280.00
Gilliland, Nicole Q.	(A)	6.70		120.30		5.30			20.20		33.80				186.30	\$ 490	\$ 91,287.00
Tull, Joseph J.	(A)			299.00		101.40	7.60	149.00	14.40	22.40		0.20			594.00	\$ 465	\$ 276,210.00
Polychron, Sara B.	(OC)		23.50	109.70		60.50			6.60	0.90	5.00		1.30		207.50	\$ 935	\$ 194,012.50
Cohen, Alex M.	(SA)			1,858.60											1,858.60	\$ 475	\$ 882,835.00
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Cuevas Rios, R. Carlos	(LC)					62.60									62.60	\$ 185	\$ 11,581.00
Paralegals		2.10		91.60	2.50	37.10			2.90	0.30	1.50		25.30		163.30	\$350-\$410	\$ 61,441.00
Document Clerks				112.40											112.40	\$ 160	\$ 17,984.00
TOTAL:		80.20	51.40	8,280.00	2.50	627.90	71.70	383.60	321.00	256.50	126.10	8.50	73.50	6.80	10,289.70		\$ 6,393,436.50

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(A) Associate

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(SA) Staff Attorney

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 Expense Summary
 November 9, 2019 through July 31, 2024

<i>CATEGORY</i>		<i>AMOUNT</i>
Witness and Attorney Service Fees		\$ 284.80
Transportation, Hotels, and Meals		\$ 44,078.50
Telephone		\$ 16.68
Postage		\$ 31.96
Messenger, Overnight Delivery		\$ 3,008.54
Deposition Transcripts		\$ 1,373.90
Investigators and Consultants		\$ 45,526.85
L.R. Hodges & Associates, Ltd.	\$ 36,076.85	
Tasta Group (d/b/a Caliber Advisors, Inc.)	\$ 9,450.00	
Outside Photocopies		\$ 2,307.82
Online Legal and Financial Research		\$ 3,706.78
eDiscovery Database Hosting		\$ 122,431.98
Joint Litigation Expense Fund Contributions		\$ 300,125.00
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>\$ 522,892.81</i>

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INTRODUCTION

Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP (“Robbins Geller” or the “Firm”) is a 200-lawyer firm with offices in Boca Raton, Chicago, Manhattan, Melville, Nashville, San Diego, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Wilmington (www.rgrdlaw.com). The Firm is actively engaged in complex litigation, emphasizing securities, consumer, antitrust, insurance, healthcare, human rights, and employment discrimination class actions. The Firm’s unparalleled experience and capabilities in these fields are based upon the talents of its attorneys, who have successfully prosecuted thousands of class action lawsuits and numerous individual cases, recovering billions of dollars.

This successful track record stems from our experienced attorneys, including many who came to the Firm from federal or state law enforcement agencies. The Firm also includes several dozen former federal and state judicial clerks.

The Firm is committed to practicing law with the highest level of integrity in an ethical and professional manner. We are a diverse firm with lawyers and staff from all walks of life. Our lawyers and other employees are hired and promoted based on the quality of their work and their ability to treat others with respect and dignity.

We strive to be good corporate citizens and work with a sense of global responsibility. Contributing to our communities and environment is important to us. We often take cases on a *pro bono* basis and are committed to the rights of workers, and to the extent possible, we contract with union vendors. We care about civil rights, workers’ rights and treatment, workplace safety, and environmental protection. Indeed, while we have built a reputation as the finest securities and consumer class action law firm in the nation, our lawyers have also worked tirelessly in less high-profile, but no less important, cases involving human rights and other social issues.

PRACTICE AREAS AND SERVICES

Securities Fraud

As recent corporate scandals demonstrate clearly, it has become all too common for companies and their executives – often with the help of their advisors, such as bankers, lawyers, and accountants – to manipulate the market price of their securities by misleading the public about the company’s financial condition or prospects for the future. This misleading information has the effect of artificially inflating the price of the company’s securities above their true value. When the underlying truth is eventually revealed, the prices of these securities plummet, harming those innocent investors who relied upon the company’s misrepresentations.

Robbins Geller is the leader in the fight to protect investors from corporate securities fraud. We utilize a wide range of federal and state laws to provide investors with remedies, either by bringing a class action on behalf of all affected investors or, where appropriate, by bringing individual cases.

The Firm’s reputation for excellence has been repeatedly noted by courts and has resulted in the appointment of Firm attorneys to lead roles in hundreds of complex class-action securities and other cases. In the securities area alone, the Firm’s attorneys have been responsible for a number of outstanding recoveries on behalf of investors. Currently, Robbins Geller attorneys are lead or named counsel in hundreds of securities class action or large institutional-investor cases. Some notable current and past cases include:

- ***In re Enron Corp. Sec. Litig.***, No. H-01-3624 (S.D. Tex.). Robbins Geller attorneys and lead plaintiff The Regents of the University of California aggressively pursued numerous defendants, including many of Wall Street’s biggest banks, and successfully obtained settlements in excess of **\$7.2 billion** for the benefit of investors. ***This is the largest securities class action recovery in history.***
- ***Jaffe v. Household Int’l, Inc.***, No. 02-C-05893 (N.D. Ill.). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained a record-breaking settlement of **\$1.575 billion** after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a securities fraud verdict in favor of the class. In 2015, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the jury’s verdict that defendants made false or misleading statements of material fact about the company’s business practices and financial results, but remanded the case for a new trial on the issue of whether the individual defendants “made” certain false statements, whether those false statements caused plaintiffs’ losses, and the amount of damages. The parties reached an agreement to settle the case just hours before the retrial was scheduled to begin on June 6, 2016. ***The \$1.575 billion settlement, approved in October 2016, is the largest ever following a securities fraud class action trial, the largest securities fraud settlement in the Seventh Circuit and the eighth-largest settlement ever in a post-PSLRA securities fraud case.*** According to published reports, the case was just the seventh securities fraud case tried to a verdict since the passage of the PSLRA.

- ***In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.***, No. 3:15-cv-07658 (D.N.J.). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a \$1.2 billion settlement in the securities case that *Vanity Fair* reported as “the corporate scandal of its era” that had raised “fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations.” The settlement resolves claims that defendants made false and misleading statements regarding Valeant’s business and financial performance during the class period, attributing Valeant’s dramatic growth in revenues and profitability to “innovative new marketing approaches” as part of a business model that was low risk and “durable and sustainable.” *Valeant* is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest ever.
- ***In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig.***, No. 1:15-mc-00040 (S.D.N.Y.). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys zealously litigated the case arising out of ARCP’s manipulative accounting practices and obtained a \$1.025 billion settlement. For five years, the litigation team prosecuted nine different claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933, involving seven different stock or debt offerings and two mergers. The recovery represents the highest percentage of damages of any major PSLRA case prior to trial and includes the largest personal contributions by individual defendants in history.
- ***In re UnitedHealth Grp. Inc. PSLRA Litig.***, No. 06-CV-1691 (D. Minn.). Robbins Geller represented the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (“CalPERS”) and demonstrated its willingness to vigorously advocate for its institutional clients, even under the most difficult circumstances. The Firm obtained an \$895 million recovery on behalf of UnitedHealth shareholders, and former CEO William A. McGuire paid \$30 million and returned stock options representing more than three million shares to the shareholders, bringing the total recovery for the class to over \$925 million, the largest stock option backdating recovery ever, and ***a recovery that is more than four times larger than the next largest options backdating recovery***. Moreover, Robbins Geller obtained unprecedented corporate governance reforms, including election of a shareholder-nominated member to the company’s board of directors, a mandatory holding period for shares acquired by executives via option exercise, and executive compensation reforms that tie pay to performance.
- ***Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. CitiGroup, Inc. (In re WorldCom Sec. Litig.)***, No. 03 Civ. 8269 (S.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys represented more than 50 private and public institutions that opted out of the class action case and sued WorldCom’s bankers, officers and directors, and auditors in courts around the country for losses related to WorldCom bond offerings from 1998 to 2001. The Firm’s attorneys recovered more than \$650 million for their clients, substantially more than they would have recovered as part of the class.
- ***Luther v. Countrywide Fin. Corp.***, No. 12-cv-05125 (C.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller attorneys secured a \$500 million settlement for institutional and individual investors in what is the largest RMBS purchaser class action settlement in history, and one of the largest class action securities settlements of all time. The unprecedented settlement resolves claims against Countrywide and Wall Street banks that issued the securities. The action was the first securities class action case filed against originators and Wall Street banks as a result of the credit crisis. As co-lead counsel Robbins Geller forged through six years of hard-fought litigation, oftentimes litigating issues of first impression, in order to secure the landmark settlement for its clients and the class.
- ***In re Wachovia Preferred Sec. & Bond/Notes Litig.***, No. 09-cv-06351 (S.D.N.Y.). On behalf of investors in bonds and preferred securities issued between 2006 and 2008, Robbins Geller and co-

counsel obtained a significant settlement with Wachovia successor Wells Fargo & Company and Wachovia auditor KPMG LLP. ***The total settlement – \$627 million – is one of the largest credit-crisis settlements involving Securities Act claims and one of the 25 largest securities class action recoveries in history.*** The settlement is also one of the biggest securities class action recoveries arising from the credit crisis. The lawsuit focused on Wachovia’s exposure to “pick-a-pay” loans, which the bank’s offering materials said were of “pristine credit quality,” but which were actually allegedly made to subprime borrowers, and which ultimately massively impaired the bank’s mortgage portfolio. Robbins Geller served as co-lead counsel representing the City of Livonia Employees’ Retirement System, Hawaii Sheet Metal Workers Pension Fund, and the investor class.

- ***In re Cardinal Health, Inc. Sec. Litig.***, No. C2-04-575 (S.D. Ohio). As sole lead counsel representing Cardinal Health shareholders, Robbins Geller obtained a recovery of \$600 million for investors on behalf of the lead plaintiffs, Amalgamated Bank, the New Mexico State Investment Council, and the California Ironworkers Field Trust Fund. At the time, the \$600 million settlement was the tenth-largest settlement in the history of securities fraud litigation and is the largest-ever recovery in a securities fraud action in the Sixth Circuit.
- ***AOL Time Warner Cases I & II***, JCCP Nos. 4322 & 4325 (Cal. Super. Ct., Los Angeles Cnty.). Robbins Geller represented The Regents of the University of California, six Ohio state pension funds, Rabo Bank (NL), the Scottish Widows Investment Partnership, several Australian public and private funds, insurance companies, and numerous additional institutional investors, both domestic and international, in state and federal court opt-out litigation stemming from Time Warner’s disastrous 2001 merger with Internet high flier America Online. After almost four years of litigation involving extensive discovery, the Firm secured combined settlements for its opt-out clients totaling over \$629 million just weeks before The Regents’ case pending in California state court was scheduled to go to trial. The Regents’ gross recovery of \$246 million is the largest individual opt-out securities recovery in history.
- ***In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig.***, No. CV-03-BE-1500-S (N.D. Ala.). As court-appointed co-lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a combined recovery of \$671 million from HealthSouth, its auditor Ernst & Young, and its investment banker, UBS, for the benefit of stockholder plaintiffs. The settlement against HealthSouth represents one of the larger settlements in securities class action history and is considered among the top 15 settlements achieved after passage of the PSLRA. Likewise, the settlement against Ernst & Young is one of the largest securities class action settlements entered into by an accounting firm since the passage of the PSLRA.
- ***Jones v. Pfizer Inc.***, No. 1:10-cv-03864 (S.D.N.Y.). Lead plaintiff Stichting Philips Pensioenfond obtained a \$400 million settlement on behalf of class members who purchased Pfizer common stock during the January 19, 2006 to January 23, 2009 class period. The settlement against Pfizer resolves accusations that it misled investors about an alleged off-label drug marketing scheme. As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys helped achieve this exceptional result after five years of hard-fought litigation against the toughest and the brightest members of the securities defense bar by litigating this case all the way to trial.
- ***In re Dynegey Inc. Sec. Litig.***, No. H-02-1571 (S.D. Tex.). As sole lead counsel representing The Regents of the University of California and the class of Dynegey investors, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a combined settlement of \$474 million from Dynegey, Citigroup, Inc., and Arthur Andersen LLP for their involvement in a clandestine financing scheme known as Project Alpha. Most notably, the settlement agreement provides that Dynegey will appoint two board members to be nominated by The Regents, which Robbins Geller and The Regents believe will benefit all of Dynegey’s stockholders.

- ***In re Qwest Commc'ns Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.***, No. 01-cv-1451 (D. Colo.). In July 2001, the Firm filed the initial complaint in this action on behalf of its clients, long before any investigation into Qwest's financial statements was initiated by the SEC or Department of Justice. After five years of litigation, lead plaintiffs entered into a settlement with Qwest and certain individual defendants that provided a \$400 million recovery for the class and created a mechanism that allowed the vast majority of class members to share in an additional \$250 million recovered by the SEC. In 2008, Robbins Geller attorneys recovered an additional \$45 million for the class in a settlement with defendants Joseph P. Nacchio and Robert S. Woodruff, the CEO and CFO, respectively, of Qwest during large portions of the class period.
- ***Fort Worth Emps.' Ret. Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.***, No. 1:09-cv-03701 (S.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel for a class of investors and obtained court approval of a \$388 million recovery in nine 2007 residential mortgage-backed securities offerings issued by J.P. Morgan. The settlement represents, on a percentage basis, the largest recovery ever achieved in an MBS purchaser class action. The result was achieved after more than five years of hard-fought litigation and an extensive investigation.
- ***Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.***, No. 2:12-cv-00555 (D. Ariz.). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained a \$350 million settlement in *Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.* The settlement, which was reached after a long legal battle and on the day before jury selection, resolves claims that First Solar violated §§10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and SEC Rule 10b-5. The settlement is the fifth-largest PSLRA settlement ever recovered in the Ninth Circuit.
- ***NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co.***, No. 1:08-cv-10783 (S.D.N.Y.). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained a \$272 million settlement on behalf of Goldman Sachs' shareholders. The settlement concludes one of the last remaining mortgage-backed securities purchaser class actions arising out of the global financial crisis. The remarkable result was achieved following seven years of extensive litigation. After the claims were dismissed in 2010, Robbins Geller secured a landmark victory from the Second Circuit Court of Appeals that clarified the scope of permissible class actions asserting claims under the Securities Act of 1933 on behalf of MBS investors. Specifically, the Second Circuit's decision rejected the concept of "tranche" standing and concluded that a lead plaintiff in an MBS class action has class standing to pursue claims on behalf of purchasers of other securities that were issued from the same registration statement and backed by pools of mortgages originated by the same lenders who had originated mortgages backing the lead plaintiff's securities.
- ***Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc.***, No. 3:11-cv-01033 (M.D. Tenn.). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained a groundbreaking \$215 million settlement for former HCA Holdings, Inc. shareholders – the largest securities class action recovery ever in Tennessee. Reached shortly before trial was scheduled to commence, the settlement resolves claims that the Registration Statement and Prospectus HCA filed in connection with the company's massive \$4.3 billion 2011 IPO contained material misstatements and omissions. The recovery achieved represents more than 30% of the aggregate classwide damages, far exceeding the typical recovery in a securities class action.
- ***In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig.***, MDL No. 1399 (D.N.J.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel for a class of investors that purchased AT&T common stock. The case charged defendants AT&T and its former Chairman and CEO, C. Michael Armstrong, with violations of the federal securities laws in connection with AT&T's April 2000 initial public offering of its wireless tracking stock, one of the largest IPOs in American history. After two weeks of trial, and on the eve of scheduled testimony by Armstrong and infamous telecom analyst Jack Grubman, defendants agreed to settle the case for \$100 million.

- ***Silverman v. Motorola, Inc.***, No. 1:07-cv-04507 (N.D. Ill.). The Firm served as lead counsel on behalf of a class of investors in Motorola, Inc., ultimately recovering \$200 million for investors just two months before the case was set for trial. This outstanding result was obtained despite the lack of an SEC investigation or any financial restatement.
- ***City of Pontiac Gen. Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.***, No. 5:12-cv-05162 (W.D. Ark.). Robbins Geller attorneys and lead plaintiff City of Pontiac General Employees' Retirement System achieved a \$160 million settlement in a securities class action case arising from allegations published by *The New York Times* in an article released on April 21, 2012 describing an alleged bribery scheme that occurred in Mexico. The case charged that Wal-Mart portrayed itself to investors as a model corporate citizen that had proactively uncovered potential corruption and promptly reported it to law enforcement, when in truth, a former in-house lawyer had blown the whistle on Wal-Mart's corruption years earlier, and Wal-Mart concealed the allegations from law enforcement by refusing its own in-house and outside counsel's calls for an independent investigation. Robbins Geller "achieved an exceptional [s]ettlement with skill, perseverance, and diligent advocacy," said Judge Hickey when granting final approval.
- ***Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corp.***, No. 2:09-cv-02122 (D. Kan.). As co-lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained a \$131 million recovery for a class of Sprint investors. The settlement, secured after five years of hard-fought litigation, resolved claims that former Sprint executives misled investors concerning the success of Sprint's ill-advised merger with Nextel and the deteriorating credit quality of Sprint's customer base, artificially inflating the value of Sprint's securities.
- ***In re LendingClub Sec. Litig.***, No. 3:16-cv-02627 (N.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a \$125 million settlement for the court-appointed lead plaintiff Water and Power Employees' Retirement, Disability and Death Plan of the City of Los Angeles and the class. The settlement resolved allegations that LendingClub promised investors an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a revolutionary lending market fueled by the highest standards of honesty and integrity. The settlement ranked among the top ten largest securities recoveries ever in the Northern District of California.
- ***Knurr v. Orbital ATK, Inc.***, No. 1:16-cv-01031 (E.D. Va.). In the *Orbital* securities class action, Robbins Geller obtained court approval of a \$108 million recovery for the class. The Firm succeeded in overcoming two successive motions to dismiss the case, and during discovery were required to file ten motions to compel, all of which were either negotiated to a resolution or granted in large part, which resulted in the production of critical evidence in support of plaintiffs' claims. Believed to be the fourth-largest securities class action settlement in the history of the Eastern District of Virginia, the settlement provides a recovery for investors that is more than ten times larger than the reported median recovery of estimated damages for all securities class action settlements in 2018.
- ***Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology***, No. SACV15-0865 (C.D. Cal.). After a two-week jury trial, Robbins Geller attorneys won a complete plaintiffs' verdict against both defendants on both claims, with the jury finding that Puma Biotechnology, Inc. and its CEO, Alan H. Auerbach, committed securities fraud. The Puma case is only the fifteenth securities class action case tried to a verdict since the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act was enacted in 1995.
- ***Marcus v. J.C. Penney Co., Inc.***, No. 13-cv-00736 (E.D. Tex.). Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a \$97.5 million recovery on behalf of J.C. Penney shareholders. The result resolves claims that J.C. Penney and certain officers and directors made misstatements and/or omissions regarding the company's financial position that resulted in artificially inflated stock prices. Specifically, defendants failed to disclose and/or misrepresented adverse facts, including that J.C. Penney

would have insufficient liquidity to get through year-end and would require additional funds to make it through the holiday season, and that the company was concealing its need for liquidity so as not to add to its vendors' concerns.

- ***Monroe County Employees' Retirement System v. The Southern Company***, No. 1:17-cv-00241 (N.D. Ga.). As lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained an \$87.5 million settlement in a securities class action on behalf of plaintiffs Monroe County Employees' Retirement System and Roofers Local No. 149 Pension Fund. The settlement resolves claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 stemming from defendants' issuance of materially misleading statements and omissions regarding the status of construction of a first-of-its-kind "clean coal" power plant in Kemper County, Mississippi. Plaintiffs alleged that these misstatements caused The Southern Company's stock price to be artificially inflated during the class period. Prior to resolving the case, Robbins Geller uncovered critical documentary evidence and deposition testimony supporting plaintiffs' claims. In granting final approval of the settlement, the court praised Robbins Geller for its "hard-fought litigation in the Eleventh Circuit" and its "experience, reputation, and abilities of [its] attorneys," and highlighted that the firm is "well-regarded in the legal community, especially in litigating class-action securities cases
- ***Chicago Laborers Pension Fund v. Alibaba Grp. Holding Ltd.***, No. CIV535692 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Mateo Cnty.). Robbins Geller attorneys and co-counsel obtained a \$75 million settlement in the Alibaba Group Holding Limited securities class action, resolving investors' claims that Alibaba violated the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with its September 2014 initial public offering. Chicago Laborers Pension Fund served as a plaintiff in the action.
- ***Luna v. Marvell Tech. Grp., Ltd.***, No. 3:15-cv-05447 (N.D. Cal.). In the *Marvell* litigation, Robbins Geller attorneys represented the Plumbers and Pipefitters National Pension Fund and obtained a \$72.5 million settlement. The case involved claims that Marvell reported revenue and earnings during the class period that were misleading as a result of undisclosed pull-in and concession sales. The settlement represents approximately 24% to 50% of the best estimate of classwide damages suffered by investors who purchased shares during the February 19, 2015 through December 7, 2015 class period.
- ***Garden City Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Psychiatric Sols., Inc.***, No. 3:09-cv-00882 (M.D. Tenn.). In the *Psychiatric Solutions* case, Robbins Geller represented lead plaintiff and class representative Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund in litigation spanning more than four years. Psychiatric Solutions and its top executives were accused of insufficiently staffing their in-patient hospitals, downplaying the significance of regulatory investigations and manipulating their malpractice reserves. Just days before trial was set to commence, attorneys from Robbins Geller achieved a \$65 million settlement that was the fourth-largest securities recovery ever in the district and one of the largest in a decade.
- ***Plumbers & Pipefitters Nat'l Pension Fund v. Burns***, No. 3:05-cv-07393 (N.D. Ohio). After 11 years of hard-fought litigation, Robbins Geller attorneys secured a \$64 million recovery for shareholders in a case that accused the former heads of Dana Corp. of securities fraud for trumpeting the auto parts maker's condition while it actually spiraled toward bankruptcy. The Firm's Appellate Practice Group successfully appealed to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals twice, reversing the district court's dismissal of the action.
- ***Villella v. Chemical and Mining Company of Chile Inc.***, No. 1:15-cv-02106 (S.D.N.Y.) Robbins Geller attorneys, serving as lead counsel, obtained a \$62.5 million settlement against Sociedad

Química y Minera de Chile S.A. (“SQM”), a Chilean mining company. The case alleged that SQM violated the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by issuing materially false and misleading statements regarding the company’s failure to disclose that money from SQM was channeled illegally to electoral campaigns for Chilean politicians and political parties as far back as 2009. SQM had also filed millions of dollars’ worth of fictitious tax receipts with Chilean authorities in order to conceal bribery payments from at least 2009 through fiscal 2014. Due to the company being based out of Chile and subject to Chilean law and rules, the Robbins Geller litigation team put together a multilingual litigation team with Chilean expertise. Depositions are considered unlawful in the country of Chile, so Robbins Geller successfully moved the court to compel SQM to bring witnesses to the United States.

- ***In re BHP Billiton Ltd. Sec. Litig.***, No. 1:16-cv-01445 (S.D.N.Y.). As lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained a \$50 million class action settlement against BHP, a Australian-based mining company that was accused of failing to disclose significant safety problems at the Fundão iron-ore dam, in Brazil. The Firm achieved this result for lead plaintiffs City of Birmingham Retirement and Relief System and City of Birmingham Firemen’s and Policemen’s Supplemental Pension System, on behalf of purchasers of the American Depositary Shares (“ADRs”) of defendants BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (together, “BHP”) from September 25, 2014 to November 30, 2015.
- ***In re St. Jude Med., Inc. Sec. Litig.***, No. 0:10-cv-00851 (D. Minn.). After four and a half years of litigation and mere weeks before the jury selection, Robbins Geller obtained a \$50 million settlement on behalf of investors in medical device company St. Jude Medical. The settlement resolves accusations that St. Jude Medical misled investors by utilizing heavily discounted end-of-quarter bulk sales to meet quarterly expectations, which created a false picture of demand by increasing customer inventory due of St. Jude Medical devices. The complaint alleged that the risk of St. Jude Medical’s reliance on such bulk sales manifested when it failed to meet its forecast guidance for the third quarter of 2009, which the company had reaffirmed only weeks earlier.
- ***Deka Investment GmbH v. Santander Consumer USA Holdings Inc.***, No. 3:15-cv-02129 (N.D. Tex.). Robbins Geller and co-counsel secured a \$47 million settlement in a securities class action against Santander Consumer USA Holdings Inc. (“SCUSA”). The case alleges that SCUSA, 2 of its officers, 10 of its directors, as well as 17 underwriters of its January 23, 2014 multi-billion dollar IPO violated §§11, 12(a)(2), and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933 as a result of their negligence in connection with misrepresentations in the prospectus and registration statement for the IPO (“Offering Documents”). The complaint also alleged that SCUSA and two of its officers violated §§10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 as a result of their fraud in issuing misleading statements in the IPO Offering Documents as well as in subsequent statements to investors.
- ***Snap Inc. Securities Cases***, JCCP No. 4960 (Cal. Super. Ct., Los Angeles Cnty). Robbins Geller, along with co-counsel, reached a settlement in the Snap, Inc. securities class action, providing for the payment of \$32,812,500 to eligible settlement class members. The securities class action sought remedies under §§11, 12(a)(2) and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933. The case alleged that Snap, certain Snap officers and directors, and the underwriters for Snap’s Initial Public Offering (“IPO”) were liable for materially false and misleading statements and omissions in the Registration Statement for the IPO, related to trends and uncertainties in Snap’s growth metrics, a potential patent-infringement action, and stated risk factors.

Robbins Geller’s securities practice is also strengthened by the existence of a strong appellate department, whose collective work has established numerous legal precedents. The securities practice also utilizes an

extensive group of in-house economic and damage analysts, investigators, and forensic accountants to aid in the prosecution of complex securities issues.

Shareholder Derivative and Corporate Governance Litigation

The Firm's shareholder derivative and corporate governance practice is focused on preserving corporate assets and enhancing long-term shareowner value. Shareowner derivative actions are often brought by institutional investors to vindicate the rights of the corporation injured by its executives' misconduct, which can effect violations of the nation's securities, anti-corruption, false claims, cyber-security, labor, environmental, and/or health & safety laws.

Robbins Geller attorneys have aided Firm clients in significantly enhancing shareowner value by obtaining hundreds of millions of dollars in financial clawbacks and successfully negotiating corporate governance enhancements. Robbins Geller has worked with its institutional clients to address corporate misconduct such as options backdating, bribery of foreign officials, pollution, off-label marketing, and insider trading and related self-dealing. Additionally, the Firm works closely with noted corporate governance consultants Robert Monks and Richard Bennett and their firm, ValueEdge Advisors LLC, to shape corporate governance practices that will benefit shareowners.

Robbins Geller's efforts have conferred substantial benefits upon shareowners, and the market effect of these benefits measures in the billions of dollars. The Firm's significant achievements include:

- ***City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Stumpf (Wells Fargo Derivative Litigation)***, No. 3:11-cv-02369 (N.D. Cal.). Prosecuted shareholder derivative action on behalf of Wells Fargo & Co. alleging that Wells Fargo's executives allowed participation in the mass-processing of home foreclosure documents by engaging in widespread robo-signing, *i.e.*, the execution and submission of false legal documents in courts across the country without verification of their truth or accuracy, and failed to disclose Wells Fargo's lack of cooperation in a federal investigation into the bank's mortgage and foreclosure practices. In settlement of the action, Wells Fargo agreed to provide \$67 million in homeowner down-payment assistance, credit counseling, and improvements to its mortgage servicing system. The initiatives will be concentrated in cities severely impacted by the bank's foreclosure practices and the ensuing mortgage foreclosure crisis. Additionally, Wells Fargo agreed to change its procedures for reviewing shareholder proposals and a strict ban on stock pledges by Wells Fargo board members.
- ***In re Ormat Techs., Inc. Derivative Litig.***, No. CV10-00759 (Nev. Dist. Ct., Washoe Cnty.). Robbins Geller brought derivative claims for breach of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment against the directors and certain officers of Ormat Technologies, Inc., a leading geothermal and recovered energy power business. During the relevant time period, these Ormat insiders caused the company to engage in accounting manipulations that ultimately required restatement of the company's financial statements. The settlement in this action includes numerous corporate governance reforms designed to, among other things: (i) increase director independence; (ii) provide continuing education to directors; (iii) enhance the company's internal controls; (iv) make the company's board more independent; and (iv) strengthen the company's internal audit function.
- ***In re Alphatec Holdings, Inc. Derivative S'holder Litig.***, No. 37-2010-00058586 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Diego Cnty.). Obtained sweeping changes to Alphatec's governance, including separation of the Chairman and CEO positions, enhanced conflict of interest procedures to address related-party transactions, rigorous director independence standards requiring that at least a majority of directors be outside independent directors, and ongoing director education and training.

- ***In re Finisar Corp. Derivative Litig.***, No. C-06-07660 (N.D. Cal.). Prosecuted shareholder derivative action on behalf of Finisar against certain of its current and former directors and officers for engaging in an alleged nearly decade-long stock option backdating scheme that was alleged to have inflicted substantial damage upon Finisar. After obtaining a reversal of the district court's order dismissing the complaint for failing to adequately allege that a pre-suit demand was futile, Robbins Geller lawyers successfully prosecuted the derivative claims to resolution obtaining over \$15 million in financial clawbacks for Finisar. Robbins Geller attorneys also obtained significant changes to Finisar's stock option granting procedures and corporate governance. As a part of the settlement, Finisar agreed to ban the repricing of stock options without first obtaining specific shareholder approval, prohibit the retrospective selection of grant dates for stock options and similar awards, limit the number of other boards on which Finisar directors may serve, require directors to own a minimum amount of Finisar shares, annually elect a Lead Independent Director whenever the position of Chairman and CEO are held by the same person, and require the board to appoint a Trading Compliance officer responsible for ensuring compliance with Finisar's insider trading policies.
- ***Loizides v. Schramm (Maxwell Technology Derivative Litigation)***, No. 37-2010-00097953 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Diego Cnty.). Prosecuted shareholder derivative claims arising from the company's alleged violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 ("FCPA"). As a result of Robbins Geller's efforts, Maxwell insiders agreed to adopt significant changes in Maxwell's internal controls and systems designed to protect Maxwell against future potential violations of the FCPA. These corporate governance changes included establishing the following, among other things: a compliance plan to improve board oversight of Maxwell's compliance processes and internal controls; a clear corporate policy prohibiting bribery and subcontracting kickbacks, whereby individuals are accountable; mandatory employee training requirements, including the comprehensive explanation of whistleblower provisions, to provide for confidential reporting of FCPA violations or other corruption; enhanced resources and internal control and compliance procedures for the audit committee to act quickly if an FCPA violation or other corruption is detected; an FCPA and Anti-Corruption Compliance department that has the authority and resources required to assess global operations and detect violations of the FCPA and other instances of corruption; a rigorous ethics and compliance program applicable to all directors, officers, and employees, designed to prevent and detect violations of the FCPA and other applicable anti-corruption laws; an executive-level position of Chief Compliance Officer with direct board-level reporting responsibilities, who shall be responsible for overseeing and managing compliance issues within the company; a rigorous insider trading policy buttressed by enhanced review and supervision mechanisms and a requirement that all trades are timely disclosed; and enhanced provisions requiring that business entities are only acquired after thorough FCPA and anti-corruption due diligence by legal, accounting, and compliance personnel at Maxwell.
- ***In re SciClone Pharms., Inc. S'holder Derivative Litig.***, No. CIV 499030 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Mateo Cnty.). Robbins Geller attorneys successfully prosecuted the derivative claims on behalf of nominal party SciClone Pharmaceuticals, Inc., resulting in the adoption of state-of-the-art corporate governance reforms. The corporate governance reforms included the establishment of an FCPA compliance coordinator; the adoption of an FCPA compliance program and code; and the adoption of additional internal controls and compliance functions.
- ***Policemen & Firemen Ret. Sys. of the City of Detroit v. Cornelison (Halliburton Derivative Litigation)***, No. 2009-29987 (Tex. Dist. Ct., Harris Cnty.). Prosecuted shareholder derivative claims on behalf of Halliburton Company against certain Halliburton insiders for breaches of fiduciary duty arising from Halliburton's alleged violations of the FCPA. In the settlement, Halliburton agreed, among other things, to adopt strict intensive controls and systems designed to detect and deter the payment of bribes and other improper payments to foreign officials, to

enhanced executive compensation clawback, director stock ownership requirements, a limitation on the number of other boards that Halliburton directors may serve, a lead director charter, enhanced director independence standards, and the creation of a management compliance committee.

- ***In re UnitedHealth Grp. Inc. PSLRA Litig.***, No. 06-CV-1691 (D. Minn.). In the *UnitedHealth* case, our client, CalPERS, obtained sweeping corporate governance improvements, including the election of a shareholder-nominated member to the company's board of directors, a mandatory holding period for shares acquired by executives via option exercises, as well as executive compensation reforms that tie pay to performance. In addition, the class obtained \$925 million, the largest stock option backdating recovery ever and four times the next largest options backdating recovery.
- ***In re Fossil, Inc. Derivative Litig.***, No. 3:06-cv-01672 (N.D. Tex.). The settlement agreement included the following corporate governance changes: declassification of elected board members; retirement of three directors and addition of five new independent directors; two-thirds board independence requirements; corporate governance guidelines providing for "Majority Voting" election of directors; lead independent director requirements; revised accounting measurement dates of options; addition of standing finance committee; compensation clawbacks; director compensation standards; revised stock option plans and grant procedures; limited stock option granting authority, timing, and pricing; enhanced education and training; and audit engagement partner rotation and outside audit firm review.
- ***Pirelli Armstrong Tire Corp. Retiree Med. Benefits Tr. v. Sinegal (Costco Derivative Litigation)***, No. 2:08-cv-01450 (W.D. Wash.). The parties agreed to settlement terms providing for the following corporate governance changes: the amendment of Costco's bylaws to provide "Majority Voting" election of directors; the elimination of overlapping compensation and audit committee membership on common subject matters; enhanced Dodd-Frank requirements; enhanced internal audit standards and controls, and revised information-sharing procedures; revised compensation policies and procedures; revised stock option plans and grant procedures; limited stock option granting authority, timing, and pricing; and enhanced ethics compliance standards and training.
- ***In re F5 Networks, Inc. Derivative Litig.***, No. C-06-0794 (W.D. Wash.). The parties agreed to the following corporate governance changes as part of the settlement: revised stock option plans and grant procedures; limited stock option granting authority, timing, and pricing; "Majority Voting" election of directors; lead independent director requirements; director independence standards; elimination of director perquisites; and revised compensation practices.

- ***In re Community Health Sys., Inc. S'holder Derivative Litig.***, No. 3:11-cv-00489 (M.D. Tenn.). Robbins Geller obtained unprecedented corporate governance reforms on behalf of Community Health Systems, Inc. in a case against the company's directors and officers for breaching their fiduciary duties by causing Community Health to develop and implement admissions criteria that systematically steered patients into unnecessary inpatient admissions, in contravention of Medicare and Medicaid regulations. The governance reforms obtained as part of the settlement include two shareholder-nominated directors, the creation of a Healthcare Law Compliance Coordinator with specified qualifications and duties, a requirement that the board's compensation committee be comprised solely of independent directors, the implementation of a compensation clawback that will automatically recover compensation improperly paid to the company's CEO or CFO in the event of a restatement, the establishment of an insider trading controls committee, and the adoption of a political expenditure disclosure policy. In addition to these reforms, \$60 million in financial relief was obtained, which is the largest shareholder derivative recovery ever in Tennessee and the Sixth Circuit.

Options Backdating Litigation

As has been widely reported in the media, the stock options backdating scandal suddenly engulfed hundreds of publicly traded companies throughout the country in 2006. Robbins Geller was at the forefront of investigating and prosecuting options backdating derivative and securities cases. The Firm has recovered over \$1 billion in damages on behalf of injured companies and shareholders.

- ***In re KLA-Tencor Corp. S'holder Derivative Litig.***, No. C-06-03445 (N.D. Cal.). After successfully opposing the special litigation committee of the board of directors' motion to terminate the derivative claims, Robbins Geller recovered \$43.6 million in direct financial benefits for KLA-Tencor, including \$33.2 million in cash payments by certain former executives and their directors' and officers' insurance carriers.
- ***In re Marvell Tech. Grp. Ltd. Derivative Litig.***, No. C-06-03894 (N.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller recovered \$54.9 million in financial benefits, including \$14.6 million in cash, for Marvell, in addition to extensive corporate governance reforms related to Marvell's stock option granting practices, board of directors' procedures, and executive compensation.
- ***In re KB Home S'holder Derivative Litig.***, No. 06-CV-05148 (C.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller served as co-lead counsel for the plaintiffs and recovered more than \$31 million in financial benefits, including \$21.5 million in cash, for KB Home, plus substantial corporate governance enhancements relating to KB Home's stock option granting practices, director elections, and executive compensation practices.

Corporate Takeover Litigation

Robbins Geller has earned a reputation as the leading law firm in representing shareholders in corporate takeover litigation. Through its aggressive efforts in prosecuting corporate takeovers, the Firm has secured for shareholders billions of dollars of additional consideration as well as beneficial changes for shareholders in the context of mergers and acquisitions.

The Firm regularly prosecutes merger and acquisition cases post-merger, often through trial, to maximize the benefit for its shareholder class. Some of these cases include:

- ***In re Tesla Motors, Inc. S'holder Litig.***, No. 12711-VCS (Del. Ch.). Robbins Geller, along with co-counsel, secured a \$60 million partial settlement after nearly four years of litigation against Tesla. This partial settlement is one of the largest derivative recoveries in a stockholder action challenging a merger. This partial settlement resolves the claims brought against defendants Kimbal Musk, Antonio J. Gracias, Stephen T. Jurvetson, Brad W. Buss, Ira Ehrenpreis, and Robyn M. Denholm, but not the claims against defendant Elon Musk.
- ***In re Kinder Morgan, Inc. S'holders Litig.***, No. 06-C-801 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Shawnee Cnty.). In the largest recovery ever for corporate takeover class action litigation, the Firm negotiated a settlement fund of \$200 million in 2010.
- ***In re Dole Food Co., Inc. S'holder Litig.***, No. 8703-VCL (Del. Ch.). Robbins Geller and co-counsel went to trial in the Delaware Court of Chancery on claims of breach of fiduciary duty on behalf of Dole Food Co., Inc. shareholders. The litigation challenged the 2013 buyout of Dole by its billionaire Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, David H. Murdock. On August 27, 2015, the court issued a post-trial ruling that Murdock and fellow director C. Michael Carter – who also served as Dole's General Counsel, Chief Operating Officer, and Murdock's top lieutenant – had engaged in fraud and other misconduct in connection with the buyout and are liable to Dole's former stockholders for over \$148 million, the largest trial verdict ever in a class action challenging a merger transaction.
- ***Nieman v. Duke Energy Corp.***, No. 3:12-cv-00456 (W.D.N.C.). Robbins Geller, along with co-counsel, obtained a \$146.25 million settlement on behalf of Duke Energy Corporation investors. The settlement resolves accusations that defendants misled investors regarding Duke's future leadership following its merger with Progress Energy, Inc., and specifically, their premeditated coup to oust William D. Johnson (CEO of Progress) and replace him with Duke's then-CEO, John Rogers. This historic settlement represents the largest recovery ever in a North Carolina securities fraud action, and one of the five largest recoveries in the Fourth Circuit.
- ***In re Rural Metro Corp. S'holders Litig.***, No. 6350-VCL (Del. Ch.). Robbins Geller and co-counsel were appointed lead counsel in this case after successfully objecting to an inadequate settlement that did not take into account evidence of defendants' conflicts of interest. In a post-trial opinion, Delaware Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster found defendant RBC Capital Markets, LLC liable for aiding and abetting Rural/Metro's board of directors' fiduciary duty breaches in the \$438 million buyout of Rural/Metro, citing "the magnitude of the conflict between RBC's claims and the evidence." RBC was ordered to pay nearly \$110 million as a result of its wrongdoing, the largest damage award ever obtained against a bank over its role as a merger adviser. The Delaware Supreme Court issued a landmark opinion affirming the judgment on November 30, 2015, *RBC Cap. Mkts., LLC v. Jervis*, 129 A.3d 816 (Del. 2015).
- ***In re Del Monte Foods Co. S'holders Litig.***, No. 6027-VCL (Del. Ch.). Robbins Geller exposed the unseemly practice by investment bankers of participating on both sides of large merger and acquisition transactions and ultimately secured an \$89 million settlement for shareholders of Del Monte. For efforts in achieving these results, the Robbins Geller lawyers prosecuting the case were named Attorneys of the Year by *California Lawyer* magazine in 2012.
- ***In re TD Banknorth S'holders Litig.***, No. 2557-VCL (Del. Ch.). After objecting to a modest recovery of just a few cents per share, the Firm took over the litigation and obtained a common fund settlement of \$50 million.

- ***In re Chaparral Res., Inc. S'holders Litig.***, No. 2633-VCL (Del. Ch.). After a full trial and a subsequent mediation before the Delaware Chancellor, the Firm obtained a common fund settlement of \$41 million (or 45% increase above merger price) for both class and appraisal claims.
- ***Laborers' Local #231 Pension Fund v. Websense, Inc.***, No. 37-2013-00050879-CU-BT-CTL (Cal. Super. Ct., San Diego Cnty.). Robbins Geller successfully obtained a record-breaking \$40 million in *Websense*, which is believed to be the largest post-merger common fund settlement in California state court history. The class action challenged the May 2013 buyout of Websense by Vista Equity Partners (and affiliates) for \$24.75 per share and alleged breach of fiduciary duty against the former Websense board of directors, and aiding and abetting against Websense's financial advisor, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. Claims were pursued by the plaintiff in both California state court and the Delaware Court of Chancery.
- ***In re Onyx Pharms., Inc. S'holder Litig.***, No. CIV523789 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Mateo Cnty.). Robbins Geller obtained \$30 million in a case against the former Onyx board of directors for breaching its fiduciary duties in connection with the acquisition of Onyx by Amgen Inc. for \$125 per share at the expense of shareholders. At the time of the settlement, it was believed to set the record for the largest post-merger common fund settlement in California state court history. Over the case's three years, Robbins Geller defeated defendants' motions to dismiss, obtained class certification, took over 20 depositions, and reviewed over one million pages of documents. Further, the settlement was reached just days before a hearing on defendants' motion for summary judgment was set to take place, and the result is now believed to be the second largest post-merger common fund settlement in California state court history.
- ***Harrah's Entertainment***, No. A529183 (Nev. Dist. Ct., Clark Cnty.). The Firm's active prosecution of the case on several fronts, both in federal and state court, assisted Harrah's shareholders in securing an additional \$1.65 billion in merger consideration.
- ***In re Chiron S'holder Deal Litig.***, No. RG 05-230567 (Cal. Super. Ct., Alameda Cnty.). The Firm's efforts helped to obtain an additional \$800 million in increased merger consideration for Chiron shareholders.
- ***In re Dollar Gen. Corp. S'holder Litig.***, No. 07MD-1 (Tenn. Cir. Ct., Davidson Cnty.). As lead counsel, the Firm secured a recovery of up to \$57 million in cash for former Dollar General shareholders on the eve of trial.
- ***In re Prime Hosp., Inc. S'holders Litig.***, No. 652-N (Del. Ch.). The Firm objected to a settlement that was unfair to the class and proceeded to litigate breach of fiduciary duty issues involving a sale of hotels to a private equity firm. The litigation yielded a common fund of \$25 million for shareholders.
- ***In re UnitedGlobalCom, Inc. S'holder Litig.***, No. 1012-VCS (Del. Ch.). The Firm secured a common fund settlement of \$25 million just weeks before trial.
- ***In re eMachines, Inc. Merger Litig.***, No. 01-CC-00156 (Cal. Super. Ct., Orange Cnty.). After four years of litigation, the Firm secured a common fund settlement of \$24 million on the brink of trial.
- ***In re PeopleSoft, Inc. S'holder Litig.***, No. RG-03100291 (Cal. Super. Ct., Alameda Cnty.). The Firm successfully objected to a proposed compromise of class claims arising from takeover defenses by PeopleSoft, Inc. to thwart an acquisition by Oracle Corp., resulting in shareholders receiving an increase of over \$900 million in merger consideration.

- ***ACS S'holder Litig.***, No. CC-09-07377-C (Tex. Cty. Ct., Dallas Cnty.). The Firm forced ACS's acquirer, Xerox, to make significant concessions by which shareholders would not be locked out of receiving more money from another buyer.

Antitrust

Robbins Geller's antitrust practice focuses on representing businesses and individuals who have been the victims of price-fixing, unlawful monopolization, market allocation, tying, and other anti-competitive conduct. The Firm has taken a leading role in many of the largest federal and state price-fixing, monopolization, market allocation, and tying cases throughout the United States.

- ***In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1720 (E.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys, serving as co-lead counsel on behalf of merchants, obtained a settlement amount of \$5.54 billion. In approving the settlement, the court noted that Robbins Geller and co-counsel "demonstrated the utmost professionalism despite the demands of the extreme perseverance that this case has required, litigating on behalf of a class of over 12 million for over fourteen years, across a changing legal landscape, significant motion practice, and appeal and remand. Class counsel's pedigree and efforts alone speak to the quality of their representation."
- ***Dahl v. Bain Cap. Partners, LLC***, No. 07-cv-12388 (D. Mass). Robbins Geller attorneys served as co-lead counsel on behalf of shareholders in this antitrust action against the nation's largest private equity firms that colluded to restrain competition and suppress prices paid to shareholders of public companies in connection with leveraged buyouts. Robbins Geller attorneys recovered more than \$590 million for the class from the private equity firm defendants, including Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Carlyle Group LP.
- ***Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Bank of Am. Corp.***, No. 14-cv-07126 (S.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys prosecuted antitrust claims against 14 major banks and broker ICAP plc who were alleged to have conspired to manipulate the ISDAfix rate, the key interest rate for a broad range of interest rate derivatives and other financial instruments in contravention of the competition laws. The class action was brought on behalf of investors and market participants who entered into interest rate derivative transactions between 2006 and 2013. Final approval has been granted to settlements collectively yielding \$504.5 million from all defendants.
- ***In re Currency Conversion Fee Antitrust Litig.***, 01 MDL No. 1409 (S.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel and recovered \$336 million for a class of credit and debit cardholders. The court praised the Firm as "indefatigable," noting that the Firm's lawyers "vigorously litigated every issue against some of the ablest lawyers in the antitrust defense bar."
- ***In re SSA Bonds Antitrust Litig.***, No. 1:16-cv-03711 (S.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys are serving as co-lead counsel in a case against several of the world's largest banks and the traders of certain specialized government bonds. They are alleged to have entered into a wide-ranging price-fixing and bid-rigging scheme costing pension funds and other investors hundreds of millions. To date, three of the more than a dozen corporate defendants have settled for \$95.5 million.
- ***In re Aftermarket Auto. Lighting Prods. Antitrust Litig.***, 09 MDL No. 2007 (C.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as co-lead counsel in this multi-district litigation in which plaintiffs allege that defendants conspired to fix prices and allocate markets for automotive lighting products. The last defendants settled just before the scheduled trial, resulting in total settlements of more than \$50 million. Commenting on the quality of representation, the court commended the Firm for

“expend[ing] substantial and skilled time and efforts in an efficient manner to bring this action to conclusion.”

- ***In re Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litig.***, 02 MDL No. 1486 (N.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller attorneys served on the executive committee in this multi-district class action in which a class of purchasers of dynamic random access memory (or DRAM) chips alleged that the leading manufacturers of semiconductor products fixed the price of DRAM chips from the fall of 2001 through at least the end of June 2002. The case settled for more than \$300 million.
- ***Microsoft I-V Cases***, JCCP No. 4106 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Francisco Cnty.). Robbins Geller attorneys served on the executive committee in these consolidated cases in which California indirect purchasers challenged Microsoft’s illegal exercise of monopoly power in the operating system, word processing, and spreadsheet markets. In a settlement approved by the court, class counsel obtained an unprecedented \$1.1 billion worth of relief for the business and consumer class members who purchased the Microsoft products.

Consumer Fraud and Privacy

In our consumer-based economy, working families who purchase products and services must receive truthful information so they can make meaningful choices about how to spend their hard-earned money. When financial institutions and other corporations deceive consumers or take advantage of unequal bargaining power, class action suits provide, in many instances, the only realistic means for an individual to right a corporate wrong.

Robbins Geller attorneys represent consumers around the country in a variety of important, complex class actions. Our attorneys have taken a leading role in many of the largest federal and state consumer fraud, privacy, environmental, human rights, and public health cases throughout the United States. The Firm is also actively involved in many cases relating to banks and the financial services industry, pursuing claims on behalf of individuals victimized by abusive telemarketing practices, abusive mortgage lending practices, market timing violations in the sale of variable annuities, and deceptive consumer credit lending practices in violation of the Truth-In-Lending Act. Below are a few representative samples of our robust, nationwide consumer and privacy practice.

- ***In re Nat’l Prescription Opiate Litig.*** Robbins Geller serves on the Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee to spearhead more than 2,900 federal lawsuits brought on behalf of governmental entities and other plaintiffs in the sprawling litigation concerning the nationwide prescription opioid epidemic. In reporting on the selection of the lawyers to lead the case, *The National Law Journal* reported that “[t]he team reads like a ‘Who’s Who’ in mass torts.”
- ***Apple Inc. Device Performance Litigation.*** Robbins Geller serves on the Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee to advance judicial interests of efficiency and protect the interests of the proposed class in the *Apple* litigation. The case alleges Apple misrepresented its iPhone devices and the nature of updates to its mobile operating system (iOS), which allegedly included code that significantly reduced the performance of older-model iPhones and forced users to incur expenses replacing these devices or their batteries.
- ***In re EpiPen (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Mktg., Sales Pracs. & Antitrust Litig.*** Robbins Geller served as co-lead class counsel in a case against Mylan Pharmaceuticals and Pfizer alleging anti-competitive behavior that allowed the price of ubiquitous, life-saving EpiPen auto-injector devices to rise over 600%, resulting in inflated prices for American families. Two settlements totaling \$609 million were reached after five years of litigation and weeks prior to trial.

- ***Cordova v. Greyhound Lines, Inc.*** Robbins Geller represented California bus passengers *pro bono* in a landmark consumer and civil rights case against Greyhound for subjecting them to discriminatory immigration raids. Robbins Geller achieved a watershed court ruling that a private company may be held liable under California law for allowing border patrol to harass and racially profile its customers. The case heralds that Greyhound passengers do not check their rights and dignity at the bus door and has had an immediate impact, not only in California but nationwide. Within weeks of Robbins Geller filing the case, Greyhound added “know your rights” information to passengers to its website and on posters in bus stations around the country, along with adopting other business reforms.
- ***In re Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Mktg., Sales Pracs., & Prods. Liab. Litig.*** As part of the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee, Robbins Geller reached a series of settlements on behalf of purchasers, lessees, and dealers that total well over \$17 billion, the largest settlement in history, concerning illegal “defeat devices” that Volkswagen installed on many of its diesel-engine vehicles. The device tricked regulators into believing the cars were complying with emissions standards, while the cars were actually emitting between 10 and 40 times the allowable limit for harmful pollutants.
- ***In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig.***, No. 3:15-cv-03747 (N.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller served as co-lead class counsel in a cutting-edge certified class action, securing a record-breaking \$650 million all-cash settlement, the largest privacy settlement in history. The case concerned Facebook’s alleged privacy violations through its collection of its users’ biometric identifiers without informed consent through its “Tag Suggestions” feature, which uses proprietary facial recognition software to extract from user-uploaded photographs the unique biometric identifiers (*i.e.*, graphical representations of facial features, also known as facial geometry) associated with people’s faces and identify who they are. The Honorable James Donato called the settlement “a groundbreaking settlement in a novel area” and praised the unprecedented 22% claims rate as “pretty phenomenal” and “a pretty good day in class settlement history.”
- ***Yahoo Data Breach Class Action.*** Robbins Geller helped secure final approval of a \$117.5 million settlement in a class action lawsuit against Yahoo, Inc. arising out of Yahoo’s reckless disregard for the safety and security of its customers’ personal, private information. In September 2016, Yahoo revealed that personal information associated with at least 500 million user accounts, including names, email addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, hashed passwords, and security questions and answers, was stolen from Yahoo’s user database in late 2014. The company made another announcement in December 2016 that personal information associated with more than one billion user accounts was extracted in August 2013. Ten months later, Yahoo announced that the breach in 2013 actually affected all three billion existing accounts. This was the largest data breach in history, and caused severe financial and emotional damage to Yahoo account holders. In 2017, Robbins Geller was appointed to the Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee charged with overseeing the litigation.
- ***Trump University.*** After six and a half years of tireless litigation and on the eve of trial, Robbins Geller, serving as co-lead counsel, secured a historic recovery on behalf of Trump University students around the country. The settlement provides \$25 million to approximately 7,000 consumers, including senior citizens who accessed retirement accounts and maxed out credit cards to enroll in Trump University. The extraordinary result means individual class members are eligible for upwards of \$35,000 in restitution. The settlement resolves claims that President Donald J. Trump and Trump University violated federal and state laws by misleadingly marketing “Live Events” seminars and mentorships as teaching Trump’s “real-estate techniques” through his “hand-picked” “professors” at his so-called “university.” Robbins Geller represented the class on a *pro bono* basis.

- ***In re Morning Song Bird Food Litig.*** Robbins Geller obtained final approval of a settlement in a civil Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act consumer class action against The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company and its CEO James Hagedorn. The settlement of up to \$85 million provides full refunds to consumers around the country and resolves claims that Scotts Miracle-Gro knowingly sold wild bird food treated with pesticides that are hazardous to birds. In approving the settlement, Judge Houston commended Robbins Geller's "skill and quality of work [as] extraordinary" and the case as "aggressively litigated." The Robbins Geller team battled a series of dismissal motions before achieving class certification for the plaintiffs in March 2017, with the court finding that "Plaintiffs would not have purchased the bird food if they knew it was poison." Defendants then appealed the class certification to the Ninth Circuit, which was denied, and then tried to have the claims from non-California class members thrown out, which was also denied.
- ***Bank Overdraft Fees Litigation.*** The banking industry charges consumers exorbitant amounts for "overdraft" of their checking accounts, even if the customer did not authorize a charge beyond the available balance and even if the account would not have been overdrawn had the transactions been ordered chronologically as they occurred – that is, banks reorder transactions to maximize such fees. The Firm brought lawsuits against major banks to stop this practice and recover these false fees. These cases have recovered over \$500 million thus far from a dozen banks and we continue to investigate other banks engaging in this practice.
- ***Visa and MasterCard Fees.*** After years of litigation and a six-month trial, Robbins Geller attorneys won one of the largest consumer-protection verdicts ever awarded in the United States. The Firm's attorneys represented California consumers in an action against Visa and MasterCard for intentionally imposing and concealing a fee from cardholders. The court ordered Visa and MasterCard to return \$800 million in cardholder losses, which represented 100% of the amount illegally taken, plus 2% interest. In addition, the court ordered full disclosure of the hidden fee.
- ***Sony Gaming Networks & Customer Data Security Breach Litigation.*** The Firm served as a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, helping to obtain a precedential opinion denying in part Sony's motion to dismiss plaintiffs' claims involving the breach of Sony's gaming network, leading to a \$15 million settlement.
- ***Tobacco Litigation.*** Robbins Geller attorneys have led the fight against Big Tobacco since 1991. As an example, Robbins Geller attorneys filed the case that helped get rid of Joe Camel, representing various public and private plaintiffs, including the State of Arkansas, the general public in California, the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Birmingham, 14 counties in California, and the working men and women of this country in the Union Pension and Welfare Fund cases that have been filed in 40 states. In 1992, Robbins Geller attorneys filed the first case in the country that alleged a conspiracy by the Big Tobacco companies.

- ***Garment Workers Sweatshop Litigation.*** Robbins Geller attorneys represented a class of 30,000 garment workers who alleged that they had worked under sweatshop conditions in garment factories in Saipan that produced clothing for top U.S. retailers such as The Gap, Target, and J.C. Penney. In the first action of its kind, Robbins Geller attorneys pursued claims against the factories and the retailers alleging violations of RICO, the Alien Tort Claims Act, and the Law of Nations based on the alleged systemic labor and human rights abuses occurring in Saipan. This case was a companion to two other actions, one which alleged overtime violations by the garment factories under the Fair Labor Standards Act and local labor law, and another which alleged violations of California's Unfair Practices Law by the U.S. retailers. These actions resulted in a settlement of approximately \$20 million that included a comprehensive monitoring program to address past violations by the factories and prevent future ones. The members of the litigation team were honored as Trial Lawyers of the Year by the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice in recognition of the team's efforts at bringing about the precedent-setting settlement of the actions.
- ***In re Intel Corp. CPU Mktg., Sales Pracs. & Prods. Liab. Litig.*** Robbins Geller serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *Intel*, a massive multidistrict litigation pending in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon. *Intel* concerns serious security vulnerabilities – known as “Spectre” and “Meltdown” – that infect nearly all of Intel's x86 processors manufactured and sold since 1995, the patching of which results in processing speed degradation of the impacted computer, server or mobile device.
- ***West Telemarketing Case.*** Robbins Geller attorneys secured a \$39 million settlement for class members caught up in a telemarketing scheme where consumers were charged for an unwanted membership program after purchasing Tae-Bo exercise videos. Under the settlement, consumers were entitled to claim between one and one-half to three times the amount of all fees they unknowingly paid.
- ***Dannon Activia®.*** Robbins Geller attorneys secured the largest ever settlement for a false advertising case involving a food product. The case alleged that Dannon's advertising for its Activia® and DanActive® branded products and their benefits from “probiotic” bacteria were overstated. As part of the nationwide settlement, Dannon agreed to modify its advertising and establish a fund of up to \$45 million to compensate consumers for their purchases of Activia® and DanActive®.
- ***Mattel Lead Paint Toys.*** In 2006-2007, toy manufacturing giant Mattel and its subsidiary Fisher-Price announced the recall of over 14 million toys made in China due to hazardous lead and dangerous magnets. Robbins Geller attorneys filed lawsuits on behalf of millions of parents and other consumers who purchased or received toys for children that were marketed as safe but were later recalled because they were dangerous. The Firm's attorneys reached a landmark settlement for millions of dollars in refunds and lead testing reimbursements, as well as important testing requirements to ensure that Mattel's toys are safe for consumers in the future.
- ***Tenet Healthcare Cases.*** Robbins Geller attorneys were co-lead counsel in a class action alleging a fraudulent scheme of corporate misconduct, resulting in the overcharging of uninsured patients by the Tenet chain of hospitals. The Firm's attorneys represented uninsured patients of Tenet hospitals nationwide who were overcharged by Tenet's admittedly “aggressive pricing strategy,” which resulted in price gouging of the uninsured. The case was settled with Tenet changing its practices and making refunds to patients.
- ***Pet Food Products Liability Litigation.*** Robbins Geller served as co-lead counsel in this massive,

100+ case products liability MDL in the District of New Jersey concerning the death of and injury to thousands of the nation's cats and dogs due to tainted pet food. The case settled for \$24 million.

Human Rights, Labor Practices, and Public Policy

Robbins Geller attorneys have a long tradition of representing the victims of unfair labor practices and violations of human rights. These include:

- ***Does I v. The Gap, Inc.***, No. 01 0031 (D. N. Mar. I.). In this groundbreaking case, Robbins Geller attorneys represented a class of 30,000 garment workers who alleged that they had worked under sweatshop conditions in garment factories in Saipan that produced clothing for top U.S. retailers such as The Gap, Target, and J.C. Penney. In the first action of its kind, Robbins Geller attorneys pursued claims against the factories and the retailers alleging violations of RICO, the Alien Tort Claims Act, and the Law of Nations based on the alleged systemic labor and human rights abuses occurring in Saipan. This case was a companion to two other actions: ***Does I v. Advance Textile Corp.***, No. 99 0002 (D. N. Mar. I.), which alleged overtime violations by the garment factories under the Fair Labor Standards Act and local labor law, and ***UNITE v. The Gap, Inc.***, No. 300474 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Francisco Cty.), which alleged violations of California's Unfair Practices Law by the U.S. retailers. These actions resulted in a settlement of approximately \$20 million that included a comprehensive monitoring program to address past violations by the factories and prevent future ones. The members of the litigation team were honored as Trial Lawyers of the Year by the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice in recognition of the team's efforts at bringing about the precedent-setting settlement of the actions.
- ***Liberty Mutual Overtime Cases***, No. JCCP 4234 (Cal. Super. Ct., Los Angeles Cnty.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as co-lead counsel on behalf of 1,600 current and former insurance claims adjusters at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and several of its subsidiaries. Plaintiffs brought the case to recover unpaid overtime compensation and associated penalties, alleging that Liberty Mutual had misclassified its claims adjusters as exempt from overtime under California law. After 13 years of complex and exhaustive litigation, Robbins Geller secured a settlement in which Liberty Mutual agreed to pay \$65 million into a fund to compensate the class of claims adjusters for unpaid overtime. The Liberty Mutual action is one of a few claims adjuster overtime actions brought in California or elsewhere to result in a successful outcome for plaintiffs since 2004.
- ***Veliz v. Cintas Corp.***, No. 5:03-cv-01180 (N.D. Cal.). Brought against one of the nation's largest commercial laundries for violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act for misclassifying truck drivers as salesmen to avoid payment of overtime.
- ***Kasky v. Nike, Inc.***, 27 Cal. 4th 939 (2002). The California Supreme Court upheld claims that an apparel manufacturer misled the public regarding its exploitative labor practices, thereby violating California statutes prohibiting unfair competition and false advertising. The court rejected defense contentions that any misconduct was protected by the First Amendment, finding the heightened constitutional protection afforded to noncommercial speech inappropriate in such a circumstance.

Shareholder derivative litigation brought by Robbins Geller attorneys at times also involves stopping anti-union activities, including:

- ***Southern Pacific/Overnite***. A shareholder action stemming from several hundred million dollars in loss of value in the company due to systematic violations by Overnite of U.S. labor laws.
- ***Massey Energy***. A shareholder action against an anti-union employer for flagrant violations of environmental laws resulting in multi-million-dollar penalties.
- ***Crown Petroleum***. A shareholder action against a Texas-based oil company for self-dealing and breach of fiduciary duty while also involved in a union lockout.

Environment and Public Health

Robbins Geller attorneys have also represented plaintiffs in class actions related to environmental law. The Firm's attorneys represented, on a *pro bono* basis, the Sierra Club and the National Economic Development and Law Center as *amici curiae* in a federal suit designed to uphold the federal and state use of project labor agreements ("PLAs"). The suit represented a legal challenge to President Bush's Executive Order 13202, which prohibits the use of project labor agreements on construction projects receiving federal funds. Our *amici* brief in the matter outlined and stressed the significant environmental and socio-economic benefits associated with the use of PLAs on large-scale construction projects.

Attorneys with Robbins Geller have been involved in several other significant environmental cases, including:

- ***Public Citizen v. U.S. D.O.T.*** Robbins Geller attorneys represented a coalition of labor, environmental, industry, and public health organizations including Public Citizen, The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, California AFL-CIO, and California Trucking Industry in a challenge to a decision by the Bush administration to lift a Congressionally-imposed "moratorium" on cross-border trucking from Mexico on the basis that such trucks do not conform to emission controls under the Clean Air Act, and further, that the administration did not first complete a comprehensive environmental impact analysis as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. The suit was dismissed by the United States Supreme Court, the court holding that because the D.O.T. lacked discretion to prevent crossborder trucking, an environmental assessment was not required.
- ***Sierra Club v. AK Steel***. Brought on behalf of the Sierra Club for massive emissions of air and water pollution by a steel mill, including homes of workers living in the adjacent communities, in violation of the Federal Clean Air Act, the Resource Conservation Recovery Act, and the Clean Water Act.
- ***MTBE Litigation***. Brought on behalf of various water districts for befouling public drinking water with MTBE, a gasoline additive linked to cancer.
- ***Exxon Valdez***. Brought on behalf of fisherman and Alaska residents for billions of dollars in damages resulting from the greatest oil spill in U.S. history.
- ***Avila Beach***. A citizens' suit against UNOCAL for leakage from the oil company pipeline so severe it literally destroyed the town of Avila Beach, California.

Federal laws such as the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and state laws such as California's Proposition 65 exist to protect the environment and the public from abuses by corporate and government organizations. Companies can be found liable for negligence, trespass, or intentional environmental damage, be forced to pay for reparations, and to come into

compliance with existing laws. Prominent cases litigated by Robbins Geller attorneys include representing more than 4,000 individuals suing for personal injury and property damage related to the Stringfellow Dump Site in Southern California, participation in the Exxon Valdez oil spill litigation, and litigation involving the toxic spill arising from a Southern Pacific train derailment near Dunsmuir, California.

Robbins Geller attorneys have led the fight against Big Tobacco since 1991. As an example, Robbins Geller attorneys filed the case that helped get rid of Joe Camel, representing various public and private plaintiffs, including the State of Arkansas, the general public in California, the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Birmingham, 14 counties in California, and the working men and women of this country in the Union Pension and Welfare Fund cases that have been filed in 40 states. In 1992, Robbins Geller attorneys filed the first case in the country that alleged a conspiracy by the Big Tobacco companies.

Pro Bono

Robbins Geller provides counsel to those unable to afford legal representation as part of a continuous and longstanding commitment to the communities in which it serves. Over the years the Firm has dedicated a considerable amount of time, energy, and a full range of its resources for many *pro bono* and charitable actions.

Robbins Geller has been honored for its *pro bono* efforts by the California State Bar (including a nomination for the President's Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year award) and the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer's Program, among others.

Some of the Firm's and its attorneys' *pro bono* and charitable actions include:

- Representing public school children and parents in Tennessee challenging the state's private school voucher law, known as the Education Savings Account (ESA) Pilot Program. Robbins Geller helped achieve favorable rulings enjoining implementation of the ESA for violating the Home Rule provision of the Tennessee Constitution, which prohibits the General Assembly from passing laws that target specific counties without local approval.
- Representing California bus passengers *pro bono* in a landmark consumer and civil rights case against Greyhound for subjecting them to discriminatory immigration raids. Robbins Geller achieved a watershed court ruling that a private company may be held liable under California law for allowing border patrol to harass and racially profile its customers. The case heralds that Greyhound passengers do not check their rights and dignity at the bus door and has had an immediate impact, not only in California but nationwide. Within weeks of Robbins Geller filing the case, Greyhound added "know your rights" information to passengers to its website and on posters in bus stations around the country, along with adopting other business reforms.
- Working with the Homeless Action Center (HAC) to provide no-cost, barrier-free, culturally competent legal representation that makes it possible for people who are homeless (or at risk of becoming homeless) to access social safety net programs that help restore dignity and provide sustainable income, healthcare, mental health treatment, and housing. Based in Oakland and Berkeley, the non-profit is the only program in the Bay Area that specializes in legal services to those who are chronically homeless. In 2016, HAC provided assistance to 1,403 men and 936 women, and 1,691 cases were completed. An additional 1,357 cases were still pending when the year ended. The results include 512 completed SSI cases with a success rate of 87%.

- Representing Trump University students in two class actions against President Donald J. Trump. The historic settlement provides \$25 million to approximately 7,000 consumers. This means individual class members are eligible for upwards of \$35,000 in restitution – an extraordinary result.
- Representing children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, as well as children with significant disabilities, in New York to remedy flawed educational policies and practices that cause substantial harm to these and other similar children year after year.
- Representing 19 San Diego County children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder in their appeal of the San Diego Regional Center’s termination of funding for a crucial therapy. The victory resulted in a complete reinstatement of funding and set a precedent that allows other children to obtain the treatments they need.
- Serving as Northern California and Hawaii District Coordinator for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit’s Pro Bono program since 1993.
- Representing the Sierra Club and the National Economic Development and Law Center as *amici curiae* before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Obtaining political asylum, after an initial application had been denied, for an impoverished Somali family whose ethnic minority faced systematic persecution and genocidal violence in Somalia, as well as forced female mutilation.
- Working with the ACLU in a class action filed on behalf of welfare applicants subject to San Diego County’s “Project 100%” program. Relief was had when the County admitted that food-stamp eligibility could not hinge upon the Project 100% “home visits,” and again when the district court ruled that unconsented “collateral contacts” violated state regulations. The decision was noted by the *Harvard Law Review*, *The New York Times*, and *The Colbert Report*.
- Filing numerous *amicus curiae* briefs on behalf of religious organizations and clergy that support civil rights, oppose government-backed religious-viewpoint discrimination, and uphold the American traditions of religious freedom and church-state separation.
- Serving as *amicus* counsel in a Ninth Circuit appeal from a Board of Immigration Appeals deportation decision. In addition to obtaining a reversal of the BIA’s deportation order, the Firm consulted with the Federal Defenders’ Office on cases presenting similar fact patterns, which resulted in a precedent-setting *en banc* decision from the Ninth Circuit resolving a question of state and federal law that had been contested and conflicted for decades.

PROMINENT CASES, PRECEDENT-SETTING DECISIONS, AND JUDICIAL COMMENDATIONS

Prominent Cases

Over the years, Robbins Geller attorneys have obtained outstanding results in some of the most notorious and well-known cases, frequently earning judicial commendations for the quality of their representation.

- *In re Enron Corp. Sec. Litig.*, No. H-01-3624 (S.D. Tex.). Investors lost billions of dollars as a result of the massive fraud at Enron. In appointing Robbins Geller lawyers as sole lead counsel to represent the interests of Enron investors, the court found that the Firm's zealous prosecution and level of "insight" set it apart from its peers. Robbins Geller attorneys and lead plaintiff The Regents of the University of California aggressively pursued numerous defendants, including many of Wall Street's biggest banks, and successfully obtained settlements in excess of **\$7.2 billion** for the benefit of investors. *This is the largest securities class action recovery in history.*

The court overseeing this action had utmost praise for Robbins Geller's efforts and stated that "[t]he experience, ability, and reputation of the attorneys of [Robbins Geller] is not disputed; it is one of the most successful law firms in securities class actions, if not the preeminent one, in the country." *In re Enron Corp. Sec., Derivative & "ERISA" Litig.*, 586 F. Supp. 2d 732, 797 (S.D. Tex. 2008).

The court further commented: "[I]n the face of extraordinary obstacles, the skills, expertise, commitment, and tenacity of [Robbins Geller] in this litigation cannot be overstated. Not to be overlooked are the unparalleled results, . . . which demonstrate counsel's clearly superlative litigating and negotiating skills." *Id.* at 789.

The court stated that the Firm's attorneys "are to be commended for their zealousness, their diligence, their perseverance, their creativity, the enormous breadth and depth of their investigations and analysis, and their expertise in all areas of securities law on behalf of the proposed class." *Id.*

In addition, the court noted, "This Court considers [Robbins Geller] 'a lion' at the securities bar on the national level," noting that the Lead Plaintiff selected Robbins Geller because of the Firm's "outstanding reputation, experience, and success in securities litigation nationwide." *Id.* at 790.

The court further stated that "Lead Counsel's fearsome reputation and successful track record undoubtedly were substantial factors in . . . obtaining these recoveries." *Id.*

Finally, Judge Harmon stated: "As this Court has explained [this is] an extraordinary group of attorneys who achieved the largest settlement fund ever despite the great odds against them." *Id.* at 828.

- *Jaffe v. Household Int'l, Inc.*, No. 02-C-05893 (N.D. Ill). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained a record-breaking settlement of **\$1.575 billion** after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a securities fraud verdict in favor of the class. In 2015, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the jury's verdict that defendants made false or misleading statements of material fact about the company's business practices and financial results, but remanded the case for a new trial on the issue of whether the individual defendants "made" certain false statements, whether those false statements caused plaintiffs' losses, and the amount of

damages. The parties reached an agreement to settle the case just hours before the retrial was scheduled to begin on June 6, 2016. *The \$1.575 billion settlement, approved in October 2016, is the largest ever following a securities fraud class action trial, the largest securities fraud settlement in the Seventh Circuit and the eighth-largest settlement ever in a post-PSLRA securities fraud case.* According to published reports, the case was just the seventh securities fraud case tried to a verdict since the passage of the PSLRA.

In approving the settlement, the Honorable Jorge L. Alonso noted the team's "skill and determination" while recognizing that "Lead Counsel prosecuted the case vigorously and skillfully over 14 years against nine of the country's most prominent law firms" and "achieved an exceptionally significant recovery for the class." The court added that the team faced "significant hurdles" and "uphill battles" throughout the case and recognized that "[c]lass counsel performed a very high-quality legal work in the context of a thorny case in which the state of the law has been and is in flux." The court succinctly concluded that the settlement was "a spectacular result for the class." *Jaffe v. Household Int'l, Inc.*, No. 02-C-5892, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 156921, at *8 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 10, 2016); *Jaffe v. Household Int'l, Inc.*, No. 02-C-05893, Transcript at 56, 65 (N.D. Ill. Oct. 20, 2016).

- ***In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.***, No. 3:15-cv-07658 (D.N.J.). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a \$1.2 billion settlement in the securities case that *Vanity Fair* reported as "the corporate scandal of its era" that had raised "fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations." The settlement resolves claims that defendants made false and misleading statements regarding Valeant's business and financial performance during the class period, attributing Valeant's dramatic growth in revenues and profitability to "innovative new marketing approaches" as part of a business model that was low risk and "durable and sustainable." *Valeant* is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest ever.
- ***In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig.***, No. 1:15-mc-00040 (S.D.N.Y.). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys zealously litigated the case arising out of ARCP's manipulative accounting practices and obtained a \$1.025 billion settlement. For five years, the litigation team prosecuted nine different claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Securities Act of 1933, involving seven different stock or debt offerings and two mergers. The recovery represents the highest percentage of damages of any major PSLRA case prior to trial and includes the largest personal contributions by individual defendants in history.

In approving the settlement, the Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein lauded the Robbins Geller litigation team, noting: "My own observation is that plaintiffs' representation is adequate and that the role of lead counsel was fulfilled in an extremely fine fashion by [Robbins Geller]. At every juncture, the representations made to me were reliable, the arguments were cogent, and the representation of their client was zealous."

- ***In re UnitedHealth Grp. Inc. PSLRA Litig.***, No. 06-CV-1691 (D. Minn.). In the *UnitedHealth* case, Robbins Geller represented the California Public Employees' Retirement System ("CalPERS") and demonstrated its willingness to vigorously advocate for its institutional clients, even under the most difficult circumstances. For example, in 2006, the issue of high-level executives backdating stock options made national headlines. During that time, many law firms, including Robbins Geller, brought shareholder derivative lawsuits against the companies' boards of directors for breaches of their fiduciary duties or for improperly granting backdated options. Rather than pursuing a shareholder derivative case, the Firm filed a securities fraud class action against the company on behalf of CalPERS. In doing so, Robbins Geller faced significant and unprecedented legal

obstacles with respect to loss causation, *i.e.*, that defendants' actions were responsible for causing the stock losses. Despite these legal hurdles, Robbins Geller obtained an \$895 million recovery on behalf of the UnitedHealth shareholders. Shortly after reaching the \$895 million settlement with UnitedHealth, the remaining corporate defendants, including former CEO William A. McGuire, also settled. McGuire paid \$30 million and returned stock options representing more than three million shares to the shareholders. The total recovery for the class was over \$925 million, the largest stock option backdating recovery ever, and **a recovery that is more than four times larger than the next largest options backdating recovery**. Moreover, Robbins Geller obtained unprecedented corporate governance reforms, including election of a shareholder-nominated member to the company's board of directors, a mandatory holding period for shares acquired by executives via option exercise, and executive compensation reforms that tie pay to performance.

- ***Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. CitiGroup, Inc. (In re WorldCom Sec. Litig.)***, No. 03 Civ. 8269 (S.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys represented more than 50 private and public institutions that opted out of the class action case and sued WorldCom's bankers, officers and directors, and auditors in courts around the country for losses related to WorldCom bond offerings from 1998 to 2001. The Firm's clients included major public institutions from across the country such as CalPERS, CalSTRS, the state pension funds of Maine, Illinois, New Mexico, and West Virginia, union pension funds, and private entities such as AIG and Northwestern Mutual. Robbins Geller attorneys recovered more than \$650 million for their clients, substantially more than they would have recovered as part of the class.
- ***Luther v. Countrywide Fin. Corp.***, No. 12-cv-05125 (C.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller attorneys secured a \$500 million settlement for institutional and individual investors in what is the largest RMBS purchaser class action settlement in history, and one of the largest class action securities settlements of all time. The unprecedented settlement resolves claims against Countrywide and Wall Street banks that issued the securities. The action was the first securities class action case filed against originators and Wall Street banks as a result of the credit crisis. As co-lead counsel Robbins Geller forged through six years of hard-fought litigation, oftentimes litigating issues of first impression, in order to secure the landmark settlement for its clients and the class.

In approving the settlement, Judge Mariana R. Pfaelzer repeatedly complimented plaintiffs' attorneys, noting that it was "beyond serious dispute that Class Counsel has vigorously prosecuted the Settlement Actions on both the state and federal level over the last six years." Judge Pfaelzer also commented that "[w]ithout a settlement, these cases would continue indefinitely, resulting in significant risks to recovery and continued litigation costs. It is difficult to understate the risks to recovery if litigation had continued." *Me. State Ret. Sys. v. Countrywide Fin. Corp.*, No. 2:10-CV-00302, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 179190, at *44, *56 (C.D. Cal. Dec. 5, 2013).

Judge Pfaelzer further noted that the proposed \$500 million settlement represents one of the "largest MBS class action settlements to date. Indeed, this settlement easily surpasses the next largest . . . MBS settlement." *Id.* at *59.

- ***In re Wachovia Preferred Sec. & Bond/Notes Litig.***, No. 09-cv-06351 (S.D.N.Y.). In litigation over bonds and preferred securities, issued by Wachovia between 2006 and 2008, Robbins Geller and co-counsel obtained a significant settlement with Wachovia successor Wells Fargo & Company (\$590 million) and Wachovia auditor KPMG LLP (\$37 million). ***The total settlement – \$627 million – is one of the largest credit-crisis settlements involving Securities Act claims and one of the 25 largest securities class action recoveries in history.*** The settlement is also one of the biggest securities class action recoveries arising from the credit crisis.

As alleged in the complaint, the offering materials for the bonds and preferred securities misstated and failed to disclose the true nature and quality of Wachovia's mortgage loan portfolio, which exposed the bank and misled investors to tens of billions of dollars in losses on mortgage-related assets. In reality, Wachovia employed high-risk underwriting standards and made loans to subprime borrowers, contrary to the offering materials and their statements of "pristine credit quality." Robbins Geller served as co-lead counsel representing the City of Livonia Employees' Retirement System, Hawaii Sheet Metal Workers Pension Fund, and the investor class.

- ***In re Cardinal Health, Inc. Sec. Litig.***, No. C2-04-575 (S.D. Ohio). As sole lead counsel representing Cardinal Health shareholders, Robbins Geller obtained a recovery of \$600 million for investors. On behalf of the lead plaintiffs, Amalgamated Bank, the New Mexico State Investment Council, and the California Ironworkers Field Trust Fund, the Firm aggressively pursued class claims and won numerous courtroom victories, including a favorable decision on defendants' motion to dismiss. *In re Cardinal Health, Inc. Sec. Litigs.*, 426 F. Supp. 2d 688 (S.D. Ohio 2006). At the time, the \$600 million settlement was the tenth-largest settlement in the history of securities fraud litigation and is the largest-ever recovery in a securities fraud action in the Sixth Circuit. Judge Marbley commented: "[T]his is an extraordinary settlement relative to all the other settlements in cases of this nature and certainly cases of this magnitude. . . . This was an outstanding settlement. . . . [I]n most instances, if you've gotten four cents on the dollar, you've done well. You've gotten twenty cents on the dollar, so that's been extraordinary. *In re Cardinal Health, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 2:04-CV-575, Transcript at 16, 32 (S.D. Ohio Oct. 19, 2007). Judge Marbley further stated:

The quality of representation in this case was superb. Lead Counsel, [Robbins Geller], are nationally recognized leaders in complex securities litigation class actions. The quality of the representation is demonstrated by the substantial benefit achieved for the Class and the efficient, effective prosecution and resolution of this action. Lead Counsel defeated a volley of motions to dismiss, thwarting well-formed challenges from prominent and capable attorneys from six different law firms.

In re Cardinal Health Inc. Sec. Litigs., 528 F. Supp. 2d 752, 768 (S.D. Ohio 2007).

- ***AOL Time Warner Cases I & II***, JCCP Nos. 4322 & 4325 (Cal. Super. Ct., Los Angeles Cnty.). Robbins Geller represented The Regents of the University of California, six Ohio state pension funds, Rabo Bank (NL), the Scottish Widows Investment Partnership, several Australian public and private funds, insurance companies, and numerous additional institutional investors, both domestic and international, in state and federal court opt-out litigation stemming from Time Warner's disastrous 2001 merger with Internet high flier America Online. Robbins Geller attorneys exposed a massive and sophisticated accounting fraud involving America Online's e-commerce and advertising revenue. After almost four years of litigation involving extensive discovery, the Firm secured combined settlements for its opt-out clients totaling over \$629 million just weeks before The Regents' case pending in California state court was scheduled to go to trial. The Regents' gross recovery of \$246 million is the largest individual opt-out securities recovery in history.

- ***Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank v. Morgan Stanley & Co.***, No. 1:08-cv-07508-SAS-DCF (S.D.N.Y.), and ***King County, Washington v. IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG***, No. 1:09-cv-08387-SAS (S.D.N.Y.). The Firm represented multiple institutional investors in successfully pursuing recoveries from two failed structured investment vehicles, each of which had been rated “AAA” by Standard & Poors and Moody’s, but which failed fantastically in 2007. The matter settled just prior to trial in 2013. This result was only made possible after Robbins Geller lawyers beat back the rating agencies’ longtime argument that ratings were opinions protected by the First Amendment.
- ***In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig.***, No. CV-03-BE-1500-S (N.D. Ala.). As court-appointed co-lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a combined recovery of \$671 million from HealthSouth, its auditor Ernst & Young, and its investment banker, UBS, for the benefit of stockholder plaintiffs. The settlement against HealthSouth represents one of the larger settlements in securities class action history and is considered among the top 15 settlements achieved after passage of the PSLRA. Likewise, the settlement against Ernst & Young is one of the largest securities class action settlements entered into by an accounting firm since the passage of the PSLRA. HealthSouth and its financial advisors perpetrated one of the largest and most pervasive frauds in the history of U.S. healthcare, prompting Congressional and law enforcement inquiry and resulting in guilty pleas of 16 former HealthSouth executives in related federal criminal prosecutions. In March 2009, Judge Karon Bowdre commented in the *HealthSouth* class certification opinion: “The court has had many opportunities since November 2001 to examine the work of class counsel and the supervision by the Class Representatives. The court finds both to be far more than adequate.” *In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 257 F.R.D. 260, 275 (N.D. Ala. 2009).
- ***In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig.***, No. 3:15-cv-03747 (N.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller served as co-lead class counsel in a cutting-edge certified class action, securing a record-breaking \$650 million all-cash settlement, the largest privacy settlement in history. The case concerned Facebook’s alleged privacy violations through its collection of its users’ biometric identifiers without informed consent through its “Tag Suggestions” feature, which uses proprietary facial recognition software to extract from user-uploaded photographs the unique biometric identifiers (*i.e.*, graphical representations of facial features, also known as facial geometry) associated with people’s faces and identify who they are. The Honorable James Donato called the settlement “a groundbreaking settlement in a novel area” and praised the unprecedented 22% claims rate as “pretty phenomenal” and “a pretty good day in class settlement history.”
- ***In re Dynegy Inc. Sec. Litig.***, No. H-02-1571 (S.D. Tex.). As sole lead counsel representing The Regents of the University of California and the class of Dynegy investors, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a combined settlement of \$474 million from Dynegy, Citigroup, Inc., and Arthur Andersen LLP for their involvement in a clandestine financing scheme known as Project Alpha. Given Dynegy’s limited ability to pay, Robbins Geller attorneys structured a settlement (reached shortly before the commencement of trial) that maximized plaintiffs’ recovery without bankrupting the company. Most notably, the settlement agreement provides that Dynegy will appoint two board members to be nominated by The Regents, which Robbins Geller and The Regents believe will benefit all of Dynegy’s stockholders.
- ***Jones v. Pfizer Inc.***, No. 1:10-cv-03864 (S.D.N.Y.). Lead plaintiff Stichting Philips Pensioenfond obtained a \$400 million settlement on behalf of class members who purchased Pfizer common stock during the January 19, 2006 to January 23, 2009 class period. The settlement against Pfizer resolves accusations that it misled investors about an alleged off-label drug marketing scheme. As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys helped achieve this exceptional result after five years of hard-fought litigation against the toughest and the brightest members of the securities defense bar by litigating this case all the way to trial.

In approving the settlement, United States District Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein commended the Firm, noting that “[w]ithout the quality and the toughness that you have exhibited, our society would not be as good as it is with all its problems. So from me to you is a vote of thanks for devoting yourself to this work and doing it well. . . . You did a really good job. Congratulations.”

- ***In re Qwest Commc’ns Int’l, Inc. Sec. Litig.***, No. 01-cv-1451 (D. Colo.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel for a class of investors that purchased Qwest securities. In July 2001, the Firm filed the initial complaint in this action on behalf of its clients, long before any investigation into Qwest’s financial statements was initiated by the SEC or Department of Justice. After five years of litigation, lead plaintiffs entered into a settlement with Qwest and certain individual defendants that provided a \$400 million recovery for the class and created a mechanism that allowed the vast majority of class members to share in an additional \$250 million recovered by the SEC. In 2008, Robbins Geller attorneys recovered an additional \$45 million for the class in a settlement with defendants Joseph P. Nacchio and Robert S. Woodruff, the CEO and CFO, respectively, of Qwest during large portions of the class period.
- ***Fort Worth Emps.’ Ret. Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.***, No. 1:09-cv-03701 (S.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel for a class of investors and obtained court approval of a \$388 million recovery in nine 2007 residential mortgage-backed securities offerings issued by J.P. Morgan. The settlement represents, on a percentage basis, the largest recovery ever achieved in an MBS purchaser class action. The result was achieved after more than five years of hard-fought litigation and an extensive investigation. In granting approval of the settlement, the court stated the following about Robbins Geller attorneys litigating the case: “[T]here is no question in my mind that this is a very good result for the class and that the plaintiffs’ counsel fought the case very hard with extensive discovery, a lot of depositions, several rounds of briefing of various legal issues going all the way through class certification.”
- ***Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.***, No. 2:12-cv-00555 (D. Ariz.). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained a \$350 million settlement in *Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.* The settlement, which was reached after a long legal battle and on the day before jury selection, resolves claims that First Solar violated §§10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and SEC Rule 10b-5. The settlement is the fifth-largest PSLRA settlement ever recovered in the Ninth Circuit.
- ***NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co.***, No. 1:08-cv-10783 (S.D.N.Y.). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained a \$272 million settlement on behalf of Goldman Sachs’ shareholders. The settlement concludes one of the last remaining mortgage-backed securities purchaser class actions arising out of the global financial crisis. The remarkable result was achieved following seven years of extensive litigation. After the claims were dismissed in 2010, Robbins Geller secured a landmark victory from the Second Circuit Court of Appeals that clarified the scope of permissible class actions asserting claims under the Securities Act of 1933 on behalf of MBS investors. Specifically, the Second Circuit’s decision rejected the concept of “tranche” standing and concluded that a lead plaintiff in an MBS class action has class standing to pursue claims on behalf of purchasers of other securities that were issued from the same registration statement and backed by pools of mortgages originated by the same lenders who had originated mortgages backing the lead plaintiff’s securities.

In approving the settlement, the Honorable Loretta A. Preska of the Southern District of New York complimented Robbins Geller attorneys, noting:

Counsel, thank you for your papers. They were, by the way, extraordinary

papers in support of the settlement, and I will particularly note Professor Miller's declaration in which he details the procedural aspects of the case and then speaks of plaintiffs' counsel's success in the Second Circuit essentially changing the law.

I will also note what counsel have said, and that is that this case illustrates the proper functioning of the statute.

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Counsel, you can all be proud of what you've done for your clients. You've done an extraordinarily good job.

NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co., No. 1:08-cv-10783, Transcript at 10-11 (S.D.N.Y. May 2, 2016).

- ***Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc.***, No. 3:11-cv-01033 (M.D. Tenn.). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained a groundbreaking \$215 million settlement for former HCA Holdings, Inc. shareholders – the largest securities class action recovery ever in Tennessee. Reached shortly before trial was scheduled to commence, the settlement resolves claims that the Registration Statement and Prospectus HCA filed in connection with the company's massive \$4.3 billion 2011 IPO contained material misstatements and omissions. The recovery achieved represents more than 30% of the aggregate classwide damages, far exceeding the typical recovery in a securities class action. At the hearing on final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Kevin H. Sharp described Robbins Geller attorneys as “gladiators” and commented: “Looking at the benefit obtained, the effort that you had to put into it, [and] the complexity in this case . . . I appreciate the work that you all have done on this.” *Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc.*, No. 3:11-CV-01033, Transcript at 12-13 (M.D. Tenn. Apr. 11, 2016).
- ***Silverman v. Motorola, Inc.***, No. 1:07-cv-04507 (N.D. Ill.). The Firm served as lead counsel on behalf of a class of investors in Motorola, ultimately recovering \$200 million for investors just two months before the case was set for trial. This outstanding result was obtained despite the lack of an SEC investigation or any financial restatement. In May 2012, the Honorable Amy J. St. Eve of the Northern District of Illinois commented: “The representation that [Robbins Geller] provided to the class was significant, both in terms of quality and quantity.” *Silverman v. Motorola, Inc.*, No. 07 C 4507, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 63477, at *11 (N.D. Ill. May 7, 2012), *aff'd*, 739 F.3d 956 (7th Cir. 2013).

In affirming the district court's award of attorneys' fees, the Seventh Circuit noted that “no other law firm was willing to serve as lead counsel. Lack of competition not only implies a higher fee but also suggests that most members of the securities bar saw this litigation as too risky for their practices.” *Silverman v. Motorola Sols., Inc.*, 739 F.3d 956, 958 (7th Cir. 2013).

- ***In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig.***, MDL No. 1399 (D.N.J.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel for a class of investors that purchased AT&T common stock. The case charged defendants AT&T and its former Chairman and CEO, C. Michael Armstrong, with violations of the federal securities laws in connection with AT&T's April 2000 initial public offering of its wireless tracking stock, one of the largest IPOs in American history. After two weeks of trial, and on the eve of scheduled testimony by Armstrong and infamous telecom analyst Jack Grubman, defendants agreed to settle the case for \$100 million. In granting approval of the settlement, the court stated the following about the Robbins Geller attorneys handling the case:

Lead Counsel are highly skilled attorneys with great experience in prosecuting complex securities action[s], and their professionalism and diligence displayed during [this] litigation substantiates this characterization. The Court notes that Lead Counsel displayed excellent lawyering skills through their consistent preparedness during court proceedings, arguments and the trial, and their well-written and thoroughly researched submissions to the Court. Undoubtedly, the attentive and persistent effort of Lead Counsel was integral in achieving the excellent result for the Class.

In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig., MDL No. 1399, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 46144, at *28-*29 (D.N.J. Apr. 25, 2005), *aff'd*, 455 F.3d 160 (3d Cir. 2006).

- ***In re Dollar Gen. Corp. Sec. Litig.***, No. 01-CV-00388 (M.D. Tenn.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel in this case in which the Firm recovered \$172.5 million for investors. The *Dollar General* settlement was the largest shareholder class action recovery ever in Tennessee.
- ***Carpenters Health & Welfare Fund v. Coca-Cola Co.***, No. 00-CV-2838 (N.D. Ga.). As co-lead counsel representing Coca-Cola shareholders, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a recovery of \$137.5 million after nearly eight years of litigation. Robbins Geller attorneys traveled to three continents to uncover the evidence that ultimately resulted in the settlement of this hard-fought litigation. The case concerned Coca-Cola's shipping of excess concentrate at the end of financial reporting periods for the sole purpose of meeting analyst earnings expectations, as well as the company's failure to properly account for certain impaired foreign bottling assets.
- ***Schwartz v. TXU Corp.***, No. 02-CV-2243 (N.D. Tex.). As co-lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a recovery of over \$149 million for a class of purchasers of TXU securities. The recovery compensated class members for damages they incurred as a result of their purchases of TXU securities at inflated prices. Defendants had inflated the price of these securities by concealing the fact that TXU's operating earnings were declining due to a deteriorating gas pipeline and the failure of the company's European operations.

- ***In re Doral Fin. Corp. Sec. Litig.***, 05 MDL No. 1706 (S.D.N.Y.). In July 2007, the Honorable Richard Owen of the Southern District of New York approved the \$129 million settlement, finding in his order:

The services provided by Lead Counsel [Robbins Geller] were efficient and highly successful, resulting in an outstanding recovery for the Class without the substantial expense, risk and delay of continued litigation. Such efficiency and effectiveness supports the requested fee percentage.

Cases brought under the federal securities laws are notably difficult and notoriously uncertain. . . . Despite the novelty and difficulty of the issues raised, Lead Plaintiffs' counsel secured an excellent result for the Class.

. . . Based upon Lead Plaintiff's counsel's diligent efforts on behalf of the Class, as well as their skill and reputations, Lead Plaintiff's counsel were able to negotiate a very favorable result for the Class. . . . The ability of [Robbins Geller] to obtain such a favorable partial settlement for the Class in the face of such formidable opposition confirms the superior quality of their representation

In re Doral Fin. Corp. Sec. Litig., No. 1:05-md-01706, Order at 4-5 (S.D.N.Y. July 17, 2007).

- ***In re Exxon Valdez***, No. A89 095 Civ. (D. Alaska), and ***In re Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litig.***, No. 3 AN 89 2533 (Alaska Super. Ct., 3d Jud. Dist.). Robbins Geller attorneys served on the Plaintiffs' Coordinating Committee and Plaintiffs' Law Committee in this massive litigation resulting from the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska in March 1989. The jury awarded hundreds of millions in compensatory damages, as well as \$5 billion in punitive damages (the latter were later reduced by the U.S. Supreme Court to \$507 million).
- ***Mangini v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.***, No. 939359 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Francisco Cnty.). In this case, R.J. Reynolds admitted that "the *Mangini* action, and the way that it was vigorously litigated, was an early, significant and unique driver of the overall legal and social controversy regarding underage smoking that led to the decision to phase out the Joe Camel Campaign."
- ***Does I v. The Gap, Inc.***, No. 01 0031 (D. N. Mar. I.). In this groundbreaking case, Robbins Geller attorneys represented a class of 30,000 garment workers who alleged that they had worked under sweatshop conditions in garment factories in Saipan that produced clothing for top U.S. retailers such as The Gap, Target, and J.C. Penney. In the first action of its kind, Robbins Geller attorneys pursued claims against the factories and the retailers alleging violations of RICO, the Alien Tort Claims Act, and the Law of Nations based on the alleged systemic labor and human rights abuses occurring in Saipan. This case was a companion to two other actions: ***Does I v. Advance Textile Corp.***, No. 99 0002 (D. N. Mar. I.), which alleged overtime violations by the garment factories under the Fair Labor Standards Act and local labor law, and ***UNITE v. The Gap, Inc.***, No. 300474 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Francisco Cnty.), which alleged violations of California's Unfair Practices Law by the U.S. retailers. These actions resulted in a settlement of approximately \$20 million that included a comprehensive monitoring program to address past violations by the factories and prevent future ones. The members of the litigation team were honored as Trial Lawyers of the Year by the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice in recognition of the team's efforts in bringing about the precedent-setting settlement of the actions.
- ***Hall v. NCAA (Restricted Earnings Coach Antitrust Litigation)***, No. 94-2392 (D. Kan.). Robbins

Geller attorneys were lead counsel and lead trial counsel for one of three classes of coaches in these consolidated price-fixing actions against the National Collegiate Athletic Association. On May 4, 1998, the jury returned verdicts in favor of the three classes for more than \$70 million.

- ***In re Prison Realty Sec. Litig.***, No. 3:99-0452 (M.D. Tenn.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel for the class, obtaining a \$105 million recovery.
- ***In re Honeywell Int’l, Inc. Sec. Litig.***, No. 00-cv-03605 (D.N.J.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel for a class of investors that purchased Honeywell common stock. The case charged Honeywell and its top officers with violations of the federal securities laws, alleging the defendants made false public statements concerning Honeywell’s merger with Allied Signal, Inc. and that defendants falsified Honeywell’s financial statements. After extensive discovery, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a \$100 million settlement for the class.
- ***Schwartz v. Visa Int’l***, No. 822404-4 (Cal. Super. Ct., Alameda Cnty.). After years of litigation and a six-month trial, Robbins Geller attorneys won one of the largest consumer protection verdicts ever awarded in the United States. Robbins Geller attorneys represented California consumers in an action against Visa and MasterCard for intentionally imposing and concealing a fee from their cardholders. The court ordered Visa and MasterCard to return \$800 million in cardholder losses, which represented 100% of the amount illegally taken, plus 2% interest. In addition, the court ordered full disclosure of the hidden fee.
- ***Thompson v. Metro. Life Ins. Co.***, No. 00-cv-5071 (S.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel and obtained \$145 million for the class in a settlement involving racial discrimination claims in the sale of life insurance.
- ***In re Prudential Ins. Co. of Am. Sales Pracs. Litig.***, MDL No. 1061 (D.N.J.). In one of the first cases of its kind, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a settlement of \$4 billion for deceptive sales practices in connection with the sale of life insurance involving the “vanishing premium” sales scheme.

Precedent-Setting Decisions

Robbins Geller attorneys operate at the vanguard of complex class action of litigation. Our work often changes the legal landscape, resulting in an environment that is more-favorable for obtaining recoveries for our clients.

- ***Stoyas v. Toshiba Corp.***, 896 F.3d 933 (9th Cir. 2018), *cert. denied*, 588 U.S. __ (2019). In July 2018, the Ninth Circuit ruled in plaintiffs’ favor in the *Toshiba* securities class action. Following appellate briefing and oral argument by Robbins Geller attorneys, a three-judge Ninth Circuit panel reversed the district court’s prior dismissal in a unanimous, 36-page opinion, holding that Toshiba ADRs are a “security” and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 could apply to those ADRs that were purchased in a domestic transaction. *Id.* at 939, 949. The court adopted the Second and Third Circuits’ “irrevocable liability” test for determining whether the transactions were domestic and held that plaintiffs must be allowed to amend their complaint to allege that the purchase of Toshiba ADRs on the over-the-counter market was a domestic purchase and that the alleged fraud was in connection with the purchase.
- ***Cyan, Inc. v. Beaver Cnty. Emps. Ret. Fund***, No. 15-1439 (U.S.). In March 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of investors represented by Robbins Geller, holding that state courts continue to have jurisdiction over class actions asserting violations of the Securities Act of 1933. The court’s ruling secures investors’ ability to bring Securities Act actions when companies fail to make full and

fair disclosure of relevant information in offering documents. The court confirmed that the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of 1998 was designed to preclude securities class actions asserting violations of state law – not to preclude securities actions asserting federal law violations brought in state courts.

- ***Mineworkers’ Pension Scheme v. First Solar Inc.***, 881 F.3d 750 (9th Cir. 2018), *cert. denied*, 588 U.S. ___ (2019). In January 2018, the Ninth Circuit upheld the district court’s denial of defendants’ motion for summary judgment, agreeing with plaintiffs that the test for loss causation in the Ninth Circuit is a general “proximate cause test,” and rejecting the more stringent revelation of the fraudulent practices standard advocated by the defendants. The opinion is a significant victory for investors, as it forecloses defendants’ ability to immunize themselves from liability simply by refusing to publicly acknowledge their fraudulent conduct.
- ***In re Quality Sys., Inc. Sec. Litig.***, No. 15-55173 (9th Cir.). In July 2017, Robbins Geller’s Appellate Practice Group scored a significant win in the Ninth Circuit in the *Quality Systems* securities class action. On appeal, a three-judge Ninth Circuit panel unanimously reversed the district court’s prior dismissal of the action against Quality Systems and remanded the case to the district court for further proceedings. The decision addressed an issue of first impression concerning “mixed” future and present-tense misstatements. The appellate panel explained that “non-forward-looking portions of mixed statements are not eligible for the safe harbor provisions of the PSLRA Defendants made a number of mixed statements that included projections of growth in revenue and earnings based on the state of QSI’s sales pipeline.” The panel then held *both* the non-forward-looking and forward-looking statements false and misleading and made with scienter, deeming them actionable. Later, although defendants sought rehearing by the Ninth Circuit sitting *en banc*, the circuit court denied their petition.
- ***Local 703, I.B. of T. Grocery & Food Emps. Welfare Fund v. Regions Fin. Corp.***, No. CV-10-J-2847-S (N.D. Ala.). In the *Regions Financial* securities class action, Robbins Geller represented Local 703, I.B. of T. Grocery and Food Employees Welfare Fund and obtained a \$90 million settlement in September 2015 on behalf of purchasers of Regions Financial common stock during the class period. In August 2014, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the district court’s decision to certify a class action based upon alleged misrepresentations about Regions Financial’s financial health before and during the recent economic recession, and in November 2014, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama denied defendants’ third attempt to avoid plaintiffs’ motion for class certification.
- ***Omnicare, Inc. v. Laborers Dist. Council Constr. Indus. Pension Fund***, No. 13-435 (U.S.). In March 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of investors represented by Robbins Geller that investors asserting a claim under §11 of the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to a misleading statement of opinion do not, as defendant Omnicare had contended, have to prove that the statement was subjectively disbelieved when made. Rather, the court held that a statement of opinion may be actionable either because it was not believed, or because it lacked a reasonable basis in fact. This decision is significant in that it resolved a conflict among the federal circuit courts and expressly overruled the Second Circuit’s widely followed, more stringent pleading standard for §11 claims involving statements of opinion. The Supreme Court remanded the case back to the district court for determination under the newly articulated standard. In August of 2016, upon remand, the district court applied the Supreme Court’s new test and denied defendants’ motion to dismiss in full.
- ***NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co.***, 693 F.3d 145 (2d Cir. 2012). In a

securities fraud action involving mortgage-backed securities, the Second Circuit rejected the concept of “tranche” standing and found that a lead plaintiff has class standing to pursue claims on behalf of purchasers of securities that were backed by pools of mortgages originated by the same lenders who had originated mortgages backing the lead plaintiff’s securities. The court noted that, given those common lenders, the lead plaintiff’s claims as to its purchases implicated “the same set of concerns” that purchasers in several of the other offerings possessed. The court also rejected the notion that the lead plaintiff lacked standing to represent investors in different tranches.

- ***In re VeriFone Holdings, Inc. Sec. Litig.***, 704 F.3d 694 (9th Cir. 2012). The panel reversed in part and affirmed in part the dismissal of investors’ securities fraud class action alleging violations of §§10(b), 20(a), and 20A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and SEC Rule 10b-5 in connection with a restatement of financial results of the company in which the investors had purchased stock.

The panel held that the third amended complaint adequately pleaded the §10(b), §20A, and Rule 10b-5 claims. Considering the allegations of scienter holistically, as the U.S. Supreme Court directed in *Matrixx Initiatives, Inc. v. Siracusano*, 563 U.S. 27, 48-49 (2011), the panel concluded that the inference that the defendant company and its chief executive officer and former chief financial officer were deliberately reckless as to the truth of their financial reports and related public statements following a merger was at least as compelling as any opposing inference.

- ***Fox v. JAMDAT Mobile, Inc.***, 185 Cal. App. 4th 1068 (2010). Concluding that Delaware’s shareholder ratification doctrine did not bar the claims, the California Court of Appeal reversed dismissal of a shareholder class action alleging breach of fiduciary duty in a corporate merger.
- ***In re Constar Int’l Inc. Sec. Litig.***, 585 F.3d 774 (3d Cir. 2009). The Third Circuit flatly rejected defense contentions that where relief is sought under §11 of the Securities Act of 1933, which imposes liability when securities are issued pursuant to an incomplete or misleading registration statement, class certification should depend upon findings concerning market efficiency and loss causation.
- ***Matrixx Initiatives, Inc. v. Siracusano***, 563 U.S. 27 (2011), *aff’g* 585 F.3d 1167 (9th Cir. 2009). In a securities fraud action involving the defendants’ failure to disclose a possible link between the company’s popular cold remedy and a life-altering side effect observed in some users, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously affirmed the Ninth Circuit’s (a) rejection of a bright-line “statistical significance” materiality standard, and (b) holding that plaintiffs had successfully pleaded a strong inference of the defendants’ scienter.
- ***Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Flowserve Corp.***, 572 F.3d 221 (5th Cir. 2009). Aided by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice O’Connor’s presence on the panel, the Fifth Circuit reversed a district court order denying class certification and also reversed an order granting summary judgment to defendants. The court held that the district court applied an incorrect fact-for-fact standard of loss causation, and that genuine issues of fact on loss causation precluded summary judgment.
- ***In re F5 Networks, Inc., Derivative Litig.***, 207 P.3d 433 (Wash. 2009). In a derivative action alleging unlawful stock option backdating, the Supreme Court of Washington ruled that shareholders need not make a pre-suit demand on the board of directors where this step would be futile, agreeing with plaintiffs that favorable Delaware case law should be followed as persuasive authority.
- ***Lormand v. US Unwired, Inc.***, 565 F.3d 228 (5th Cir. 2009). In a rare win for investors in the Fifth

Circuit, the court reversed an order of dismissal, holding that safe harbor warnings were not meaningful when the facts alleged established a strong inference that defendants knew their forecasts were false. The court also held that plaintiffs sufficiently alleged loss causation.

- ***Institutional Inv'rs Grp. v. Avaya, Inc.***, 564 F.3d 242 (3d Cir. 2009). In a victory for investors in the Third Circuit, the court reversed an order of dismissal, holding that shareholders pled with particularity why the company's repeated denials of price discounts on products were false and misleading when the totality of facts alleged established a strong inference that defendants knew their denials were false.
- ***Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Pharmacia Corp.***, 554 F.3d 342 (3d Cir. 2009). The Third Circuit held that claims filed for violation of §10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 were timely, adopting investors' argument that because scienter is a critical element of the claims, the time for filing them cannot begin to run until the defendants' fraudulent state of mind should be apparent.
- ***Rael v. Page***, 222 P.3d 678 (N.M. Ct. App. 2009). In this shareholder class and derivative action, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained an appellate decision reversing the trial court's dismissal of the complaint alleging serious director misconduct in connection with the merger of SunCal Companies and Westland Development Co., Inc., a New Mexico company with large and historic landholdings and other assets in the Albuquerque area. The appellate court held that plaintiff's claims for breach of fiduciary duty were direct, not derivative, because they constituted an attack on the validity or fairness of the merger and the conduct of the directors. Although New Mexico law had not addressed this question directly, at the urging of the Firm's attorneys, the court relied on Delaware law for guidance, rejecting the "special injury" test for determining the direct versus derivative inquiry and instead applying more recent Delaware case law.
- ***Lane v. Page***, No. 06-cv-1071 (D.N.M. 2012). In May 2012, while granting final approval of the settlement in the federal component of the Westland cases, Judge Browning in the District of New Mexico commented:

Class Counsel are highly skilled and specialized attorneys who use their substantial experience and expertise to prosecute complex securities class actions. In possibly one of the best known and most prominent recent securities cases, Robbins Geller served as sole lead counsel – *In re Enron Corp. Sec. Litig.*, No. H-01-3624 (S.D. Tex.). See Report at 3. The Court has previously noted that the class would "receive high caliber legal representation" from class counsel, and throughout the course of the litigation the Court has been impressed with the quality of representation on each side. *Lane v. Page*, 250 F.R.D. at 647.

Lane v. Page, 862 F. Supp. 2d 1182, 1253-54 (D.N.M. 2012).

In addition, Judge Browning stated: "Few plaintiffs' law firms could have devoted the kind of time, skill, and financial resources over a five-year period necessary to achieve the pre- and post-Merger benefits obtained for the class here.' . . . [Robbins Geller is] both skilled and experienced, and used those skills and experience for the benefit of the class [Robbins Geller is] both skilled and experienced, and used those skills and experience for the benefit of the class." *Id.* at 1254.

- ***Luther v. Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP***, 533 F.3d 1031 (9th Cir. 2008). In a case of first impression, the Ninth Circuit held that the Securities Act of 1933's specific non-removal features had not been trumped by the general removal provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005.

- ***In re Gilead Scis. Sec. Litig.***, 536 F.3d 1049 (9th Cir. 2008). The Ninth Circuit upheld defrauded investors' loss causation theory as plausible, ruling that a limited temporal gap between the time defendants' misrepresentation was publicly revealed and the subsequent decline in stock value was reasonable where the public had not immediately understood the impact of defendants' fraud.
- ***In re WorldCom Sec. Litig.***, 496 F.3d 245 (2d Cir. 2007). The Second Circuit held that the filing of a class action complaint tolls the limitations period for all members of the class, including those who choose to opt out of the class action and file their own individual actions without waiting to see whether the district court certifies a class – reversing the decision below and effectively overruling multiple district court rulings that *American Pipe* tolling did not apply under these circumstances.
- ***In re Merck & Co. Sec., Derivative & ERISA Litig.***, 493 F.3d 393 (3d Cir. 2007). In a shareholder derivative suit appeal, the Third Circuit held that the general rule that discovery may not be used to supplement demand-futility allegations does not apply where the defendants enter a voluntary stipulation to produce materials relevant to demand futility without providing for any limitation as to their use. In April 2007, the Honorable D. Brooks Smith praised Robbins Geller partner Joe Daley's efforts in this litigation:

Thank you very much Mr. Daley and a thank you to all counsel. As Judge Cowen mentioned, this was an exquisitely well-briefed case; it was also an extremely well-argued case, and we thank counsel for their respective jobs here in the matter, which we will take under advisement. Thank you.

In re Merck & Co., Inc. Sec., Derivative & ERISA Litig., No. 06-2911, Transcript at 35:37-36:00 (3d Cir. Apr. 12, 2007).

- ***Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Brown***, 941 A.2d 1011 (Del. 2007). The Supreme Court of Delaware held that the Alaska Electrical Pension Fund, for purposes of the “corporate benefit” attorney-fee doctrine, was presumed to have caused a substantial increase in the tender offer price paid in a “going private” buyout transaction. The Court of Chancery originally ruled that Alaska's counsel, Robbins Geller, was not entitled to an award of attorney fees, but Delaware's high court, in its published opinion, reversed and remanded for further proceedings.
- ***Crandon Cap. Partners v. Shelk***, 157 P.3d 176 (Or. 2007). Oregon's Supreme Court ruled that a shareholder plaintiff in a derivative action may still seek attorney fees even if the defendants took actions to moot the underlying claims. The Firm's attorneys convinced Oregon's highest court to take the case, and reverse, despite the contrary position articulated by both the trial court and the Oregon Court of Appeals.
- ***In re Qwest Commc'ns Int'l***, 450 F.3d 1179 (10th Cir. 2006). In a case of first impression, the Tenth Circuit held that a corporation's deliberate release of purportedly privileged materials to governmental agencies was not a “selective waiver” of the privileges such that the corporation could refuse to produce the same materials to non-governmental plaintiffs in private securities fraud litigation.
- ***In re Guidant S'holders Derivative Litig.***, 841 N.E.2d 571 (Ind. 2006). Answering a certified question from a federal court, the Supreme Court of Indiana unanimously held that a pre-suit demand in a derivative action is excused if the demand would be a futile gesture. The court adopted a “demand futility” standard and rejected defendants' call for a “universal demand” standard that might have immediately ended the case.

- ***Denver Area Meat Cutters v. Clayton***, 209 S.W.3d 584 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2006). The Tennessee Court of Appeals rejected an objector's challenge to a class action settlement arising out of Warren Buffet's 2003 acquisition of Tennessee-based Clayton Homes. In their effort to secure relief for Clayton Homes stockholders, the Firm's attorneys obtained a temporary injunction of the Buffet acquisition for six weeks in 2003 while the matter was litigated in the courts. The temporary halt to Buffet's acquisition received national press attention.
- ***DeJulius v. New Eng. Health Care Emps. Pension Fund***, 429 F.3d 935 (10th Cir. 2005). The Tenth Circuit held that the multi-faceted notice of a \$50 million settlement in a securities fraud class action had been the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and thus satisfied both constitutional due process and Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- ***In re Daou Sys.***, 411 F.3d 1006 (9th Cir. 2005). The Ninth Circuit sustained investors' allegations of accounting fraud and ruled that loss causation was adequately alleged by pleading that the value of the stock they purchased declined when the issuer's true financial condition was revealed.
- ***Barrie v. Intervoice-Brite, Inc.***, 397 F.3d 249 (5th Cir.), *reh'g denied and opinion modified*, 409 F.3d 653 (5th Cir. 2005). The Fifth Circuit upheld investors' accounting-fraud claims, holding that fraud is pled as to both defendants when one knowingly utters a false statement and the other knowingly fails to correct it, even if the complaint does not specify who spoke and who listened.
- ***City of Monroe Emps. Ret. Sys. v. Bridgestone Corp.***, 399 F.3d 651 (6th Cir. 2005). The Sixth Circuit held that a statement regarding objective data supposedly supporting a corporation's belief that its tires were safe was actionable where jurors could have found a reasonable basis to believe the corporation was aware of undisclosed facts seriously undermining the statement's accuracy.
- ***Ill. Mun. Ret. Fund v. Citigroup, Inc.***, 391 F.3d 844 (7th Cir. 2004). The Seventh Circuit upheld a district court's decision that the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund was entitled to litigate its claims under the Securities Act of 1933 against WorldCom's underwriters before a state court rather than before the federal forum sought by the defendants.
- ***Nursing Home Pension Fund, Local 144 v. Oracle Corp.***, 380 F.3d 1226 (9th Cir. 2004). The Ninth Circuit ruled that defendants' fraudulent intent could be inferred from allegations concerning their false representations, insider stock sales and improper accounting methods.
- ***Southland Sec. Corp. v. INSpire Ins. Sols. Inc.***, 365 F.3d 353 (5th Cir. 2004). The Fifth Circuit sustained allegations that an issuer's CEO made fraudulent statements in connection with a contract announcement.
- ***Smith v. Am. Family Mut. Ins. Co.***, 289 S.W.3d 675 (Mo. Ct. App. 2009). Capping nearly a decade of hotly contested litigation, the Missouri Court of Appeals reversed the trial court's judgment notwithstanding the verdict for auto insurer American Family and reinstated a unanimous jury verdict for the plaintiff class.
- ***Troyk v. Farmers Grp., Inc.***, 171 Cal. App. 4th 1305 (2009). The California Court of Appeal held that Farmers Insurance's practice of levying a "service charge" on one-month auto insurance policies, without specifying the charge in the policy, violated California's Insurance Code.
- ***Lebrilla v. Farmers Grp., Inc.***, 119 Cal. App. 4th 1070 (2004). Reversing the trial court, the California Court of Appeal ordered class certification of a suit against Farmers, one of the largest

automobile insurers in California, and ruled that Farmers' standard automobile policy requires it to provide parts that are as good as those made by vehicle's manufacturer. The case involved Farmers' practice of using inferior imitation parts when repairing insureds' vehicles.

- ***In re Monumental Life Ins. Co.***, 365 F.3d 408, 416 (5th Cir. 2004). The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a district court's denial of class certification in a case filed by African-Americans seeking to remedy racially discriminatory insurance practices. The Fifth Circuit held that a monetary relief claim is viable in a Rule 23(b)(2) class if it flows directly from liability to the class as a whole and is capable of classwide "computation by means of objective standards and not dependent in any significant way on the intangible, subjective differences of each class member's circumstances."
- ***Dent v. National Football League***, No. 15-15143 (9th Cir.). In September 2018, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit issued an important decision reversing the district court's previous dismissal of the *Dent v. National Football League* litigation, concluding that the complaint brought by NFL Hall of Famer Richard Dent and others should not be dismissed on labor-law preemption grounds. The case was remanded to the district court for further proceedings.
- ***Kwikset Corp. v. Superior Court***, 51 Cal. 4th 310 (2011). In a leading decision interpreting the scope of Proposition 64's new standing requirements under California's Unfair Competition Law (UCL), the California Supreme Court held that consumers alleging that a manufacturer has misrepresented its product have "lost money or property" within the meaning of the initiative, and thus have standing to sue under the UCL, if they "can truthfully allege that they were deceived by a product's label into spending money to purchase the product, and would not have purchased it otherwise." *Id.* at 317. *Kwikset* involved allegations, proven at trial, that defendants violated California's "Made in the U.S.A." statute by representing on their labels that their products were "Made in U.S.A." or "All-American Made" when, in fact, the products were substantially made with foreign parts and labor.
- ***Safeco Ins. Co. of Am. v. Superior Court***, 173 Cal. App. 4th 814 (2009). In a class action against auto insurer Safeco, the California Court of Appeal agreed that the plaintiff should have access to discovery to identify a new class representative after her standing to sue was challenged.
- ***Consumer Privacy Cases***, 175 Cal. App. 4th 545 (2009). The California Court of Appeal rejected objections to a nationwide class action settlement benefiting Bank of America customers.
- ***Koponen v. Pac. Gas & Elec. Co.***, 165 Cal. App. 4th 345 (2008). The Firm's attorneys obtained a published decision reversing the trial court's dismissal of the action, and holding that the plaintiff's claims for damages arising from the utility's unauthorized use of rights-of-way or easements obtained from the plaintiff and other landowners were not barred by a statute limiting the authority of California courts to review or correct decisions of the California Public Utilities Commission.
- ***Sanford v. MemberWorks, Inc.***, 483 F.3d 956 (9th Cir. 2007). In a telemarketing-fraud case, where the plaintiff consumer insisted she had never entered the contractual arrangement that defendants said bound her to arbitrate individual claims to the exclusion of pursuing class claims, the Ninth Circuit reversed an order compelling arbitration – allowing the plaintiff to litigate on behalf of a class.
- ***Ritt v. Billy Blanks Enters.***, 870 N.E.2d 212 (Ohio Ct. App. 2007). In the Ohio analog to the *West*

case, the Ohio Court of Appeals approved certification of a class of Ohio residents seeking relief under Ohio's consumer protection laws for the same telemarketing fraud.

- ***Haw. Med. Ass'n v. Haw. Med. Serv. Ass'n***, 148 P.3d 1179 (Haw. 2006). The Supreme Court of Hawaii ruled that claims of unfair competition were not subject to arbitration and that claims of tortious interference with prospective economic advantage were adequately alleged.
- ***Branick v. Downey Sav. & Loan Ass'n***, 39 Cal. 4th 235 (2006). Robbins Geller attorneys were part of a team of lawyers that briefed this case before the Supreme Court of California. The court issued a unanimous decision holding that new plaintiffs may be substituted, if necessary, to preserve actions pending when Proposition 64 was passed by California voters in 2004. Proposition 64 amended California's Unfair Competition Law and was aggressively cited by defense lawyers in an effort to dismiss cases after the initiative was adopted.
- ***McKell v. Wash. Mut., Inc.***, 142 Cal. App. 4th 1457 (2006). The California Court of Appeal reversed the trial court, holding that plaintiff's theories attacking a variety of allegedly inflated mortgage-related fees were actionable.
- ***West Corp. v. Superior Court***, 116 Cal. App. 4th 1167 (2004). The California Court of Appeal upheld the trial court's finding that jurisdiction in California was appropriate over the out-of-state corporate defendant whose telemarketing was aimed at California residents. Exercise of jurisdiction was found to be in keeping with considerations of fair play and substantial justice.
- ***Kruse v. Wells Fargo Home Mortg., Inc.***, 383 F.3d 49 (2d Cir. 2004), and ***Santiago v. GMAC Mortg. Grp., Inc.***, 417 F.3d 384 (3d Cir. 2005). In two groundbreaking federal appellate decisions, the Second and Third Circuits each ruled that the Real Estate Settlement Practices Act prohibits marking up home loan-related fees and charges.

Additional Judicial Commendations

Robbins Geller attorneys have been praised by countless judges all over the country for the quality of their representation in class-action lawsuits. In addition to the judicial commendations set forth in the Prominent Cases and Precedent-Setting Decisions sections, judges have acknowledged the successful results of the Firm and its attorneys with the following plaudits:

- On October 5, 2022, at the final approval hearing of the settlement, the Honorable Paul A. Fioravanti, Jr. stated: "The settlement achieved here is, in short, impressive. . . . This litigation was hard fought. The issues were complex. . . . Plaintiffs' lead counsel here are among the most highly respected practitioners in this Court with a reputation for exacting substantial awards for the classes that they represent. . . . Again, the benefit was outstanding. . . . Counsel, this was an interesting case. I know you worked really hard on it. Fantastic result. The fee was well deserved." *City of Warren Gen. Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Roche*, No. 2019-0740-PAF, Transcript at 26-29 (Del. Ch. Oct. 5, 2022).

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- On February 4, 2021, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Mark H. Cohen of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia stated: “Lead Counsel successfully achieved a greater-than-average settlement ‘in the face of significant risks.’” Robbins Geller’s “hard-fought litigation in the Eleventh Circuit” and “[i]n considering the experience, reputation, and abilities of the attorneys, the Court recognize[d] that Lead Counsel is well-regarded in the legal community, especially in litigating class-action securities cases.” *Monroe County Employees’ Retirement System v. The Southern Company*, No. 1:17-cv-00241, Order at 8-9 (N.D. Ga. Feb. 4, 2021).
- On December 18, 2020, at the final approval hearing of the settlement, the Honorable Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California commended Robbins Geller, stating: “Counsel performed excellent work in not only investigating and analyzing the core of the issues, but in negotiating and demanding the necessary reforms to prevent malfeasance for the benefit of the shareholders and the consumers. The Court complements counsel for its excellence.” *In re RH S’holder Derivative Litig.*, No. 4:18-cv-02452-YGR, Order and Final Judgment at 3 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 18, 2020).
- On October 23, 2020, at the final approval hearing of the settlement, the Honorable P. Kevin Castel of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York praised the firm, “[Robbins Geller] has been sophisticated and experienced.” He also noted that: “[T]he quality of the representation . . . was excellent. The experience of counsel is also a factor. Robbins Geller certainly has the extensive experience and they were litigating against national powerhouses” *City of Birmingham Ret. & Relief Sys. v. BRF S.A.*, No. 18 Civ. 2213 (PKC), Transcript at 12-13, 18 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 23, 2020).
- In May 2020, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Mark L. Wolf praised Robbins Geller: “[T]he class has been represented by excellent honorable counsel [T]he fund was represented by experienced, energetic, able counsel, the fund was engaged and informed, and the fund followed advice of experienced counsel. Counsel for the class have been excellent, and I would say honorable.” Additionally, Judge Wolf noted, “I find that the work that’s been done primarily by Robbins Geller has been excellent and honorable and efficient. . . . [T]his has been a challenging case, and they’ve done an excellent job.” *McGee v. Constant Contact, Inc.*, No. 1:15-cv-13114-MLW, Transcript at 21, 31, 61 (D. Mass. May 27, 2020).
- In December 2019, the Honorable Margo K. Brodie noted in granting final approval of the settlement that “[Robbins Geller and co-counsel] have also demonstrated the utmost professionalism despite the demands of the extreme perseverance that this case has required, litigating on behalf of a class of over 12 million for over fourteen years, across a changing legal landscape, significant motion practice, and appeal and remand. Class counsel’s pedigree and efforts alone speak to the quality of their representation.” *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee & Merch. Disc. Antitrust Litig.*, No. 1:05-md-01720-MKB-JO, Memorandum & Order (E.D.N.Y. Dec. 16, 2019).
- In October 2019, the Honorable Claire C. Cecchi noted that Robbins Geller is “capable of adequately representing the class, both based on their prior experience in class action lawsuits and based on their capable advocacy on behalf of the class in this action.” The court further commended the Firm and co-counsel for “conduct[ing] the [l]itigation . . . with skill, perseverance, and diligent advocacy.” *Lincoln Adventures, LLC v. Those Certain Underwriters at Lloyd’s, London Members*, No. 2:08-cv-00235-CCC-JAD, Order at 4 (D.N.J. Oct. 3, 2019); *Lincoln Adventures, LLC v. Those Certain Underwriters at Lloyd’s, London Members of Syndicates*, No. 2:08-cv-00235-CCC-JAD, Order Awarding Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses/Charges and Service Awards at 3 (D.N.J. Oct. 3, 2019).

- In June 2019, the Honorable T.S. Ellis, III noted that Robbins Geller “achieved the [\$108 million] [s]ettlement with skill, perseverance, and diligent advocacy.” At the final approval hearing, the court further commended Robbins Geller by stating, “I think the case was fully and appropriately litigated [and] you all did a very good job. . . . [T]hank you for your service in the court. . . . [You’re] first-class lawyers . . .” *Knurr v. Orbital ATK, Inc.*, No. 1:16-cv-01031, Order Awarding Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses at 3 (E.D. Va. June 7, 2019); *Knurr v. Orbital ATK, Inc.*, No. 1:16-cv-01031, Transcript at 28-29 (E.D. Va. June 7, 2019).
- In June 2019, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable John A. Houston stated: Robbins Geller’s “skill and quality of work was extraordinary I’ll note from the top that this has been an aggressively litigated action.” *In re Morning Song Bird Food Litig.*, No. 3:12-cv-01592-JAH-AGS, Transcript at 4, 9 (S.D. Cal. June 3, 2019).
- In May 2019, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Richard H. DuBois stated: Robbins Geller is “highly experienced and skilled” for obtaining a “fair, reasonable, and adequate” settlement in the “interest of the [c]lass [m]embers” after “extensive investigation.” *Chicago Laborers Pension Fund v. Alibaba Grp. Holding Ltd.*, No. CIV535692, Judgment and Order Granting Final Approval of Class Action Settlement at 3 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Mateo Cnty. May 17, 2019).
- In April 2019, the Honorable Kathaleen St. J. McCormick noted: “[S]ince the inception of this litigation, plaintiffs and their counsel have vigorously prosecuted the claims brought on behalf of the class. . . . When Vice Chancellor Laster appointed lead counsel, he effectively said: Go get a good result. And counsel took that to heart and did it. . . . The proposed settlement was the product of intense litigation and complex mediation. . . . [Robbins Geller has] only built a considerable track record, never burned it, which gave them the credibility necessary to extract the benefits achieved.” *In re Calamos Asset Mgmt., Inc. S’holder Litig.*, No. 2017-0058-JTL, Transcript at 87, 93, 95, 98 (Del. Ch. Apr. 25, 2019).
- In April 2019, the Honorable Susan O. Hickey noted that Robbins Geller “achieved an exceptional [s]ettlement with skill, perseverance, and diligent advocacy.” *City of Pontiac Gen. Emps.’ Ret. Sys. v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, No. 5:12-cv-5162, Order Awarding Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses at 3 (W.D. Ark. Apr. 8, 2019).
- In January 2019, the Honorable Margo K. Brodie noted that Robbins Geller “has arduously represented a variety of plaintiffs’ groups in this action[,] . . . [has] extensive antitrust class action litigation experience . . . [and] negotiated what [may be] the largest antitrust settlement in history.” *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee & Merch. Disc. Antitrust Litig.*, 330 F.R.D. 11, 34 (E.D.N.Y. 2019).
- On December 20, 2018, at the final approval hearing for the settlement, the court lauded Robbins Geller’s attorneys and their work: “[T]his is a pretty extraordinary settlement, recovery on behalf of the members of the class. . . . I’ve been very impressed with the level of lawyering in the case . . . and with the level of briefing . . . and I wanted to express my appreciation for that and for the work that everyone has done here.” The court concluded, “your clients were all blessed to have you, [and] not just because of the outcome.” *Duncan v. Joy Global, Inc.*, No. 16-CV-1229, Transcript at 12, 20-21 (E.D. Wis. Dec. 20, 2018).

- In October 2017, the Honorable William Alsup noted that Robbins Geller and lead plaintiff “vigorously prosecuted this action.” *In re LendingClub Sec. Litig.*, No. 3:16-cv-02627-WHA, Order at 13 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 20, 2017).
- On November 9, 2018, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Jesse M. Furman commented: “[Robbins Geller] did an extraordinary job here. . . . [I]t is fair to say [this was] probably the most complicated case I have had since I have been on the bench. . . . I cannot really imagine how complicated it would have been if I didn't have counsel who had done as admirable [a] job in briefing it and arguing as you have done. You have in my view done an extraordinary service to the class. . . . I think you have done an extraordinary job and deserve thanks and commendation for that.” *Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Bank of Am. Corp.*, No. 1:14-cv-07126-JMF-OTW, Transcript at 27-28 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 9, 2018).
- On September 12, 2018, at the final approval hearing of the settlement, the Honorable William H. Orrick of the Northern District of California praised Robbins Geller’s “high-quality lawyering” in a case that “involved complicated discovery and complicated and novel legal issues,” resulting in an “excellent” settlement for the class. The “lawyering . . . was excellent” and the case was “very well litigated.” *In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litig.*, No. 14-MDL-02521-WHO, Transcript at 11, 14, 22 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 12, 2018).
- On March 31, 2017, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Gonzalo P. Curiel hailed the settlement as “extraordinary” and “all the more exceptional when viewed in light of the risk” of continued litigation. The court further commended Robbins Geller for prosecuting the case on a *pro bono* basis: “Class Counsel’s exceptional decision to provide nearly seven years of legal services to Class Members on a *pro bono* basis evidences not only a lack of collusion, but also that Class Counsel are in fact representing the best interests of Plaintiffs and the Class Members in this Settlement. Instead of seeking compensation for fees and costs that they would otherwise be entitled to, Class Counsel have acted to allow maximum recovery to Plaintiffs and Class Members. Indeed, that Eligible Class Members may receive recovery of 90% or greater is a testament to Class Counsel’s representation and dedication to act in their clients’ best interest.” In addition, at the final approval hearing, the court commented that “this is a case that has been litigated – if not fiercely, zealously throughout.” *Low v. Trump Univ., LLC*, 246 F. Supp. 3d 1295, 1302, 1312 (S.D. Cal. 2017), *aff’d*, 881 F.3d 1111 (9th Cir. 2018); *Low v. Trump University LLC and Donald J. Trump*, No. 10-cv-0940 GPC-WVG, and *Cohen v. Donald J. Trump*, No. 13-cv-2519-GPC-WVG, Transcript at 7 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 30, 2017).
- In January 2017, at the final approval hearing, the Honorable Kevin H. Sharp of the Middle District of Tennessee commended Robbins Geller attorneys, stating: “It was complicated, it was drawn out, and a lot of work clearly went into this [case] I think there is some benefit to the shareholders that are above and beyond money, a benefit to the company above and beyond money that changed hands.” *In re Community Health Sys., Inc. S’holder Derivative Litig.*, No. 3:11-cv-00489, Transcript at 10 (M.D. Tenn. Jan. 17, 2017).
- In November 2016, at the final approval hearing, the Honorable James G. Carr stated: “I kept throwing the case out, and you kept coming back. . . . And it’s both remarkable and noteworthy and a credit to you and your firm that you did so. . . . [Y]ou persuaded the Sixth Circuit. As we know, that’s no mean feat at all.” Judge Carr further complimented the Firm, noting that it “goes without question or even saying” that Robbins Geller is very well-known nationally and that the settlement is an excellent result for the class. He succinctly concluded that “given the tenacity and the time and the effort that [Robbins Geller] lawyers put into [the case]” makes the class “a lot better off.” *Plumbers & Pipefitters Nat’l Pension Fund v. Burns*, No. 3:05-cv-07393-JGC, Transcript at 4, 10, 14, 17 (N.D. Ohio Nov. 18, 2016).

- In September 2016, in granting final approval of the settlement, Judge Arleo commended the “vigorous and skilled efforts” of Robbins Geller attorneys for obtaining “an excellent recovery.” Judge Arleo added that the settlement was reached after “contentious, hard-fought litigation” that ended with “a very, very good result for the class” in a “risky case.” *City of Sterling Heights Gen. Emps.’ Ret. Sys. v. Prudential Fin., Inc.*, No. 2:12-cv-05275-MCA-LDW, Transcript of Hearing at 18-20 (D.N.J. Sept. 28, 2016).
- In August 2015, at the final approval hearing for the settlement, the Honorable Karen M. Humphreys praised Robbins Geller’s “extraordinary efforts” and “excellent lawyering,” noting that the settlement “really does signal that the best is yet to come for your clients and for your prodigious labor as professionals. . . . I wish more citizens in our country could have an appreciation of what this [settlement] truly represents.” *Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corp.*, No. 2:09-cv-02122-EFM-KMH, Transcript at 8, 25 (D. Kan. Aug. 12, 2015).
- In August 2015, the Honorable Judge Max O. Cogburn, Jr. noted that “plaintiffs’ attorneys were able [to] achieve the big success early” in the case and obtained an “excellent result.” The “extraordinary” settlement was because of “good lawyers . . . doing their good work.” *Nieman v. Duke Energy Corp.*, No. 3:12-cv-456, Transcript at 21, 23, 30 (W.D.N.C. Aug. 12, 2015).
- In July 2015, in approving the settlement, the Honorable Douglas L. Rayes of the District of Arizona stated: “Settlement of the case during pendency of appeal for more than an insignificant amount is rare. The settlement here is substantial and provides favorable recovery for the settlement class under these circumstances.” He continued, noting, “[a]s against the objective measures of . . . settlements [in] other similar cases, [the recovery] is on the high end.” *Teamsters Local 617 Pension & Welfare Funds v. Apollo Grp., Inc.*, No. 2:06-cv-02674-DLR, Transcript at 8, 11 (D. Ariz. July 28, 2015).
- In June 2015, at the conclusion of the hearing for final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Susan Richard Nelson of the District of Minnesota noted that it was “a pleasure to be able to preside over a case like this,” praising Robbins Geller in achieving “an outstanding [result] for [its] clients,” as she was “very impressed with the work done on th[e] case.” *In re St. Jude Med., Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 0:10-cv-00851-SRN-TNL, Transcript at 7 (D. Minn. June 12, 2015).
- In May 2015, at the fairness hearing on the settlement, the Honorable William G. Young noted that the case was “very well litigated” by Robbins Geller attorneys, adding that “I don’t just say that as a matter of form. . . . I thank you for the vigorous litigation that I’ve been permitted to be a part of.” *Courtney v. Avid Tech., Inc.*, No. 1:13-cv-10686-WGY, Transcript at 8-9 (D. Mass. May 12, 2015).
- In January 2015, the Honorable William J. Haynes, Jr. of the Middle District of Tennessee described the settlement as a “highly favorable result achieved for the Class” through Robbins Geller’s “diligent prosecution . . . [and] quality of legal services.” The settlement represents the fourth-largest securities recovery ever in the Middle District of Tennessee and one of the largest in more than a decade. *Garden City Emps.’ Ret. Sys. v. Psychiatric Sols., Inc.*, No. 3:09-cv-00882, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 181943, at *6-*7 (M.D. Tenn. Jan. 16, 2015).

- In September 2014, in approving the settlement for shareholders, Vice Chancellor John W. Noble noted “[t]he litigation caused a substantial benefit for the class. It is unusual to see a \$29 million recovery.” Vice Chancellor Noble characterized the litigation as “novel” and “not easy,” but “[t]he lawyers took a case and made something of it.” The court commended Robbins Geller’s efforts in obtaining this result: “The standing and ability of counsel cannot be questioned” and “the benefits achieved by plaintiffs’ counsel in this case cannot be ignored.” *In re Gardner Denver, Inc. S’holder Litig.*, No. 8505-VCN, Transcript at 26-28 (Del. Ch. Sept. 3, 2014).
- In May 2014, at the conclusion of the hearing for final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Elihu M. Berle stated: “I would finally like to congratulate counsel on their efforts to resolve this case, on excellent work – it was the best interest of the class – and to the exhibition of professionalism. So I do thank you for all your efforts.” *Liberty Mutual Overtime Cases*, No. JCCP 4234, Transcript at 20:1-5 (Cal. Super. Ct., Los Angeles Cnty. May 29, 2014).
- In March 2014, Ninth Circuit Judge J. Clifford Wallace (presiding) expressed the gratitude of the court: “Thank you. I want to especially thank counsel for this argument. This is a very complicated case and I think we were assisted no matter how we come out by competent counsel coming well prepared. . . . It was a model of the type of an exercise that we appreciate. Thank you very much for your work . . . you were of service to the court.” *Eclectic Properties East, LLC v. The Marcus & Millichap Co.*, No. 12-16526, Transcript (9th Cir. Mar. 14, 2014).
- In February 2014, in approving a settlement, Judge Edward M. Chen noted the “very substantial risks” in the case and recognized Robbins Geller had performed “extensive work on the case.” *In re VeriFone Holdings, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. C-07-6140, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 20044, at *5, *11-*12 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 18, 2014).
- In August 2013, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Richard J. Sullivan stated: “Lead Counsel is to be commended for this result: it expended considerable effort and resources over the course of the action researching, investigating, and prosecuting the claims, at significant risk to itself, and in a skillful and efficient manner, to achieve an outstanding recovery for class members. Indeed, the result – and the class’s embrace of it – is a testament to the experience and tenacity Lead Counsel brought to bear.” *City of Livonia Emps. Ret. Sys. v. Wyeth*, No. 07 Civ. 10329, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 113658, at *13 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 7, 2013).
- In July 2013, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable William H. Alsup stated that Robbins Geller did “excellent work in this case,” and continued, “I look forward to seeing you on the next case.” *Fraser v. Asus Comput. Int’l*, No. C 12-0652, Transcript at 12:2-3 (N.D. Cal. July 11, 2013).
- In June 2013, in certifying the class, U.S. District Judge James G. Carr recognized Robbins Geller’s steadfast commitment to the class, noting that “plaintiffs, with the help of Robbins Geller, have twice successfully appealed this court’s orders granting defendants’ motion to dismiss.” *Plumbers & Pipefitters Nat’l Pension Fund v. Burns*, 292 F.R.D. 515, 524 (N.D. Ohio 2013).

- In November 2012, in granting appointment of lead plaintiff, Chief Judge James F. Holderman commended Robbins Geller for its “substantial experience in securities class action litigation” and commented that the Firm “is recognized as ‘one of the most successful law firms in securities class actions, if not the preeminent one, in the country.’ *In re Enron Corp. Sec.*, 586 F. Supp. 2d 732, 797 (S.D. Tex. 2008) (Harmon, J.).” He continued further that, “‘Robbins Geller attorneys are responsible for obtaining the largest securities fraud class action recovery ever [\$7.2 billion in *Enron*], as well as the largest recoveries in the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits.’” *Bristol Cnty. Ret. Sys. v. Allscripts Healthcare Sols., Inc.*, No. 12 C 3297, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 161441, at *21 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 9, 2012).
- In June 2012, in granting plaintiffs’ motion for class certification, the Honorable Inge Prytz Johnson noted that other courts have referred to Robbins Geller as “‘one of the most successful law firms in securities class actions . . . in the country.’” *Local 703, I.B. v. Regions Fin. Corp.*, 282 F.R.D. 607, 616 (N.D. Ala. 2012) (quoting *In re Enron Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 586 F. Supp. 2d 732, 797 (S.D. Tex. 2008)), *aff’d in part and vacated in part on other grounds*, 762 F.3d 1248 (11th Cir. 2014).
- In June 2012, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Barbara S. Jones commented that “class counsel’s representation, from the work that I saw, appeared to me to be of the highest quality.” *In re CIT Grp. Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 08 Civ. 6613, Transcript at 9:16-18 (S.D.N.Y. June 13, 2012).
- In March 2012, in granting certification for the class, Judge Robert W. Sweet referenced the *Enron* case, agreeing that Robbins Geller’s “‘clearly superlative litigating and negotiating skills’” give the Firm an “‘outstanding reputation, experience, and success in securities litigation nationwide,’” thus, “[t]he experience, ability, and reputation of the attorneys of [Robbins Geller] is not disputed; it is one of the most successful law firms in securities class actions, if not the preeminent one, in the country.” *Billhofer v. Flamel Techs., S.A.*, 281 F.R.D. 150, 158 (S.D.N.Y. 2012).
- In March 2011, in denying defendants’ motion to dismiss, Judge Richard Sullivan commented: “Let me thank you all. . . . [The motion] was well argued . . . and . . . well briefed I certainly appreciate having good lawyers who put the time in to be prepared” *Anegada Master Fund Ltd. v. PxRE Grp. Ltd.*, No. 08-cv-10584, Transcript at 83 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 16, 2011).
- In January 2011, the court praised Robbins Geller attorneys: “They have gotten very good results for stockholders. . . . [Robbins Geller has] such a good track record.” *In re Compellent Techs., Inc. S’holder Litig.*, No. 6084-VCL, Transcript at 20-21 (Del. Ch. Jan. 13, 2011).
- In August 2010, in reviewing the settlement papers submitted by the Firm, Judge Carlos Murguia stated that Robbins Geller performed “a commendable job of addressing the relevant issues with great detail and in a comprehensive manner The court respects the [Firm’s] experience in the field of derivative [litigation].” *Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Olofson*, No. 08-cv-02344-CM-JPO (D. Kan.) (Aug. 20, 2010 e-mail from court re: settlement papers).
- In June 2009, Judge Ira Warshawsky praised the Firm’s efforts in *In re Aeroflex, Inc. S’holder Litig.*: “There is no doubt that the law firms involved in this matter represented in my opinion the cream of the crop of class action business law and mergers and acquisition litigators, and from a judicial point of view it was a pleasure working with them.” *In re Aeroflex, Inc. S’holder Litig.*, No. 003943/07, Transcript at 25:14-18 (N.Y. Sup. Ct., Nassau Cnty. June 30, 2009).
- In March 2009, in granting class certification, the Honorable Robert Sweet of the Southern District

of New York commented in *In re NYSE Specialists Sec. Litig.*, 260 F.R.D. 55, 74 (S.D.N.Y. 2009): “As to the second prong, the Specialist Firms have not challenged, in this motion, the qualifications, experience, or ability of counsel for Lead Plaintiff, [Robbins Geller], to conduct this litigation. Given [Robbins Geller’s] substantial experience in securities class action litigation and the extensive discovery already conducted in this case, this element of adequacy has also been satisfied.”

- In June 2008, the court commented, “Plaintiffs’ lead counsel in this litigation, [Robbins Geller], has demonstrated its considerable expertise in shareholder litigation, diligently advocating the rights of Home Depot shareholders in this Litigation. [Robbins Geller] has acted with substantial skill and professionalism in representing the plaintiffs and the interests of Home Depot and its shareholders in prosecuting this case.” *City of Pontiac Gen. Emps.’ Ret. Sys. v. Langone*, No. 2006-122302, Findings of Fact in Support of Order and Final Judgment at 2 (Ga. Super. Ct., Fulton Cnty. June 10, 2008).
- In a December 2006 hearing on the \$50 million consumer privacy class action settlement in *Kehoe v. Fidelity Fed. Bank & Tr.*, No. 03-80593-CIV (S.D. Fla.), United States District Court Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley said the following:

First, I thank counsel. As I said repeatedly on both sides, we have been very, very fortunate. We have had fine lawyers on both sides. The issues in the case are significant issues. We are talking about issues dealing with consumer protection and privacy. Something that is increasingly important today in our society. . . . I want you to know I thought long and hard about this. I am absolutely satisfied that the settlement is a fair and reasonable settlement. . . . I thank the lawyers on both sides for the extraordinary effort that has been brought to bear here

Kehoe v. Fidelity Fed. Bank & Tr., No. 03-80593-CIV, Transcript at 26, 28-29 (S.D. Fla. Dec. 7, 2006).

- In *Stanley v. Safeskin Corp.*, No. 99 CV 454 (S.D. Cal.), where Robbins Geller attorneys obtained \$55 million for the class of investors, Judge Moskowitz stated:

I said this once before, and I’ll say it again. I thought the way that your firm handled this case was outstanding. This was not an easy case. It was a complicated case, and every step of the way, I thought they did a very professional job.

Stanley v. Safeskin Corp., No. 99 CV 454, Transcript at 13 (S.D. Cal. May 25, 2004).

ATTORNEY BIOGRAPHIES

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Mario Alba is a partner in the Firm's Melville office. He is a member of the Firm's Institutional Outreach Team, which provides advice to the Firm's institutional clients, including numerous public pension systems and Taft-Hartley funds throughout the United States, and consults with them on issues relating to corporate fraud in the U.S. securities markets, as well as corporate governance issues and shareholder litigation. Some of Alba's institutional clients are currently involved in securities cases involving Clarivate plc, Dentsply Sirona Inc., Generac Holdings Inc., Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc., Green Dot Corporation, Waste Management, Inc., Amgen, Inc., Virtu Financial, Inc., The Walt Disney Company, Daimler, and National Instruments Corporation.

Alba's institutional clients are/were also involved in other types of class actions, namely, *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, *In re Epipen (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Marketing, Sales Practices and Antitrust Litigation* (\$609 million total recovery), *Forth v. Walgreen Co.*, and *In re Humira (Adalimumab) Antitrust Litigation*.

Alba has served as lead counsel in numerous cases and is responsible for initiating, investigating, researching, and filing securities and consumer fraud class actions. He has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars in numerous actions, including cases against BHP Billiton Limited (\$50 million recovery), BRF S.A. (\$40 million recovery), L3 Technologies, Inc. (\$34.5 million recovery), Impax Laboratories Inc. (\$33 million recovery), Reckitt Benckiser Group plc (\$19.6 million recovery), Super Micro Computer, Inc. (\$18.25 million recovery), and NBTY, Inc. (\$16 million recovery).

Alba has lectured at numerous institutional investor conferences throughout the United States on various shareholder issues, including at the Opal Public Funds Summit, Kried Plan Sponsor Educational Institute, Georgia Association of Public Pension Trustees (GAPPT) Annual Conference, Illinois Public Pension Fund Association, the New York State Teamsters Conference, the American Alliance Conference, and the TEXPERS/IPPFA Joint Conference at the New York Stock Exchange, among others.

Education

B.S., St. John's University, 1999; J.D., Hofstra University School of Law, 2002

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2024; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2022-2023; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2012-2013, 2016-2017; B.S., Dean's List, St. John's University, 1999; Selected as participant in Hofstra Moot Court Seminar, Hofstra University School of Law

Michael Albert | Partner

Michael Albert is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Albert is a member of the Firm's Lead Plaintiff Advisory Team, which advises institutional investors in connection with lead plaintiff motions, and assists them in securing appointment as lead plaintiff.

Albert has been a member of litigation teams that have successfully recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for investors in securities class actions, including: *NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co.* (\$272 million recovery), *City of Pontiac General Employees' Retirement Systems v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.* (\$160 million recovery), and *In re LendingClub Securities Litigation* (\$125 million recovery). Albert was also a member of the litigation team that recently obtained a \$85 million cash settlement in a consumer class action against Scotts Miracle-Gro.

Education

B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2010; J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 2014

Honors / Awards

Leading Litigator in America, *Lawdragon*, 2024-2025; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2025; 500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2020-2024; Managing Board Member, *Virginia Tax Review*, University of Virginia School of Law

Matthew I. Alpert | Partner

Matthew Alpert is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office and focuses on the prosecution of securities fraud litigation. He has helped recover over \$800 million for individual and institutional investors financially harmed by corporate fraud. Alpert's current cases include securities fraud cases against Under Armour (D. Md.), PayPal (D.N.J.), and Beyond Meat (C.D. Cal.). Most recently, Alpert and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a \$1.21 billion settlement in *In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (D.N.J.), a case that *Vanity Fair* reported as "the corporate scandal of its era" that had raised "fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations." This is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest ever. Alpert was also a member of the litigation team that successfully obtained class certification in a securities fraud class action against Regions Financial, a class certification decision which was substantively affirmed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in *Local 703, I.B. of T. Grocery & Food Emps. Welfare Fund v. Regions Fin. Corp.*, 762 F.3d 1248 (11th Cir. 2014). Upon remand, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama granted class certification again, rejecting defendants' post-*Halliburton II* arguments concerning stock price impact.

Some of Alpert's previous cases include: the individual opt-out actions of the AOL Time Warner class action – *Regents of the Univ. of Cal. v. Parsons* (Cal. Super. Ct., Los Angeles Cnty.) and *Ohio Pub. Emps. Ret. Sys. v. Parsons* (Ohio. Ct. of Common Pleas, Franklin Cnty.) (total settlement over \$600 million); *Local 703, I.B. of T. Grocery & Food Emps. Welfare Fund v. Regions Fin. Corp.* (N.D. Ala.) (\$90 million settlement); *In re MGM Mirage Sec. Litig.* (D. Nev.) (\$75 million); *In re CIT Grp. Inc. Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$75 million settlement); *Luna v. Marvell Tech. Grp., Ltd.* (N.D. Cal.) (\$72.5 million settlement); *Deka Investment GmbH v. Santander Consumer USA Holdings Inc.* (N.D. Tex.) (\$47 million settlement); *In re Bridgestone Sec. Litig.* (M.D. Tenn.) (\$30 million settlement); *In re Walter Energy, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (N.D. Ala.) (\$25 million); *City of Hialeah Emps.' Ret. Sys. & Laborers Pension Trust Fund for N. Cal. v. Toll Brothers, Inc.* (E.D. Pa.) (\$25 million settlement); *In re MolyCorp, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (D. Colo.) (\$20.5 million settlement); *In re Banc of California Sec. Litig.* (C.D. Cal.) (\$19.75 million); *Zimmerman v. Diplomat Pharmacy, Inc.* (E.D. Mich.) (\$14.1 million); *Batwin v. Occam Networks, Inc.* (C.D. Cal.) (\$13.9 million settlement); *Int'l Brotherhood of Elec. Workers Local 697 Pension Fund v. Int'l Game Tech.* (D. Nev.) (\$12.5 million settlement); *Kmiec v. Powerwave Techs. Inc.* (C.D. Cal.) (\$8.2 million); *In re Sunterra Corp. Sec. Litig.* (D. Nev.) (\$8 million settlement); and *Luman v. Anderson* (W.D. Mo.) (\$4.25 million settlement).

Education

B.A., University of Wisconsin at Madison, 2001; J.D., Washington University, St. Louis, 2005

Honors / Awards

Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2019

Darryl J. Alvarado | Partner

Darryl Alvarado is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He focuses his practice on securities fraud and other complex civil litigation. Alvarado was a member of the trial team in *Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.*, which recovered \$350 million for aggrieved investors. The *First Solar* settlement, reached on the eve of trial after more than seven years of litigation and an interlocutory appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, is the fifth-largest PSLRA recovery ever obtained in the Ninth Circuit. Alvarado recently litigated *Monroe County Employees' Retirement System v. The Southern Company*, which recovered \$87.5 million for investors after more than three years of litigation. The settlement resolved securities fraud claims stemming from defendants' issuance of misleading statements and omissions regarding the construction of a first-of-its-kind "clean coal" power plant in Kemper County, Mississippi. Alvarado helped secure \$388 million for investors in J.P. Morgan residential mortgage-backed securities in *Fort Worth Employees' Retirement Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.* That settlement is, on a percentage basis, the largest recovery ever achieved in an RMBS class action. He was also a member of a team of attorneys that secured \$95 million for investors in Morgan Stanley-issued RMBS in *In re Morgan Stanley Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Litigation*.

Alvarado was a member of a team of lawyers that obtained landmark settlements, on the eve of trial, from the major credit rating agencies and Morgan Stanley arising out of the fraudulent ratings of bonds issued by the Cheyne and Rhinebridge structured investment vehicles in *Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank v. Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated* and *King County, Washington v. IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG*. He was integral in obtaining several precedent-setting decisions in those cases, including defeating the rating agencies' historic First Amendment defense and defeating the ratings agencies' motions for summary judgment concerning the actionability of credit ratings. Alvarado was also a member of a team of attorneys responsible for obtaining for aggrieved investors \$27 million in *In re Cooper Companies Securities Litigation*, \$19.5 million in *City of Pontiac General Employees' Retirement System v. Lockheed Martin Corporation*, and comprehensive corporate governance reforms to address widespread off-label marketing and product safety violations in *In re Johnson & Johnson Derivative Litigation*.

Education

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 2004; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2007

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2023-2025; Future Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2024; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2022; 40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018-2021; Top 40 Under 40, *Daily Journal*, 2021; "Outstanding Young Attorneys," *San Diego Daily Transcript*, 2011

X. Jay Alvarez | Partner

Jay Alvarez is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He focuses his practice on securities fraud litigation and other complex litigation. Alvarez's notable cases include *In re Qwest Commc'ns Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$400 million recovery), *In re Coca-Cola Sec. Litig.* (\$137.5 million settlement), *In re St. Jude Medical, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$50 million settlement), and *In re Cooper Cos. Sec. Litig.* (\$27 million recovery). Most recently, Alvarez was a member of the litigation team that secured a historic recovery on behalf of Trump University students in two class actions against President Donald J. Trump. The settlement provides \$25 million to approximately 7,000 consumers. This result means individual class members are eligible for upwards of \$35,000 in restitution. He represented the class on a *pro bono* basis.

Prior to joining the Firm, Alvarez served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of California from 1991-2003. As an Assistant United States Attorney, he obtained extensive trial experience, including the prosecution of bank fraud, money laundering, and complex narcotics conspiracy cases. During his tenure as an Assistant United States Attorney, Alvarez also briefed and argued numerous appeals before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Education

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1984; J.D., University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, 1987

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020

Dory P. Antullis | Partner

Dory Antullis is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office. Her litigation practice focuses on complex class actions, covering consumer fraud, public nuisance, environmental litigation, privacy litigation, pharmaceuticals, RICO, and antitrust litigation. Antullis also works with the Firm's settlement department, negotiating and documenting intricate, high-stakes settlements.

Antullis is a core member of the Firm's opioids team, leading the effort on behalf of cities, counties, and third-party payors around the country in *In re Nat'l Prescription Opiate Litig.*, No. 1:17-md-02804 (N.D. Ohio). In addition to serving on several committees in the MDL, she was a member of the winning trial team on behalf of the People of the State of California in San Francisco's bellwether case against Allergan, Teva, Walgreens, and others in the prescription opioid supply chain. Together with a trial win against Walgreens, the case has resulted in settlements valued at over \$350 million. Antullis was also part of a small group of lawyers who negotiated and drafted settlement documents for the national opioid settlements with major distributors, manufacturers, and pharmacies – now totaling more than \$50 billion.

Antullis has also been an integral part of Robbins Geller's history of successful privacy and data breach class action cases. She is currently serving as Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel in *In re Luxottica of America, Inc. Data Breach Litig.*, No. 1:20-cv-00908 (S.D. Ohio), and Liaison Counsel in *DeSue v. 20/20 Eye Care Network, Inc.*, No. 21-cv-61275 (S.D. Fla.) (\$3 million class settlement). Antullis's heavy lifting at every stage of the litigation in *In re Yahoo! Inc. Customer Data Sec. Breach Litig.*, No. 5:16-md-02752 (N.D. Cal.), helped to secure a \$117.5 million recovery in the largest data breach in history. Antullis successfully defeated two rounds of dispositive briefing, worked with leadership and computer privacy and damages experts to plan a winning strategy for the case, and drafted an innovative motion for class certification that immediately preceded a successful mediation with defendants in that litigation. Antullis also provided meaningful "nuts-and-bolts" support in other data breach class actions, including *In re Am. Med. Collection Agency, Inc., Customer Data Sec. Breach Litig.*, No. 2:19-md-02904 (D.N.J.) (representing class of LabCorp customers), and *In re Solara Med. Supplies Customer Data Breach Litig.*, No. 3:19-cv-02284 (S.D. Cal.) (\$5.06 million settlement). And she currently represents consumers in state and federal court against North Broward Hospital District for a 2021 data breach.

Education

B.A., Rice University, 1999; J.D., Columbia Law School, 2003

Honors / Awards

Leading Litigator in America, *Lawdragon*, 2024-2025; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2024; National Merit Scholar, Rice University; Golden Key National Honor Society, Rice University; Nominated for *The Rice Undergraduate* academic journal, Rice University; Michael I. Sovern Scholar, Columbia Law School; Hague Appeal for Peace, Committee for a Just and Effective Response to 9/11, Columbia Law School; Columbia Mediation and Political Asylum Clinics, Columbia Law School; Harlem Tutorial Program, Columbia Law School; Journal of Eastern European Law, Columbia Law School; Columbia Law Women's Association, Columbia Law School

Stephen R. Astley | Partner

Stephen Astley is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office. Astley devotes his practice to representing institutional and individual shareholders in their pursuit to recover investment losses caused by fraud. He has been lead counsel in numerous securities fraud class actions across the country, helping secure significant recoveries for his clients and investors. He was on the trial team that recovered \$60 million on behalf of investors in *City of Sterling Heights Gen. Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Hospira, Inc.* Other notable representations include: *In re ADT Inc. S'holder Litig.* (Fla. Cir. Ct., 15th Jud. Cir.) (\$30 million settlement); *In re Red Hat, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (E.D.N.C.) (\$20 million settlement); *Eshe Fund v. Fifth Third Bancorp* (S.D. Ohio) (\$16 million); *City of St. Clair Shores Gen. Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Lender Processing Servs., Inc.* (M.D. Fla.) (\$14 million); and *In re Synovus Fin. Corp.* (N.D. Ga.) (\$11.75 million).

Prior to joining the Firm, Astley was with the Miami office of Hunton & Williams, where he concentrated his practice on class action defense, including securities class actions and white collar criminal defense. Additionally, he represented numerous corporate clients accused of engaging in unfair and deceptive practices. Astley was also an active duty member of the United States Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps where he was the Senior Defense Counsel for the Naval Legal Service Office Pearl Harbor Detachment. In that capacity, Astley oversaw trial operations for the Detachment and gained substantial first-chair trial experience as the lead defense counsel in over 75 courts-martial and administrative proceedings. Additionally, from 2002-2003, Astley clerked for the Honorable Peter T. Fay, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Education

B.S., Florida State University, 1992; M. Acc., University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2001; J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 1997

Honors / Awards

J.D., *Cum Laude*, University of Miami School of Law, 1997; United States Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps., Lieutenant

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Rick Atwood is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. As a recipient of the *California Lawyer* Attorney of the Year ("CLAY") Award for his work on behalf of shareholders, he has successfully represented shareholders in securities class actions, merger-related class actions, and shareholder derivative suits in federal and state courts in more than 30 jurisdictions. Through his litigation efforts at both the trial and appellate levels, Atwood has helped recover billions of dollars for public shareholders, including the largest post-merger common fund recoveries on record. Atwood is also part of the Firm's Delaware Practice Group.

Atwood was a key member of the litigation team in *In re Kinder Morgan, Inc. S'holders Litig.*, where he helped obtain an unprecedented \$200 million common fund for former Kinder Morgan shareholders, the largest merger & acquisition class action recovery in history. In *In re Dole Food Co., Inc. S'holder Litig.*, which went to trial in the Delaware Court of Chancery on claims of breach of fiduciary duty on behalf of Dole Food Co., Inc. shareholders, Atwood helped obtain \$148 million, the largest trial verdict ever in a class action challenging a merger transaction.

Atwood also led the litigation team that obtained an \$89.4 million recovery for shareholders in *In re Del Monte Foods Co. S'holders Litig.*, after which the Delaware Court of Chancery stated that "it was only through the effective use of discovery that the plaintiffs were able to 'disturb[] the patina of normalcy surrounding the transaction.'" The court further commented that "Lead Counsel engaged in hard-nosed discovery to penetrate and expose problems with practices that Wall Street considered 'typical.'" One Wall Street banker even wrote in *The Wall Street Journal* that "Everybody does it, but Barclays is the one that got caught with their hand in the cookie jar Now everybody has to rethink how we conduct ourselves in financing situations." Atwood's other significant opinions include *Goldstein v. Denner* (\$84 million recovery), *Brown v. Brewer* (\$45 million recovery), and *In re Prime Hosp., Inc. S'holders Litig.* (\$25 million recovery).

Education

B.A., University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1987; B.A., Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, 1988; J.D., Vanderbilt School of Law, 1991

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2023-2025; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2017-2019; M&A Litigation Attorney of the Year in California, *Corporate International*, 2015; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2017; Attorney of the Year, *California Lawyer*, 2012; B.A., Great Distinction, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, 1988; B.A., Honors, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1987; Authorities Editor, *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*, 1991

Aelish M. Baig | Partner

Aelish Marie Baig is a partner in the Firm's San Francisco office and specializes in consumer and securities fraud actions. Baig has litigated a number of cases through jury trial, resulting in multi-million and billion dollar awards and settlements for her clients.

Baig was one of the originators of the national opioid litigation, filing among the earliest complaints against the opioid industry defendants and working on all aspects of that litigation. In 2022, Baig served as co-trial counsel in a federal bench trial in San Francisco in a case selected as a bellwether in the national multi-district opioid litigation. The team achieved combined settlements of over \$350 million for San Francisco and contributed to securing more than \$50 billion for local governments nationwide to be used for abatement of the national opioid epidemic. For her work in co-leading the trial team and securing a historic trial result against Walgreens for the City and County of San Francisco, she was honored by *The National Law Journal* as one of the "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar" and she received "California Lawyer Attorney of the Year" by the *Daily Journal*.

Baig was also appointed to leadership in the *Juul* (\$1.7 billion settlement) and *McKinsey* (\$230 million settlement) MDL litigations. She represents numerous local and state governments and school districts across the country that have filed federal cases against opioids, McKinsey, Juul, and/or social media defendants. Baig has also prosecuted securities fraud and derivative actions obtaining millions of dollars in recoveries against corporations such as Wells Fargo, Celera, Pall, and Prudential.

Education

B.A., Brown University, 1992; J.D., Washington College of Law at American University, 1998

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2024-2025; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2023-2024; Ranked by *Chambers USA*, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2024; Leading Commercial Litigator, *Daily Journal*, 2024; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2020-2024; Class Action/Mass Tort Litigation Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2023; Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar, Elite Trial Lawyers, *The National Law Journal*, 2023; Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2021, 2023; California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), *Daily Journal*, 2023; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2021-2023; Best Lawyer in Northern California: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2021; Featured in "Lawyer Limelight" series, *Lawdragon*, 2020; Litigation Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2019; California Trailblazer, *The Recorder*, 2019; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2012-2013; J.D., *Cum Laude*, Washington College of Law at American University, 1998; Senior Editor, *Administrative Law Review*, Washington College of Law at American University

Randall J. Baron | Partner

Randy Baron is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He specializes in securities litigation, corporate takeover litigation, and breach of fiduciary duty actions. For almost two decades, Baron has headed up a team of lawyers whose accomplishments include obtaining instrumental rulings both at injunction and trial phases, and establishing liability of financial advisors and investment banks. With an in-depth understanding of merger and acquisition and breach of fiduciary duty law, an ability to work under extreme time pressures, and the experience and willingness to take a case through trial, he has been responsible for recovering more than a billion dollars for shareholders.

Notable achievements over the years include: *In re Kinder Morgan, Inc. S'holders Litig.* (Kan. Dist. Ct., Shawnee Cnty.), where Baron obtained an unprecedented \$200 million common fund for former Kinder Morgan shareholders, the largest merger & acquisition class action recovery in history; *In re Dole Food Co., Inc. S'holder Litig.* (Del. Ch.), where he went to trial in the Delaware Court of Chancery on claims of breach of fiduciary duty on behalf of Dole Food Co., Inc. shareholders and obtained \$148 million, the largest trial verdict ever in a class action challenging a merger transaction; and *In re Rural/Metro Corp. S'holders Litig.* (Del. Ch.), where Baron and co-counsel obtained nearly \$110 million total recovery for shareholders against Royal Bank of Canada Capital Markets LLC. In *In re Del Monte Foods Co. S'holders Litig.* (Del. Ch.), he exposed the unseemly practice by investment bankers of participating on both sides of large merger and acquisition transactions and ultimately secured an \$89 million settlement for shareholders of Del Monte. Baron was one of the lead attorneys representing about 75 public and private institutional investors that filed and settled individual actions in *In re WorldCom Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.), where more than \$657 million was recovered, the largest opt-out (non-class) securities action in history. Most recently, Baron successfully obtained a partial settlement of \$60 million in *In re Tesla Motors, Inc. S'holder Litig.*, a case that alleged that the members of the Tesla Board of Directors breached their fiduciary duties, unjustly enriched themselves, and wasted corporate assets in connection with their approval of Tesla's acquisition of SolarCity Corp. in 2016.

Education

B.A., University of Colorado at Boulder, 1987; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 1990

Honors / Awards

Fellow, Advisory Board, Litigation Counsel of America (LCA); Rated Distinguished by Martindale-Hubbell; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2019-2025; Ranked by *Chambers USA*, 2016-2024; Hall of Fame, *The Legal 500*, 2020-2024; Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2016-2019, 2023-2024; National Practice Area Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019-2020, 2024; California - Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Lawyer of the Year: Derivatives and Futures Law, *Best Lawyers®*, 2023; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2022; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2011, 2017-2019, 2021-2022; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers®*, 2019-2021; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2016, 2018-2020; Local Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018, 2020; Leading Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2014-2019; California Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019; State Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019; Winning Litigator, *The National Law Journal*, 2018; Titan of the Industry, *The American Lawyer*, 2018; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2017; Mergers & Acquisitions Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2015-2016; Litigator of the Week, *The American Lawyer*, October 16, 2014; Attorney of the Year, *California Lawyer*, 2012; Litigator of the Week, *The American Lawyer*, October 7, 2011; J.D., *Cum Laude*, University of San Diego School of Law, 1990

James E. Barz | Partner

Jim Barz is a partner with the Firm and manages the Firm's Chicago office. Barz is an experienced trial lawyer who has been lead counsel in dozens of evidentiary and contested hearings, tried 18 cases to verdict, and argued 9 cases in the Seventh Circuit. Barz is a registered CPA, former federal prosecutor, and an adjunct professor at Northwestern University School of Law from 2008 to 2024, teaching courses on trial advocacy and class action litigation.

Barz has represented investors in securities fraud class actions that have resulted in recoveries of over \$2 billion. Barz was the lead counsel in *In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, and secured a \$1.21 billion recovery for investors, a case that *Vanity Fair* reported as "the corporate scandal of its era." This is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest securities class action settlement ever. Barz was recognized as a Litigator of the Week by *The American Lawyer* for his work in the case.

Barz has also secured substantial recoveries for investors in *HCA* (\$215 million, M.D. Tenn.); *Motorola* (\$200 million, N.D. Ill.); *Exelon* (\$173 million, N.D. Ill.); *Sprint* (\$131 million, D. Kan.); *Orbital ATK* (\$108 million, E.D. Va.); *Walgreens* (\$105 million, N.D. Ill.); *Psychiatric Solutions* (\$65 million, M.D. Tenn.); *Hospira* (\$60 million, N.D. Ill.); and other matters. Barz also handles whistleblower, antitrust, and pro bono matters and was recently honored by the Judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois with an Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service in 2021.

Education

B.B.A., Loyola University Chicago, School of Business Administration, 1995; J.D., Northwestern University School of Law, 1998

Honors / Awards

Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2018-2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2023; Midwest Trailblazer, *The American Lawyer*, 2022; Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2021; Litigator of the Week, *The American Lawyer*, 2021; Leading Lawyer, Law Bulletin Media, 2018; B.B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, Loyola University Chicago, School of Business Administration, 1995; J.D., *Cum Laude*, Northwestern University School of Law, 1998

Lea Malani Bays | Partner

Lea Malani Bays is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. She focuses on e-discovery issues, from preservation through production, and provides counsel to the Firm's multi-disciplinary e-discovery team consisting of attorneys, forensic analysts, and database professionals. Through her role as counsel to the e-discovery team, Bays is very familiar with the various stages of e-discovery, including identification of relevant electronically stored information, data culling, predictive coding protocols, privilege, and responsiveness reviews, as well as having experience in post-production discovery through trial preparation. Through speaking at various events, she is also a leader in shaping the broader dialogue on e-discovery issues.

Bays was recently part of the litigation team that earned the approval of a \$131 million settlement in favor of plaintiffs in *Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corp.* The settlement, which resolved claims arising from Sprint Corporation's ill-fated merger with Nextel Communications in 2005, represents a significant recovery for the plaintiff class, achieved after five years of tireless effort by the Firm. Prior to joining Robbins Geller, Bays was a Litigation Associate at Kaye Scholer LLP's New York office. She has experience in a wide range of litigation, including complex securities litigation, commercial contract disputes, business torts, antitrust, civil fraud, and trust and estate litigation.

Education

B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz, 1997; J.D., New York Law School, 2007

Honors / Awards

Ranked by *Chambers USA*, 2019-2022; J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, New York Law School, 2007; Executive Editor, *New York Law School Law Review*; Legal Aid Society's Pro Bono Publico Award; NYSBA Empire State Counsel; Professor Stephen J. Ellmann Clinical Legal Education Prize; John Marshall Harlan Scholars Program, Justice Action Center

Alexandra S. Bernay | Partner

Xan Bernay is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where she specializes in antitrust and unfair competition class-action litigation. She has also worked on some of the Firm's largest securities fraud class actions, including the *Enron* litigation, which recovered an unprecedented \$7.2 billion for investors. Bernay currently serves as co-lead counsel in *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litig.*, in which a settlement of \$5.5 billion was upheld by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. This case was brought on behalf of millions of U.S. merchants against Visa and MasterCard and various card-issuing banks, challenging the way these companies set and collect tens of billions of dollars annually in merchant fees. The settlement is believed to be the largest antitrust class action settlement of all time.

Additionally, Bernay is involved in *In re Remicade Antitrust Litig.*, a large case that settled for \$25 million involving anticompetitive conduct in the biosimilars market, where the Firm was sole lead counsel for the end-payor plaintiffs. She is also part of the litigation team in *In re American Airlines/JetBlue Antitrust Litig.* pending in the Eastern District of New York. That case is brought on behalf of airline passengers who overpaid for tickets because of alleged anticompetitive conduct between American and JetBlue. She is also a member of the team in *In re Dealer Mgmt. Sys. Antitrust Litig.* (N.D. Ill.), which involves anticompetitive conduct related to dealer management systems on behalf of auto dealerships across the country. Another representative case is against Lloyd's of London. That action is a massive civil RICO case against the insurance company and its syndicates.

Bernay has also had experience in large consumer class actions, including *In re Checking Account Overdraft Litig.*, which case was brought on behalf of bank customers who were overcharged for debit card transactions and resulted in more than \$500 million in settlements with major banks that manipulated customers' debit transactions to maximize overdraft fees. She also helped try to verdict a case against one of the world's largest companies who was sued on behalf of consumers. Her more recent trial experience includes a jury trial related to foreign exchange trading against one of the largest banks in the world, where the jury found that plaintiffs had proved a conspiracy as to a large network of banks. She was responsible for many of the successful trial motions in the case.

Education

B.A., Humboldt State University, 1997; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2000

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2023-2024; Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice, American Antitrust Institute, 2023; Distinguished Alumni, Forever Humboldt Alumni Association, 2023; Litigator of the Week, *Global Competition Review*, October 1, 2014

Kenneth J. Black | Partner

Kenneth Black is a partner in the Firm's San Francisco office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation and shareholder derivative litigation. Before joining the Firm, Black was a Sanctions Investigator at the Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Treasury Department, where he investigated and assembled the evidentiary cases against targets of U.S. financial sanctions, and tracked the finances and assets of those targets.

Education

B.A., University of Michigan, 2004; M.A., American University, 2007; J.D., University of Michigan School of Law, 2013

Honors / Awards

Leading Litigator in America, *Lawdragon*, 2024-2025; 500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; Comments Editor, *Michigan Journal of Private Equity & Venture Capital Law*, University of Michigan School of Law

Erin W. Boardman | Partner

Erin Boardman is a partner in the Firm's Melville office, where her practice focuses on representing individual and institutional investors in class actions brought pursuant to the federal securities laws. She has been involved in the prosecution of numerous securities class actions that have resulted in millions of dollars in recoveries for defrauded investors, including: *Medoff v. CVS Caremark Corp.* (D.R.I.) (\$48 million recovery); *Construction Laborers Pension Tr. of Greater St. Louis v. Autoliv Inc.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$22.5 million recovery); *In re Gildan Activewear Inc. Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (resolved as part of a \$22.5 million global settlement); *In re L.G. Phillips LCD Co., Ltd., Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$18 million recovery); *In re Giant Interactive Grp., Inc. Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$13 million recovery); *In re Coventry HealthCare, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (D. Md.) (\$10 million recovery); *Lenartz v. American Superconductor Corp.* (D. Mass.) (\$10 million recovery); *Dudley v. Haub* (D.N.J.) (\$9 million recovery); *Hildenbrand v. W Holding Co.* (D.P.R.) (\$8.75 million recovery); *In re Doral Fin. Corp. Sec. Litig.* (D.P.R.) (\$7 million recovery); and *Van Dongen v. CNinsure Inc.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$6.625 million recovery). During law school, Boardman served as Associate Managing Editor of the *Journal of Corporate, Financial and Commercial Law*, interned in the chambers of the Honorable Kiyo A. Matsumoto in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and represented individuals on a *pro bono* basis through the Workers' Rights Clinic.

Education

B.A., State University of New York at Binghamton, 2003; J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 2007

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2024; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2022-2023; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2018; B.A., *Magna Cum Laude*, State University of New York at Binghamton, 2003

Douglas R. Britton | Partner

Doug Britton is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. His practice focuses on securities fraud and corporate governance. Britton has been involved in settlements exceeding \$1 billion and has secured significant corporate governance enhancements to improve corporate functioning. Notable achievements include *In re WorldCom, Inc. Sec. & "ERISA" Litig.*, where he was one of the lead partners that represented a number of opt-out institutional investors and secured an unprecedented recovery of \$651 million; *In re SureBeam Corp. Sec. Litig.*, where he was the lead trial counsel and secured an impressive recovery of \$32.75 million; and *In re Amazon.com, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, where he was one of the lead attorneys securing a \$27.5 million recovery for investors.

Education

B.B.A., Washburn University, 1991; J.D., Pepperdine University School of Law, 1996

Honors / Awards

J.D., *Cum Laude*, Pepperdine University School of Law, 1996

Luke O. Brooks | Partner

Luke Brooks is a partner in the Firm's securities litigation practice group in the San Diego office. He focuses primarily on securities fraud litigation on behalf of individual and institutional investors, including state and municipal pension funds, Taft-Hartley funds, and private retirement and investment funds. Brooks served as trial counsel in *Jaffe v. Household International* in the Northern District of Illinois, a securities class action that obtained a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs. Other prominent cases recently prosecuted by Brooks include *Fort Worth Emps.' Ret. Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.*, in which plaintiffs recovered \$388 million for investors in J.P. Morgan residential mortgage-backed securities, and a pair of cases – *Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank v. Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc.* (“Cheyne”) and *King County, Washington, et al. v. IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG* (“Rhinebridge”) – in which plaintiffs obtained a settlement, on the eve of trial in Cheyne, from the major credit rating agencies and Morgan Stanley arising out of the fraudulent ratings of bonds issued by the Cheyne and Rhinebridge structured investment vehicles. *Reuters* described the settlement as a “landmark” deal and emphasized that it was the “first time S&P and Moody’s have settled accusations that investors were misled by their ratings.” An article published in *Rolling Stone* magazine entitled “The Last Mystery of the Financial Crisis” similarly credited Robbins Geller with uncovering “a mountain of evidence” detailing the credit rating agencies’ fraud. Most recently, Brooks served as lead counsel in *Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.*, and obtained a \$350 million settlement on the eve of trial. The settlement is fifth-largest PSLRA settlement ever recovered in the Ninth Circuit.

Education

B.A., University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1997; J.D., University of San Francisco, 2000

Honors / Awards

Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; California - Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Local Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2017-2018, 2020; California Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019; State Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2017-2018; Member, *University of San Francisco Law Review*, University of San Francisco

Spencer A. Burkholz | Partner

Spence Burkholz is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office and a member of the Firm's Management Committee. He has over 25 years of experience in prosecuting securities class actions and private actions on behalf of large institutional investors. Burkholz was one of the lead trial attorneys in *Jaffe v. Household International* in the Northern District of Illinois, a securities class action that obtained a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs. Burkholz has also recovered billions of dollars for injured shareholders in cases such as *Enron* (\$7.2 billion), *WorldCom* (\$657 million), *Countrywide* (\$500 million), *Qwest* (\$445 million), *Wells Fargo* (\$300 million), *Envision* (\$177.5 million), *McKesson* (\$141 million), *Cardinal Health* (\$109 million), and *Cisco Systems* (\$99.25 million).

Education

B.A., Clark University, 1985; J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 1989

Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2018-2025; California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), *Daily Journal*, 2024; Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; National Practice Area Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2020, 2024; Top 20 Trial Lawyer in California, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar, *Law360*, 2024; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2018-2024; Top Plaintiff Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2017, 2023; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2020, 2022; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2022; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers®*, 2018-2021; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2016, 2020; Top 100 Trial Lawyer, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018-2020; Local Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2015-2018, 2020; Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers®*, 2020; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2017-2019; California Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019; State Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019; Plaintiff Attorney of the Year, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018; B.A., *Cum Laude*, Clark University, 1985; *Phi Beta Kappa*, Clark University, 1985

Michael G. Capeci | Partner

Michael Capeci is a partner in the Firm's Melville office. His practice focuses on prosecuting complex securities class action lawsuits in federal and state courts. Throughout his tenure with the Firm, Capeci has played an integral role in the teams prosecuting cases such as: *In re BHP Billiton Ltd. Sec. Litig.* (\$50 million recovery); *Galestan v. OneMain Holdings, Inc.* (\$9 million recovery); *Carpenters Pension Tr. Fund of St. Louis v. Barclays PLC* (\$14 million recovery); *City of Pontiac General Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Lockheed Martin Corp.* (\$19.5 million recovery); and *Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union No. 630 Pension-Annuity Tr. Fund v. Arbitron Inc.* (\$7 million recovery). Capeci is currently prosecuting numerous cases in federal and state courts alleging violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933. Recently, Michael led the litigation team that achieved the first settlement of a 1933 Act claim in New York state court, *In re EverQuote, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$4.75 million recovery), following the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Cyan, Inc. v. Beaver Cnty. Emps. Ret. Fund* in 2018.

Education

B.S., Villanova University, 2007; J.D., Hofstra University School of Law, 2010

Honors / Awards

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2022-2023; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2021; J.D., *Cum Laude*, Hofstra University School of Law, 2010

Jennifer N. Caringal | Partner

Jennifer Caringal is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where her practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Jennifer is a member of the Firm's Lead Plaintiff Advisory Team, which advises institutional investors in connection with lead plaintiff motions, and assists them in securing appointment as lead plaintiff.

Caringal served as lead counsel in *In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig.*, a case arising out of ARCP's manipulative accounting practices, and obtained a \$1.025 billion recovery. For five years, she and the litigation team prosecuted nine different claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933, involving seven different stock or debt offerings and two mergers. The recovery represents the highest percentage of damages of any major PSLRA case prior to trial and includes the largest personal contributions by individual defendants in history.

Education

B.A., University of Illinois, 2006; J.D., Washington University in St. Louis, School of Law, 2012

Honors / Awards

Leading Litigator in America, *Lawdragon*, 2025; 500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2021-2024; They've Got Next: The 40 Under 40, *Bloomberg Law*, 2022; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2021-2022; Best Lawyer in Southern California: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2021

Rachel A. Cocalis | Partner

Rachel Cocalis is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. She represents pension funds and class members in securities fraud class actions. Cocalis was on the team of Robbins Geller attorneys who obtained a \$97.5 million recovery in *Marcus v. J.C. Penney Company, Inc.*

Most recently, Cocalis was a key member of the Robbins Geller litigation team in *Monroe County Employees' Retirement System v. The Southern Company* in which a \$87.5 million settlement was reached after three years of litigation. The settlement resolved claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 stemming from defendants' issuance of materially misleading statements and omissions regarding the status of construction of a first-of-its-kind "clean coal" power plant that was designed to transform coal into synthetic gas that could then be used to fuel the power plant. Cocalis was also on the litigation team that obtained a settlement of up to \$85 million in *In re Morning Song Bird Food Litigation*, resolving claims that Scotts Miracle-Gro knowingly sold wild bird food treated with pesticides that are hazardous to birds.

Education

B.A., Princeton University, 2010; J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2016

Honors / Awards

500 X - The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2024; J.D., *magna cum laude*, University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2016; B.A., High Honors, Princeton University, 2010

Brian E. Cochran | Partner

Brian Cochran is a partner in the Firm's San Diego and Chicago offices. He focuses his practice on complex securities, shareholder, consumer protection, and ERISA litigation. Cochran specializes in case investigation and initiation and lead plaintiff issues arising under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. He has developed dozens of cases under the federal securities laws and recovered billions of dollars for injured investors and consumers. Several of Cochran's cases have pioneered new ground, such as cases on behalf of cryptocurrency investors and in blank check companies (a.k.a "SPACs"), and sparked follow-on governmental investigations into corporate malfeasance.

Cochran was a member of the litigation team that achieved a \$1.21 billion settlement in the *Valeant Pharmaceuticals* securities litigation. Cochran also developed the *Dynamic Ledger* securities litigation, one of the first cases to challenge a cryptocurrency issuer's failure to register under the federal securities laws, which settled for \$25 million. In addition, Cochran was part of the team that secured a historic \$25 million settlement on behalf of Trump University students, which Cochran prosecuted on a *pro bono* basis. Other notable recoveries include: *Rite Aid Merger* (\$192.5 million); *Exelon* (\$173 million); *Micro Focus* (\$107.5 million); *Walgreens* (\$105 million); *Scotts Miracle-Gro* (up to \$85 million); *Psychiatric Solutions* (\$65 million); *SQM Chemical & Mining Co. of Chile* (\$62.5 million); *GE ERISA* (\$61 million); *Grubhub* (\$42 million); *Big Lots* (\$38 million); *Credit Suisse* (\$32.5 million); *GoHealth* (\$29.5 million); *Reckitt Benckiser* (\$19.6 million); *DouYu* (\$15 million); *REV Group* (\$14.25 million); *Fifth Street Finance* (\$14 million); *Third Avenue Management* (\$14 million); *LJM* (\$12.85 million); *Sealed Air* (\$12.5 million); *Camping World* (\$12.5 million); *FTS International* (\$9.875 million); and *JPMorgan ERISA* (\$9 million).

Education

A.B., Princeton University, 2006; J.D., University of California at Berkeley School of Law, Boalt Hall, 2012

Honors / Awards

Leading Litigator in America, *Lawdragon*, 2025; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2025; 500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; Leading Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2024; 40 & Under List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Next Generation Partner, *The Legal 500*, 2020-2023; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2020-2022; Rising Star, *The Legal 500*, 2019; A.B., with Honors, Princeton University, 2006; J.D., Order of the Coif, University of California at Berkeley School of Law, Boalt Hall, 2012

Sheri M. Coverman | Partner

Sheri Coverman is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office. Her practice focuses on complex class actions, including securities, corporate governance, and consumer fraud litigation.

Coverman is a member of the Firm's Institutional Outreach Team, which provides advice to the Firm's institutional clients, including numerous public pension systems and Taft-Hartley funds throughout the United States, on issues related to corporate fraud, shareholder litigation, and corporate governance issues. Coverman frequently addresses trustees regarding their options for seeking redress for losses due to violations of securities laws and assists in ongoing litigation involving many Firm clients. Coverman's institutional clients are also involved in other types of class actions, namely: *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*.

Education

B.A., University of Florida, 2008; J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2011

Desiree Cummings | Partner

Desiree Cummings is a partner with the Firm and is based in the Manhattan office. Cummings focuses her practice on complex securities litigation, consumer and privacy litigation, and breach of fiduciary duty actions and is part of the Firm's Delaware Practice Group.

Before joining Robbins Geller, Cummings spent several years prosecuting securities fraud as an Assistant Attorney General with the New York State Office of the Attorney General's Investor Protection Bureau. As an Assistant Attorney General, Cummings was instrumental in the office's investigation and prosecution of J.P. Morgan and Goldman Sachs in connection with the marketing, sale and issuance of residential mortgage-backed securities, resulting in recoveries worth over \$1.6 billion for the State of New York. In connection with investigating and prosecuting securities fraud as part of a federal and state RMBS Working Group, Cummings was awarded the Louis J. Lefkowitz Award for Exceptional Service. Cummings began her career as a litigator at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP where she spent several years representing major financial institutions, a pharmaceutical manufacturer, and public and private companies in connection with commercial litigations and state and federal regulatory investigations.

At Robbins Geller, Cummings represents institutional and individual investors in securities and breach of fiduciary duty cases. Cummings also represents consumers and serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Blackbaud Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, a data breach multi-district litigation pending in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina.

Education

B.A., Binghamton University, 2001, *cum laude*; J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 2004

Honors / Awards

Leading Litigator in America, *Lawdragon*, 2024-2025; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2024; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; 500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Louis J. Lefkowitz Award for Exceptional Service, New York State Office of the Attorney General, 2012

Joseph D. Daley | Partner

Joseph Daley is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, serves on the Firm's Securities Hiring Committee, and is a member of the Firm's Appellate Practice Group. Precedents include: *Fikes Wholesale, Inc. v. Visa U.S.A., Inc.*, 62 F.4th 704 (2d Cir. 2023); *City of Birmingham Ret. & Relief Sys. v. Davis*, 806 F. App'x 17 (2d Cir. 2020); *City of Providence v. Bats Glob. Mkts., Inc.*, 878 F.3d 36 (2d Cir. 2017); *DeJulius v. New Eng. Health Care Emps. Pension Fund*, 429 F.3d 935 (10th Cir. 2005); *Frank v. Dana Corp.* ("Dana I"), 547 F.3d 564 (6th Cir. 2008); *Frank v. Dana Corp.* ("Dana II"), 646 F.3d 954 (6th Cir. 2011); *Freidus v. Barclays Bank PLC*, 734 F.3d 132 (2d Cir. 2013); *In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 334 F. App'x 248 (11th Cir. 2009); *In re Merck & Co. Sec., Derivative & ERISA Litig.*, 493 F.3d 393 (3d Cir. 2007); *In re Quality Sys., Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 865 F.3d 1130 (9th Cir. 2017); *In re Qwest Commc'ns Int'l*, 450 F.3d 1179 (10th Cir. 2006); *Luther v. Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP*, 533 F.3d 1031 (9th Cir. 2008); *NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co.*, 693 F.3d 145 (2d Cir. 2012); *Rosenbloom v. Pyott* ("Allergan"), 765 F.3d 1137 (9th Cir. 2014); *Silverman v. Motorola Solutions, Inc.*, 739 F.3d 956 (7th Cir. 2013); *Siracusano v. Matrixx Initiatives, Inc.*, 585 F.3d 1167 (9th Cir. 2009), *aff'd*, 563 U.S. 27 (2011); and *Southland Sec. Corp. v. INSpire Ins. Solutions Inc.*, 365 F.3d 353 (5th Cir. 2004). Daley is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as before 12 U.S. Courts of Appeals around the nation.

Education

B.S., Jacksonville University, 1981; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 1996

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2024-2025; Seven-time Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*; Appellate Moot Court Board, Order of the Barristers, University of San Diego School of Law; Best Advocate Award (Traynore Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition), First Place and Best Briefs (Alumni Torts Moot Court Competition and USD Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition)

Stuart A. Davidson | Partner

Stuart Davidson is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office. His practice focuses on complex consumer class actions, including cases involving deceptive and unfair trade practices, privacy and data breach issues, and antitrust violations. He has served as class counsel in some of the nation's most significant privacy and consumer cases, including: *In re Facebook Biometric Information Privacy Litigation*, No. 3:15-cv-03747-JD (N.D. Cal.) (\$650 million recovery in a cutting-edge class action concerning Facebook's alleged privacy violations through its collection of user's biometric identifiers without informed consent); *In re Yahoo! Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, No. 5:16-md-02752-LHK (N.D. Cal.) (\$117.5 million recovery in the largest data breach in history); *Kehoe v. Fidelity Federal Bank & Trust*, No. 9:03-cv-80593-DTKH (S.D. Fla.) (\$50 million recovery in Driver's Privacy Protection Act case on behalf of half-a-million Florida drivers against a national bank); *In re Sony Gaming Networks & Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, No. 3:11-md-02258-AJB-MDD (S.D. Cal.) (settlement valued at \$15 million concerning the massive data breach of Sony's PlayStation Network); and *In re Solara Medical Supplies Data Breach Litigation*, No. 3:19-cv-02284-H-KSC (S.D. Cal.) (\$5 million all-cash settlement for victims of healthcare data breach).

Davidson currently serves as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel in *In re Perry Johnson & Associates Medical Transcription Data Security Breach Litigation*, No. 1:24-md-03096-RPK-LGD (E.D.N.Y.), *In re American Medical Collection Agency, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, No. 2:19-md-02904-MCA-MAH (D.N.J.) (representing class of LabCorp customers), *In re Independent Living Systems Data Breach Litigation*, No. 1:23-cv-21060-KMW (S.D. Fla.), *Garner v. Amazon.com, Inc.*, No. 2:21-cv-00750-RSL (W.D. Wash.) (alleging Amazon's illegal wiretapping through Alexa-enabled devices), *In re American Financial Resources, Inc. Data Breach Litigation*, No. 2:22-cv-01757-MCA-JSA (D.N.J.), *In re Fortra Tile Transfer Software Data Security Breach Litigation*, No. 1:24-md-03090-RAR (S.D. Fla.) (representing Aetna patients), on Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in *In re Lakeview Loan Servicing Data Breach Litigation*, No. 1:22-cv-20955-DPG (S.D. Fla.), and on Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re FTX Cryptocurrency Exchange Collapse Litigation*, No. 1:23-md-03076-KMM (S.D. Fla.). Davidson also currently represents the State of Arkansas in a major antitrust enforcement action, *State of Arkansas ex rel. Griffin v. Syngenta Crop Protection AG*, No. 4:22-cv-01287-BSM (E.D. Ark.).

Davidson also spearheaded several aspects of *In re EpiPen (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Marketing, Sales Practices & Antitrust Litigation*, No. 2:17-md-02785-DDC-TJJ (D. Kan.) (\$609 million total recovery achieved weeks prior to trial in certified class action alleging antitrust claims involving the illegal reverse payment settlement to delay the generic EpiPen, which allowed the prices of the life-saving EpiPen to rise over 600% in 9 years), served as Co-Lead Class Counsel in three cases brought against Genworth Life Insurance Company on behalf of long-term care insureds, *Skochin v. Genworth Life Ins. Co.*, No. 3:19-cv-00049-REP (E.D. Va.); *Halcom v. Genworth Life Ins. Co.*, No. 3:21-cv-00019-REP (E.D. Va.); and *Haney v. Genworth Life Ins. Co.*, No. 3:22-cv-00055-REP (E.D. Va.), recovering hundreds of millions of dollars in cash damages for policyholders, and served as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel in *In re NHL Players' Concussion Injury Litigation*, No. 0:14-md-02551-SRN-BRT (D. Minn.) (representing retired National Hockey League players in multidistrict litigation suit against the NHL regarding injuries suffered due to repetitive head trauma and concussions), and in *In re Pet Food Products Liability Litigation*, No. 1:07-cv-02867-NLH-AMD (D.N.J.) (\$24 million recovery in multidistrict consumer class action on behalf of thousands of aggrieved pet owners nationwide against some of the nation's largest pet food manufacturers, distributors, and retailers). He also served as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel in *In re UnitedGlobalCom, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, C.A. No. 1012-VCS (Del. Ch.) (\$25 million recovery weeks before trial); *In re Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, No. 16-2011-CA-010616 (Fla. Cir. Ct.) (\$11.5 million recovery for former Winn-Dixie shareholders following the corporate buyout by BI-LO); and *In re AuthenTec, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, No. 5-2012-CA-57589 (Fla. Cir. Ct.) (\$10 million recovery for former

AuthenTec shareholders following a merger with Apple). The latter two cases are the two largest merger and acquisition recoveries in Florida history.

Davidson is a former lead assistant public defender in the Felony Division of the Broward County, Florida Public Defender's Office. During his tenure at the Public Defender's Office, he tried over 30 jury trials and defended individuals charged with major crimes ranging from third-degree felonies to life and capital felonies.

Education

B.A., State University of New York at Geneseo, 1993; J.D., Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, 1996

Honors / Awards

Leading Litigator in America, *Lawdragon*, 2024-2025; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2023-2024; Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2020-2024; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2024; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice, American Antitrust Institute, 2022; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2021-2022; One of "Florida's Most Effective Lawyers" in the Privacy category, American Law Media, 2020; J.D., *Summa Cum Laude*, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, 1996; Associate Editor, *Nova Law Review*, Book Awards in Trial Advocacy, International Law, and Criminal Pretrial Practice

Jason C. Davis | Partner

Jason Davis is a partner in the Firm's San Francisco office where he practices securities class actions and complex litigation involving equities, fixed-income, synthetic, and structured securities issued in public and private transactions. Davis was on the trial team in *Jaffe v. Household Int'l, Inc.*, a securities class action that obtained a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs. Most recently, he was part of the litigation team in *Luna v. Marvell Tech. Grp., Ltd.*, resulting in a \$72.5 million settlement that represents approximately 24% to 50% of the best estimate of classwide damages suffered by investors.

Before joining the Firm, Davis focused on cross-border transactions, mergers and acquisitions at Cravath, Swaine and Moore LLP in New York.

Education

B.A., Syracuse University, 1998; J.D., University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, 2002

Honors / Awards

B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, Syracuse University, 1998; International Relations Scholar of the year, Syracuse University; Teaching fellow, examination awards, Moot court award, University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law

Mark J. Dearman | Partner

Mark Dearman is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office, where his practice focuses on consumer fraud, securities fraud, mass torts, antitrust, and whistleblower litigation.

Dearman, along with other Robbins Geller attorneys, is currently leading the effort on behalf of cities and counties around the country in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, No. 1:17-md-02804 (N.D. Ohio). He was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Zantac (Ranitidine) Products Liability Litigation*, No. 9:20-md-02924 (S.D. Fla.), and as Chair of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in *In re Apple Inc. Device Performance Litigation*, No. 5:18-md-02827 (N.D. Cal.). Dearman, along with co-counsel, obtained a \$310 million settlement. His other recent representative cases include serving as class counsel in *In re Juul Labs, Inc., Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, No. 3:19-md-02913 (N.D. Cal.); *In re McKinsey & Co., Inc. National Prescription Opiate Consultant Litigation*, No. 3:21-md-02996 (N.D. Cal.); *In re Facebook Biometric Information Privacy Litigation*, No. 3:15-cv-03747 (N.D. Cal.) (\$650 million recovery in a class action concerning Facebook's alleged privacy violations through its collection of user's biometric identifiers without informed consent); *In re EpiPen (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Marketing, Sales Practices & Antitrust Litigation*, No. 2:17-md-02785 (D. Kan.) (\$609 million total recovery achieved weeks prior to trial in certified class action alleging antitrust claims involving the illegal reverse payment settlement to delay the generic EpiPen); *In re FieldTurf Artificial Turf Sales & Marketing Practices Litigation*, No. 3:17-md-02779 (D.N.J.); *In re Sony Gaming Networks & Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, 903 F. Supp. 2d 942 (S.D. Cal. 2012); *In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices, & Products Liability Litigation*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 1357 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 5, 2016); *In re Aluminum Warehousing Antitrust Litigation*, 95 F. Supp. 3d 419 (S.D.N.Y. 2015); *In re Liquid Aluminum Sulfate Antitrust Litigation*, No. 2:16-md-2687 (D.N.J.); *In re Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, No. 16-2011-CA-010616 (Fla. 4th Jud. Cir. Ct., Duval Cnty.); *Gemelas v. Dannon Co. Inc.*, No. 1:08-cv-00236 (N.D. Ohio); and *In re AuthenTec, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, No. 05-2012-CA-57589 (Fla. 18th Jud. Cir. Ct., Brevard Cnty.).

Education

B.A., University of Florida, 1990; J.D., Nova Southeastern University, 1993

Honors / Awards

AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell; Leading Litigator in America, *Lawdragon*, 2024-2025; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2024-2025; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2020-2024; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2024; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2023; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2020; In top 1.5% of Florida Civil Trial Lawyers in *Florida Trend's* Florida Legal Elite, 2004, 2006

Kathleen B. Douglas | Partner

Kathleen Douglas is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office. She focuses her practice on securities fraud class actions and consumer fraud. Most recently, Douglas and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a \$1.21 billion settlement in *In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, a case that *Vanity Fair* reported as "the corporate scandal of its era" that had raised "fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations." This is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest ever.

Douglas was also a key member of the litigation team in *In re UnitedHealth Grp. Inc. PSLRA Litig.*, in which she and team of Robbins Geller attorneys achieved a substantial \$925 million recovery. In addition to the monetary recovery, UnitedHealth also made critical changes to a number of its corporate governance policies, including electing a shareholder-nominated member to the company's Board of Directors. Likewise, in *Nieman v. Duke Energy Corp.*, she and a team of attorneys obtained a \$146.25 million recovery, which is the largest recovery in North Carolina for a case involving securities fraud and is one of the five largest recoveries in the Fourth Circuit. In addition, Douglas was a member of the team of attorneys that represented investors in *Knurr v. Orbital ATK, Inc.*, which recovered \$108 million for shareholders and is believed to be the fourth-largest securities class action settlement in the history of the Eastern District of Virginia. Douglas has served as class counsel in several class actions brought on behalf of Florida emergency room physicians. These cases were against some of the nation's largest Health Maintenance Organizations and settled for substantial increases in reimbursement rates and millions of dollars in past damages for the class.

Education

B.S., Georgetown University, 2004; J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 2007

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2024-2025; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; 40 & Under List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023; 40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2012-2017; B.S., *Cum Laude*, Georgetown University, 2004

Travis E. Downs III | Partner

Travis Downs is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. His areas of expertise include prosecution of shareholder and securities litigation, including complex shareholder derivative actions. Downs is a member of the Firm's Delaware Practice Group. Downs led a team of lawyers who successfully prosecuted over 65 stock option backdating derivative actions in federal and state courts across the country, resulting in hundreds of millions in financial givebacks for the plaintiffs and extensive corporate governance enhancements, including annual directors elections, majority voting for directors, and shareholder nomination of directors. Notable cases include: *In re Community Health Sys., Inc. S'holder Derivative Litig.* (\$60 million in financial relief and unprecedented corporate governance reforms); *In re Marvell Tech. Grp. Ltd. Derivative Litig.* (\$54 million in financial relief and extensive corporate governance enhancements); *In re McAfee, Inc. Derivative Litig.* (\$30 million in financial relief and extensive corporate governance enhancements); *In re Affiliated Computer Servs. Derivative Litig.* (\$30 million in financial relief and extensive corporate governance enhancements); *In re KB Home S'holder Derivative Litig.* (\$30 million in financial relief and extensive corporate governance enhancements); *In re Juniper Networks Derivative Litig.* (\$22.7 million in financial relief and extensive corporate governance enhancements); *In re Nvidia Corp. Derivative Litig.* (\$15 million in financial relief and extensive corporate governance enhancements); and *City of Pontiac Gen. Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Langone* (achieving landmark corporate governance reforms for investors).

Downs was also part of the litigation team that obtained a \$67 million settlement in *City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Stumpf*, a shareholder derivative action alleging that Wells Fargo participated in the mass-processing of home foreclosure documents by engaging in widespread robo-signing, and a \$250 million settlement in *In re Google, Inc. Derivative Litig.*, an action alleging that Google facilitated in the improper advertising of prescription drugs. Downs is a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars and has lectured on a variety of topics related to shareholder derivative and class action litigation.

Education

B.A., Whitworth University, 1985; J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 1990

Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2018-2025; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Top 100 Leaders in Law Honoree, *San Diego Business Journal*, 2022; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2022; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers*®, 2018-2021; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2008; B.A., Honors, Whitworth University, 1985

Daniel S. Drosman | Partner

Dan Drosman is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office and a member of the Firm's Management Committee. He focuses his practice on securities fraud and other complex civil litigation and has obtained significant recoveries for investors in cases such as *Morgan Stanley*, *Cisco Systems*, *The Coca-Cola Company*, *Petco*, *PMI*, and *America West*. Drosman served as lead trial counsel in *Jaffe v. Household International* in the Northern District of Illinois, a securities class action that obtained a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs. Drosman also helped secure a \$388 million recovery for investors in J.P. Morgan residential mortgage-backed securities in *Fort Worth Employees' Retirement Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.* On a percentage basis, that settlement is the largest recovery ever achieved in an RMBS class action. Drosman also served as lead counsel in *Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.*, and obtained a \$350 million settlement

on the eve of trial. The settlement is fifth-largest PSLRA settlement ever recovered in the Ninth Circuit.

Most recently, Drosman led a team of Robbins Geller attorneys to a record-breaking \$809.5 million settlement in *In re Twitter, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, which settled the day before trial was set to commence. The settlement is the largest securities fraud class action recovery in the Ninth Circuit in the last decade and one of the top 20 shareholder class action settlements of all time. Drosman was part of the Robbins Geller litigation team in *Monroe County Employees' Retirement System v. The Southern Company* in which an \$87.5 million settlement was reached after three years of litigation. The settlement resolved claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 stemming from defendants' issuance of materially misleading statements and omissions regarding the status of construction of a first-of-its-kind "clean coal" power plant that was designed to transform coal into synthetic gas that could then be used to fuel the power plant. In another recent case, Drosman and the Robbins Geller litigation team obtained a \$62.5 million settlement in *Villella v. Chemical and Mining Company of Chile Inc.*, which alleged that Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. ("SQM") violated the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by issuing materially false and misleading statements regarding the Company's failure to disclose that money from SQM was channeled illegally to electoral campaigns for Chilean politicians and political parties as far back as 2009. SQM had also filed millions of dollars' worth of fictitious tax receipts with Chilean authorities in order to conceal bribery payments from at least 2009 through fiscal year 2014.

In a pair of cases – *Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, et al. v. Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc.* ("Cheyne" litigation) and *King County, Washington, et al. v. IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG* ("Rhinebridge" litigation) – Drosman led a group of attorneys prosecuting fraud claims against the credit rating agencies, where he is distinguished as one of the few plaintiffs' counsel to defeat the rating agencies' traditional First Amendment defense and their motions for summary judgment based on the mischaracterization of credit ratings as mere opinions not actionable in fraud.

Before joining the Firm, Drosman served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, and an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of California, where he investigated and prosecuted violations of the federal narcotics, immigration, and official corruption law.

Education

B.A., Reed College, 1990; J.D., Harvard Law School, 1993

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2019-2025; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2017-2018, 2023-2024; Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2018-2024; Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers®*, 2022, 2024; West Trailblazer, *The American Lawyer*, 2022; Top Plaintiff Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2022; Plaintiff Litigator of the Year, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2022; Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar, *Law360*, 2022; Southern California Best Lawyers, *The Wall Street Journal*, 2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers®*, 2019-2021; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2017-2020; Top 100 Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2017; Department of Justice Special Achievement Award, Sustained Superior Performance of Duty; B.A., Honors, Reed College, 1990; *Phi Beta Kappa*, Reed College, 1990

Thomas E. Egler | Partner

Thomas Egler is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office and focuses his practice on representing clients in major complex, multidistrict litigations, such as *Lehman Brothers*, *Countrywide Mortgage Backed Securities*, *WorldCom*, *AOL Time Warner*, and *Qwest*. He has represented institutional investors both as plaintiffs in individual actions and as lead plaintiffs in class actions.

Most recently, along with co-counsel and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys, Egler led the effort on behalf of cities and counties around the country in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*. In 2022, Egler served on the team of counsel in a federal bench trial in San Francisco in a case that had been selected as a bellwether in the multidistrict litigation. The team achieved combined settlements of nearly \$70 million for San Francisco and more than \$50 billion nationally from multiple pharmaceutical companies who were defendants in the national litigation. The Honorable Charles R. Breyer of the Northern District of California ruled that Walgreens, the only defendant remaining in the San Francisco case, was liable for its role in the opioid crisis in San Francisco.

Egler also has been a Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference from the Southern District of California, is a member of the Hon. William B. Enright Inn of Court in San Diego, and in the past has served on the Executive Board of the San Diego chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers. Before joining the Firm, Egler was a law clerk to the Honorable Donald E. Ziegler, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania.

Education

B.A., Northwestern University, 1989; J.D., The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, 1995

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2024-2025; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2017-2018; Associate Editor, *Catholic University Law Review*

Alan I. Ellman | Partner

Alan Ellman is a partner in the Firm's Melville office, where he concentrates his practice on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors. Most recently, Ellman was on the team of Robbins Geller attorneys who obtained a \$34.5 million recovery in *Patel v. L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.*, which represents a high percentage of damages that plaintiffs could reasonably expect to be recovered at trial and is more than eight times higher than the average settlement of cases with comparable investor losses. He was also on the team of attorneys who recovered in excess of \$34 million for investors in *In re OSG Sec. Litig.*, which represented an outsized recovery of 93% of bond purchasers' damages and 28% of stock purchasers' damages. The creatively structured settlement included more than \$15 million paid by a bankrupt entity.

Ellman was also on the team of Robbins Geller attorneys who achieved final approval in *Curran v. Freshpet, Inc.*, which provides for the payment of \$10.1 million for the benefit of eligible settlement class members. Additionally, he was on the team of attorneys who obtained final approval of a \$7.5 million recovery in *Plymouth County Retirement Association v. Advisory Board Company*. In 2006, Ellman received a Volunteer and Leadership Award from Housing Conservation Coordinators (HCC) for his *pro bono* service defending a client in Housing Court against a non-payment action, arguing an appeal before the Appellate Term, and staffing HCC's legal clinic. He also successfully appealed a *pro bono* client's criminal sentence before the Appellate Division.

Education

B.S., B.A., State University of New York at Binghamton, 1999; J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2003

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2017-2023; Pro Bono Publico Award, *Casa Cornelia Law Center*, 2021-2022; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2015; B.S., B.A., *Cum Laude*, State University of New York at Binghamton, 1999

Jason A. Forge | Partner

Jason Forge is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He specializes in complex investigations, litigation, and trials. As a federal prosecutor and private practitioner, Forge has conducted and supervised scores of jury and bench trials in federal and state courts, including the month-long trial of a defense contractor who conspired with Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham in the largest bribery scheme in congressional history. He recently obtained preliminary approval for a \$350 million settlement with Alphabet, Inc., which was made possible only by first winning a unanimous published appellate decision, reversing a district court order that had dismissed the entire case. This is the largest ever post-reversal securities fraud recovery in the Ninth Circuit.

In addition to Alphabet, Forge has secured nine-figure payouts from other corporate goliaths, including Wal-Mart (\$160 million) and Pfizer (\$400 million). *City of Pontiac General Employees' Retirement System v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.* was the first successful securities fraud case against Wal-Mart. And in the case against Pfizer, Forge led an investigation that uncovered key documents that Pfizer had not produced in discovery. Although fact discovery in the case had already closed, the district judge ruled that the documents had been improperly withheld and ordered that discovery be reopened, including reopening the depositions of Pfizer's former CEO, CFO, and General Counsel. Less than six months after

completing these depositions, Pfizer settled the case for \$400 million.

Forge also was a key member of the Firm's winning trial team in *Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, Inc.* – one of only 13 securities fraud class action verdicts for investors in nearly 30 years. After that trial victory, Forge joined a Robbins Geller litigation team that had defeated 12 motions for summary judgment against 40 defendants and was about to depose 17 experts in the home stretch to trial. Forge led the effort to use these depositions to disprove a truth-on-the-market argument that nine defense experts had embraced. After the last of these expert depositions, the defendants dropped their lead truth-on-the-market expert and the Robbins Geller team secured a \$1.025 billion settlement from American Realty Capital Properties and other defendants that included a record \$237 million contribution from individual defendants and represented more than twice the recovery rate obtained by several funds that had opted out of the class.

Forge was a key member of the litigation team that secured a historic recovery on behalf of Trump University students in two class actions, including a federal RICO charge, against President Donald J. Trump. The settlement returned over 90% of the money thousands of students paid to “enroll” in Trump University. He represented the class on a *pro bono* basis. Forge successfully prosecuted another federal RICO case against Scotts Miracle-Gro, resulting in full refunds (totaling over \$40 million) for customers who purchased bird feed that Scotts had illegally treated with a pesticide known to be hazardous to birds. He was also a member of the litigation team that obtained a \$125 million settlement in *In re LendingClub Securities Litigation*, a settlement that ranked among the top ten largest securities recoveries ever in the Northern District of California.

Education

B.B.A., The University of Michigan Ross School of Business, 1990; J.D., The University of Michigan Law School, 1993

Honors / Awards

Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2023-2024; Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2024; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2019-2023; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers®*, 2019-2021; Local Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2020; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2018; Top 100 Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2017; Litigator of the Year, *Our City San Diego*, 2017; Two-time recipient of one of Department of Justice's highest awards: Director's Award for Superior Performance by Litigation Team; numerous commendations from Federal Bureau of Investigation (including commendation from FBI Director Robert Mueller III), Internal Revenue Service, and Defense Criminal Investigative Service; J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, Order of the Coif, The University of Michigan Law School, 1993; B.B.A., High Distinction, The University of Michigan Ross School of Business, 1990

William J. Geddish | Partner

William Geddish is a partner with the Firm and is based in the Melville office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Before joining the Firm, he was an associate in the New York office of a large international law firm, where his practice focused on complex commercial litigation.

Since joining the Firm, Geddish has played a significant role in the following litigations: *In re Barrick Gold Sec. Litig.* (\$140 million recovery); *Scheufele v. Tableau Software, Inc.* (\$95 million recovery); *Landmen Partners, Inc. v. The Blackstone Grp., L.P.* (\$85 million recovery); *In re Jeld-Wen Holding, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$40 million recovery); *City of Austin Police Ret. Sys. v. Kinross Gold Corp.* (\$33 million recovery); *City of Roseville Emps' Ret. Sys. v. EnergySolutions, Inc.* (\$26 million recovery); *Beaver Cnty. Emps' Ret. Fund v. Tile Shop Holdings, Inc.* (\$9.5 million recovery); and *Barbara Marciano v. Schell & Kampeter, Inc.* (\$2 million recovery).

Education

B.A., Sacred Heart University, 2006, J.D., Hofstra University School of Law, 2009

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2024-2025; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2013-2023; 500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, Hofstra University School of Law, 2009; Gina Maria Escarce Memorial Award, Hofstra University School of Law

Paul J. Geller | Partner

Paul Geller is a founding partner of Robbins Geller and head of the Firm's Consumer Practice Group. Over the last 30 years, Geller has served as lead counsel in some of the country's most high-profile consumer, antitrust, and securities class actions and has recovered billions for communities, consumers, and investors harmed by corporate abuse.

Before devoting his practice to the representation of consumers and investors, Geller defended companies in high-stakes class action and multi-district litigation, providing him with an invaluable perspective from "both sides of the 'v.'" An experienced trial lawyer, he has tried bench and jury trials on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants and has argued before numerous state, federal, and appellate courts throughout the United States.

Geller's ability to earn respect and trust from all sides in difficult negotiations has been recognized by the bar and legal publications. *Chambers* notes that "Paul is a consummate professional who has the ability to work seamlessly and collaboratively to address daunting challenges that arise in complex mass tort litigation."

He serves as a key leader of the nationwide litigation against the companies responsible for the U.S. opioid addiction crisis. He played a key role in negotiating and architecting the complex settlements that resulted in over \$50 billion being paid to communities across the country struggling with the fallout of the opioid crisis.

He has also successfully litigated and negotiated precedent-setting class recoveries in multiple practice areas, including data privacy, antitrust, products liability, and securities cases.

- **Facebook Data Privacy Case – \$650 Million:** He secured the then-largest privacy class action

settlement in history – a \$650 million recovery in a cutting-edge class action against Facebook. The case concerned Facebook’s use of biometric identifiers through its “tag” feature, which Geller’s team challenged under a new biometric privacy law that had never before been applied in a class action. The federal judge that presided over the case called it a “landmark result” and a “major win for consumers.” In addition to the monetary recovery, Facebook disabled the tag feature altogether, deleting 1 billion facial profiles and discontinuing the related facial recognition program.

- **Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Case – \$17 Billion:** Geller was a member of the leadership team representing consumers in the massive Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” emissions case. The San Francisco legal newspaper *The Recorder* labeled the group that was appointed in that case, which settled for more than \$17 billion, a “class action dream team.”
- **“EpiPen” Antitrust Case – \$609 Million:** As lead counsel, Geller secured a recovery of \$609 million for overcharged purchasers of the “EpiPen” device in a nationwide class action alleging that the manufacturer and marketer of the EpiPen engaged in anti-competitive and unfair business conduct in their sale and marketing of the auto-injector device. The American Antitrust Institute honored Geller and the litigation team for Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice for this result.

Education

B.S., University of Florida, 1990; J.D., Emory University School of Law, 1993

Honors / Awards

Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell; Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America (LCA) Proven Trial Lawyers; Leading Litigator in America, *Lawdragon*, 2024-2025; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2017-2025; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2007-2024; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2016, 2019, 2023-2024; Ranked by *Chambers USA*, 2021-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Global Plaintiff Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2024; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2006-2007, 2009-2024; Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice, American Antitrust Institute, 2022; South Trailblazer, *The American Lawyer*, 2022; Class Action MVP, *Law360*, 2022; Florida Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2017-2021; One of “Florida’s Most Effective Lawyers” in the Privacy category, American Law Media, 2020; Legend, *Lawdragon*, 2020; Plaintiffs’ Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2018; Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers®*, 2018; Attorney of the Month, *Attorney At Law*, 2017; Featured in “Lawyer Limelight” series, *Lawdragon*, 2017; Top Rated Lawyer, South Florida’s Legal Leaders, *Miami Herald*, 2015; Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2013; “Legal Elite,” *Florida Trend Magazine*; One of “Florida’s Most Effective Lawyers,” American Law Media; One of Florida’s top lawyers in *South Florida Business Journal*; One of the Nation’s Top “40 Under 40,” *The National Law Journal*; One of Florida’s Top Lawyers, *Law & Politics*; Editor, *Emory Law Journal*; Order of the Coif, Emory University School of Law

Robert D. Gerson | Partner

Robert Gerson is a partner in the Firm's Melville office, where he practices securities fraud litigation and other complex matters.

Since joining the Firm, Gerson has played a significant role in prosecuting numerous high-stakes investor litigations. Most recently, Gerson and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a \$27.5 million settlement in *Luna v. Carbonite, Inc.*, following a precedent-setting decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Gerson was also a member of the team in *In re Dell Technologies Inc. Class V Stockholders Litigation*, which settled in 2023 for \$1 billion in cash – a record in the Delaware Chancery Court and the largest settlement in U.S. state court history. Other notable cases Gerson has played a critical role in at the Firm include: *UA Local 13 & Employers Group Insurance Fund v. Sealed Air Corp.* (\$12.5 million recovery); *In re PPD AI Group Sec. Litig.* (\$9 million recovery); and *Sponn v. Emergent BioSolutions Inc.* (\$6.5 million recovery).

Education

B.A., University of Maryland, 2006; J.D., New York Law School, 2009

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2024-2025; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2021-2023; 500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2020

Jonah H. Goldstein | Partner

Jonah Goldstein is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office and is responsible for prosecuting complex securities cases and obtaining recoveries for investors. He also represents corporate whistleblowers who report violations of the securities laws. Goldstein has achieved significant settlements on behalf of investors including in *In re HealthSouth Sec. Litig.* (over \$670 million recovered against HealthSouth, UBS and Ernst & Young), *In re Cisco Sec. Litig.* (approximately \$100 million), and *Marcus v. J.C. Penney Company, Inc.* (\$97.5 million recovery). Goldstein also served on the Firm's trial team in *In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig.*, MDL No. 1399 (D.N.J.), which settled after two weeks of trial for \$100 million, and aided in the \$65 million recovery in *Garden City Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Psychiatric Solutions, Inc.*, the fourth-largest securities recovery ever in the Middle District of Tennessee and one of the largest in more than a decade. Most recently, he was part of the litigation team in *Luna v. Marvell Tech. Grp., Ltd.*, resulting in a \$72.5 million settlement that represents approximately 24% to 50% of the best estimate of classwide damages suffered by investors. Before joining the Firm, Goldstein served as a law clerk for the Honorable William H. Erickson on the Colorado Supreme Court and as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of California, where he tried numerous cases and briefed and argued appeals before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Education

B.A., Duke University, 1991; J.D., University of Denver College of Law, 1995

Honors / Awards

Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2018-2019; Comments Editor, *University of Denver Law Review*, University of Denver College of Law

Benny C. Goodman III | Partner

Benny Goodman is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He primarily represents plaintiffs in shareholder actions on behalf of aggrieved corporations. Goodman has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars in shareholder derivative actions pending in state and federal courts across the nation. Most recently, he led a team of lawyers in litigation brought on behalf of Community Health Systems, Inc., resulting in a \$60 million payment to the company, the largest recovery in a shareholder derivative action in Tennessee and the Sixth Circuit, as well as best-in-class value-enhancing corporate governance reforms that included two shareholder-nominated directors to the Community Health Board of Directors.

Similarly, Goodman recovered a \$25 million payment to Lumber Liquidators and numerous corporate governance reforms, including a shareholder-nominated director, in *In re Lumber Liquidators Holdings, Inc. S'holder Derivative Litig.* In *In re Google Inc. S'holder Derivative Litig.*, Goodman achieved groundbreaking corporate governance reforms designed to mitigate regulatory and legal compliance risk associated with online pharmaceutical advertising, including among other things, the creation of a \$250 million fund to help combat rogue pharmacies from improperly selling drugs online.

Education

B.S., Arizona State University, 1994; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2000

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2024-2025; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2018-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2021; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2017

Elise J. Grace | Partner

Elise Grace is a partner in the San Diego office and counsels the Firm's institutional clients on options to secure premium recoveries in securities litigation both within the United States and internationally. Grace is a frequent lecturer and author on securities and accounting fraud, and develops annual MCLE and CPE accredited educational programs designed to train public fund representatives on practices to protect and maximize portfolio assets, create long-term portfolio value, and best fulfill fiduciary duties. Grace has routinely been named a Recommended Lawyer by *The Legal 500* and named a Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer by *Lawdragon*. Grace has prosecuted various significant securities fraud class actions, as well as the AOL Time Warner state and federal securities opt-out litigations, which resulted in a combined settlement of over \$629 million for defrauded investors. Before joining the Firm, Grace practiced at Clifford Chance, where she defended numerous Fortune 500 companies in securities class actions and complex business litigation.

Education

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles, 1993; J.D., Pepperdine School of Law, 1999

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Securities Litigation Lawyer of the Year, *Lawyer Monthly*, 2023; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2016-2017; J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, Pepperdine School of Law, 1999; American Jurisprudence Bancroft-Whitney Award – Civil Procedure, Evidence, and Dalsimer Moot Court Oral Argument; Dean's Academic Scholarship Recipient, Pepperdine School of Law; B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, University of California, Los Angeles, 1993; B.A., *Phi Beta Kappa*, University of California, Los Angeles, 1993

Tor Gronborg | Partner

Tor Gronborg is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office and a member of the Firm's Management Committee. He often lectures on topics such as the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and electronic discovery. Gronborg has served as lead or co-lead counsel in numerous securities fraud cases that have collectively recovered more than \$4.4 billion for investors. Most recently, Gronborg and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys obtained an \$809 million settlement in *In re Twitter, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, a case that did not settle until the day before trial was set to commence.

In addition to *Twitter*, Gronborg's work has included significant recoveries against corporations such as Valeant Pharmaceuticals (\$1.21 billion), Cardinal Health (\$600 million), Motorola (\$200 million), Duke Energy (\$146.25 million), Sprint Nextel Corp. (\$131 million), and Prison Realty (\$104 million), to name a few. Gronborg was also a member of the Firm's trial team in *Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, Inc.*, No. SACV15-0865 (C.D. Cal.), a securities fraud class action that resulted in a verdict in favor of investors after a two-week jury trial and ultimately settled for 100% of the claimed damages plus prejudgment interest.

On three separate occasions, Gronborg's pleadings have been upheld by the federal Courts of Appeals (*Broudo v. Dura Pharms., Inc.*, 339 F.3d 933 (9th Cir. 2003), *rev'd on other grounds*, 544 U.S. 336 (2005); *In re Daou Sys.*, 411 F.3d 1006 (9th Cir. 2005); *Staehr v. Hartford Fin. Servs. Grp.*, 547 F.3d 406 (2d Cir. 2008)).

Education

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1991; Rotary International Scholar, University of Lancaster, U.K., 1992; J.D., University of California, Berkeley, 1995

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2022-2025; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2023-2024; Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2024; West Trailblazer, *The American Lawyer*, 2022; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2013-2022; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2019; Moot Court Board Member, University of California, Berkeley; AFL-CIO history scholarship, University of California, Santa Barbara

Ellen Gusikoff Stewart | Partner

Ellen Stewart is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, and is a member of the Firm's Summer Associate Hiring Committee. She currently practices in the Firm's settlement department, negotiating and documenting complex securities, merger, ERISA, and derivative action settlements. Notable recent settlements include: *Evanston Police Pension Fund v. McKesson Corp.* (N.D. Cal. 2023) (\$141 million); *In re Twitter Inc. Sec. Litig.* (N.D. Cal. 2022) (\$809.5 million); *In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig.* (N.D. Cal. 2021) (\$650 million); *In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y. 2020) (\$1.025 billion); *Klein v. Altria Group, Inc.* (E.D. Va. 2022) (\$90 million); *KBC Asset Management v. 3D Systems Corp.* (D.S.C. 2018) (\$50 million); and *Luna v. Marvell Tech. Grp.* (N.D. Cal. 2018) (\$72.5 million).

Stewart has served on the Federal Bar Association Ad Hoc Committee for the revisions to the Settlement Guidelines for the Northern District of California, was a contributor to the Guidelines and Best Practices – Implementing 2018 Amendments to Rule 23 Class Action Settlement Provisions manual of the Bolch Judicial Institute at the Duke University School of Law, and speaks at conferences around country on current settlement and notice issues.

Education

B.A., Muhlenberg College, 1986; J.D., Case Western Reserve University, 1989

Honors / Awards

Rated Distinguished by Martindale-Hubbell

Robert Henssler | Partner

Bobby Henssler is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where he focuses his practice on securities fraud and other complex civil litigation. He has obtained significant recoveries for investors in cases such as *Enron*, *Blackstone*, and *CIT Group*. Henssler is currently leading a team of attorneys prosecuting fraud claims against Under Armour and the company's former CEO.

Most recently, Henssler and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys a \$1.21 billion settlement in *In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, a case that *Vanity Fair* reported as "the corporate scandal of its era" that had raised "fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations." This is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest ever.

Henssler was also lead counsel in *Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc.*, which resulted in a \$215 million recovery for shareholders, the largest securities class action recovery ever in Tennessee. The recovery achieved represents more than 30% of the aggregate classwide damages, far exceeding the typical recovery in a securities class action. Henssler also led the litigation teams in *Marcus v. J.C. Penney Company, Inc.* (\$97.5 million recovery), *Landmen Partners Inc. v. The Blackstone Group L.P.* (\$85 million recovery), *In re Novatel Wireless Sec. Litig.* (\$16 million recovery), *Carpenters Pension Trust Fund of St. Louis v. Barclays PLC* (\$14 million settlement), and *Kmiec v. Powerwave Technologies, Inc.* (\$8.2 million settlement), to name a few.

Education

B.A., University of New Hampshire, 1997; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2001

Honors / Awards

Leading Litigator in America, *Lawdragon*, 2024-2025; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2025; Top 100 Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2020-2021, 2023-2024; California Lawyer of the Year, *Daily Journal*, 2022; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2020; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2018-2019

Steven F. Hubachek | Partner

Steve Hubachek is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He is a member of the Firm's appellate group, where his practice concentrates on federal appeals. He has more than 25 years of appellate experience, has argued over 100 federal appeals, including 3 cases before the United States Supreme Court and 7 cases before en banc panels of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to his work with the Firm, Hubachek joined Perkins Coie in Seattle, Washington, as an associate. He was admitted to the Washington State Bar in 1987 and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1990, practicing for many years with Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. He also had an active trial practice, including over 30 jury trials, and was Chief Appellate Attorney for Federal Defenders.

Education

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1983; J.D., University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, 1987

Honors / Awards

AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2014-2022; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2007-2009, 2019-2021; Assistant Federal Public Defender of the Year, National Federal Public Defenders Association, 2011; Appellate Attorney of the Year, San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association, 2011 (co-recipient); President's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service, Mid City Little League, San Diego, 2011; E. Stanley Conant Award for exceptional and unselfish devotion to protecting the rights of the indigent accused, 2009 (joint recipient); *The Daily Transcript* Top Attorneys, 2007; J.D., *Cum Laude*, Order of the Coif, Thurston Honor Society, University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, 1987

James I. Jaconette | Partner

James Jaconette is one of the founding partners of the Firm and is located in its San Diego office. He manages cases in the Firm's securities class action and shareholder derivative litigation practices. He has served as one of the lead counsel in securities cases with recoveries to individual and institutional investors totaling over \$8 billion. He also advises institutional investors, including hedge funds, pension funds, and financial institutions. Landmark securities actions in which he contributed in a primary litigating role include *In re Informix Corp. Sec. Litig.*, and *In re Dynegy Inc. Sec. Litig.* and *In re Enron Corp. Sec. Litig.*, where he represented lead plaintiff The Regents of the University of California. Most recently, Jaconette was part of the trial team in *Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc.*, which resulted in a \$215 million recovery for shareholders, the largest securities class action recovery ever in Tennessee. The recovery achieved represents more than 30% of the aggregate classwide damages, far exceeding the typical recovery in a securities class action.

Education

B.A., San Diego State University, 1989; M.B.A., San Diego State University, 1992; J.D., University of California Hastings College of the Law, 1995

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; J.D., *Cum Laude*, University of California Hastings College of the Law, 1995; Associate Articles Editor, *Hastings Law Journal*, University of California Hastings College of the Law; B.A., with Honors and Distinction, San Diego State University, 1989

J. Marco Janoski Gray | Partner

Marco Janoski is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. His practice focuses on complex securities litigation and class actions. An experienced litigator, Janoski has secured record-setting recoveries for investors, including trial verdicts and large recoveries secured on the eve of trial.

In 2023, Janoski served on the litigation teams in two securities fraud cases that are among the top ten securities recoveries of the year: *In re Envision Healthcare Corporation Securities Litigation* (\$177.5 million recovery, pending court approval) and *Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension & Relief Fund v. Cardinal Health, Inc.* (\$109 million recovery). He served on the Firm's trial team in *In re Twitter, Inc. Securities Litigation* and helped secure an \$809.5 million recovery for investors. The *Twitter* case settled the day before trial was set to commence in 2021 and is the largest securities fraud class action recovery in the Ninth Circuit in the last decade. Likewise, he and a team of Firm lawyers secured a \$350 million settlement on the eve of trial in 2020 in *Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.*, the fifth-largest PSLRA settlement ever recovered in the Ninth Circuit at the time. Janoski also served on the Firm's trial team in *Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, Inc.*, a securities fraud class action that resulted in a verdict in favor of investors after a two-week jury trial in federal court.

Education

Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 2010-2011; B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 2011; J.D., University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings), 2015

Honors / Awards

Leading Litigator in America, *Lawdragon*, 2024-2025; California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), *Daily Journal*, 2024; 40 & Under List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2024; 500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings), 2015

Rachel L. Jensen | Partner

Rachel Jensen is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office who specializes in securities fraud, consumer fraud, RICO, and antitrust actions. Jensen has developed a 20-year track record of success in crafting impactful business reforms and helping to recover billions of dollars on behalf of working families, businesses, and government entities.

Jensen was one of the lead attorneys representing Trump University students nationwide in high-profile litigation that yielded nearly 100% of the "tuition" students paid, and did so on a *pro bono* basis. As court-appointed Plaintiffs' Steering Committee member in the Fiat Chrysler EcoDiesel litigation, Jensen helped obtain an \$840 million global settlement for concealed defeat devices in over 100,000 vehicles. Jensen also represented drivers against Volkswagen in one of the most brazen corporate frauds in recent history, helping recover \$17 billion for emissions cheating in "clean" diesel vehicles.

As reported in *The Washington Post*, in 2022, Jensen served as co-lead trial counsel in a *qui tam* case against a bus manufacturer to enforce a "good jobs" U.S. employment plan in a \$500 million procurement contract with LA Metro. The settlement included a historic multi-state community benefits agreement with workforce development programs, fair hiring, and equity measures in Ontario, California and Anniston, Alabama. A video about the case can be viewed here: <https://fightforthefuture.rgrdlaw.com/>. In

another landmark case, Jensen worked tirelessly on behalf of California passengers to stop Greyhound from subjecting them to discriminatory immigration raids; since then, Greyhound has stopped allowing border patrol aboard without a warrant.

Among other recoveries, Jensen has played significant roles in *In re LendingClub Sec. Litig.* (N.D. Cal.) (\$125 million securities fraud settlement ranked among top 10 in N.D. Cal. at the time); *Negrete v. Allianz Life Ins. Co. of N. Am.* (C.D. Cal.) (\$250 million to senior citizens targeted for deferred annuities that would not mature in their lifetimes); *In re Morning Song Bird Food Litig.* (S.D. Cal.) (\$85 million in refunds for wild-bird food treated with pesticides hazardous to birds); *City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Stumpf* (N.D. Cal.) (\$67 million in homeowner down-payment assistance and credit counseling for cities hit by foreclosure crisis and computer integration for mortgage servicing in “robo-signing” case); *In re Mattel, Inc., Toy Lead Paint Prods. Liab. Litig.* (C.D. Cal.) (\$50 million in refunds and quality assurance reforms for toys made in China with lead and magnets); and *In re Checking Account Overdraft Litig.* (S.D. Fla.) (\$500 million recovered from banks for manipulating debit transactions to maximize overdraft fees).

Before joining the practice, Jensen clerked for the late Honorable Warren J. Ferguson on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; associated with Morrison & Foerster LLP in San Francisco; and worked abroad in Arusha, Tanzania as a law clerk in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (“ICTR”) and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (“ICTY”), located in The Hague, Netherlands.

Education

B.A., Florida State University, 1997; University of Oxford, International Human Rights Law Program at New College, Summer 1998; J.D., Georgetown University Law School, 2000

Honors / Awards

Lawyer of the Year: Consumer Law, San Diego, *Best Lawyers®*, 2025; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2024-2025; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016-2024; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2024; Legend, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2017-2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2021-2023; Best Lawyer in Southern California: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2021; Top Woman Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2017, 2020; California Trailblazer, *The Recorder*, 2019; Plaintiffs’ Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2018; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015; Nominated for 2011 Woman of the Year, *San Diego Magazine*; Editor-in-Chief, *First Annual Review of Gender and Sexuality Law*, Georgetown University Law School; Dean’s List 1998-1999; B.A., *Cum Laude*, Florida State University’s Honors Program, 1997; *Phi Beta Kappa*

Chad Johnson | Partner

Chad Johnson, a former Deputy Attorney General for the State of New York, is the Managing Partner of the Firm's Manhattan office. Johnson's background includes the rare combination of decades as a securities fraud prosecutor, as a defense lawyer, and as a plaintiffs' lawyer. Johnson has been litigating securities fraud cases and fiduciary duty actions for over 30 years. Johnson is one of the leaders of the Firm's Delaware Practice Group. Johnson's cases in the private sector have recovered more than \$9 billion for investors.

Johnson served as Deputy Attorney General for the State of New York and as the head of New York securities fraud unit. As a senior member of the Attorney General's Office for the State of New York, Johnson pursued securities cases against Wall Street fraudsters. While Deputy Attorney General for the State of New York and Chief of the New York Investor Protection Bureau, Johnson helped recover \$16.65 billion from Bank of America and \$13 billion from JP Morgan Chase for toxic residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) created and sold by those banks.

In the private sector, Johnson represents some of the world's largest and most sophisticated asset managers, public pension funds, and sovereign wealth funds. Johnson also represents whistleblowers and individual investors.

Johnson's cases have resulted in some of the largest recoveries on record for shareholders. This includes recent recoveries of \$1 billion in the Dell Class V litigation, \$122 million recovered in the Viacom stockholders litigation, and \$100 million recovered in the Pattern Energy stockholders litigation – all of which were litigated in the Delaware Court of Chancery. Johnson also has led securities cases in federal courts across the country that have resulted in significant recoveries for shareholders, including: the WorldCom securities litigation (more than \$6 billion recovered for shareholders); the Wachovia securities litigation (\$627 million recovered for shareholders); the Williams securities litigation (\$311 million recovered for shareholders); and the Washington Mutual securities litigation (\$208 million recovered for shareholders).

Among other cases he is currently handling, Johnson is helping to lead the Boeing securities litigation pending in the Northern District of Virginia concerning years of false and misleading statements made by Boeing and its top executives regarding the Company's supposed safety practices and other crucial matters.

Johnson has successfully tried cases in federal and state courts, in the Delaware Court of Chancery, and in arbitration tribunals in the United States and overseas. Johnson also advises institutional and other investors about how best to enforce their rights as shareholders in the United States and abroad.

Education

B.A., University of Michigan, 1989; J.D., Harvard Law School, 1993

Honors / Awards

J.D., *Cum Laude*, Harvard Law School, 1993; B.A., High Distinction, University of Michigan, 1989

Evan J. Kaufman | Partner

Evan Kaufman is a partner in the Firm's Melville office. He has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for class members in securities, ERISA, and complex class actions.

Kaufman served as lead counsel in the *SandRidge Energy* securities litigation and obtained a \$35.75 million global settlement, including \$21.8 million for SandRidge common stock purchasers. As lead counsel in the *TD Banknorth* litigation, Kaufman and the Firm achieved a \$50 million recovery after successfully objecting to a \$3 million settlement submitted to the court on behalf of the class. The court in the *TD Banknorth* litigation stated: "This is one of the cases – there's probably been a half a dozen since I've been a judge that I handled which have – really through the sheer diligence and effort of plaintiffs' counsel – resulted in substantial awards for plaintiffs, after overcoming serious procedural and other barriers . . . it appears plainly from the papers that you and your co-counsel have diligently, and at great personal expense and through the devotion of many thousands of hours of your time, prosecuted this case to a successful conclusion."

Kaufman served as co-lead class counsel on behalf of 212,000 participants in General Electric's 401(k) plan and obtained \$61 million for the class, which was the largest recovery ever in an ERISA case alleging a retirement plan improperly offered proprietary funds. During the *GE ERISA* final settlement approval hearing, the court described the case as "hard-fought" with "interesting and difficult issues." Kaufman served as lead counsel or as an integral part of the team in other ERISA actions, including on behalf of participants in the retirement plans of Invesco, JP Morgan, and Wakemed.

Kaufman achieved notable results in numerous other securities class actions, including recovering \$26 million in the *EnergySolutions* litigation, and in cases against Lockheed Martin, State Street, Fidelity, Warner Chilcott, Talkspace, Third Avenue Management, and Giant Interactive, among others.

In the *Third Avenue Management* litigation, when approving the \$14.25 million settlement obtained by Kaufman and the Firm, the court commended the parties for their "wisdom" and "diligence" and concluded that "lead counsel diligently and with quality represented the interests of the class." In the *Giant Interactive* litigation, the court acknowledged the efforts of Kaufman and the Firm in achieving the favorable settlement for the class: "The Court also recognizes the diligence and hard work of plaintiffs' counsel in achieving such a settlement, particularly in light of the fact that this case (unlike many other securities class actions) was independently developed by plaintiffs' counsel, as opposed to following, or piggybacking on, a regulatory investigation or settlement."

Education

B.A., University of Michigan, 1992; J.D., Fordham University School of Law, 1995

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2013-2015, 2017-2020, 2023; Member, *Fordham International Law Journal*, Fordham University School of Law

Ashley M. Kelly | Partner

Ashley Kelly is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where she represents large institutional and individual investors as a member of the Firm's antitrust and securities fraud practices. Her work is primarily federal and state class actions involving the federal antitrust and securities laws, common law fraud, breach of contract, and accounting violations. Kelly's case work has been in the financial services, oil & gas, e-commerce, and technology industries. In addition to being an attorney, she is a Certified Public Accountant. Kelly was an important member of the litigation team that obtained a \$500 million settlement on behalf of investors in *Luther v. Countrywide Fin. Corp.*, which was the largest residential mortgage-backed securities purchaser class action recovery in history.

Education

B.S., Pennsylvania State University, 2005; J.D., Rutgers University-Camden, 2011

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2024-2025; 500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016, 2018-2021

David A. Knotts | Partner

David Knotts is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He focuses his practice on securities class action litigation in the context of mergers and acquisitions, representing both individual shareholders and institutional investors. Knotts is also part of the Firm's Delaware Practice Group. Knotts has significant trial experience in high-stakes corporate litigation.

Knotts has been counsel of record for shareholders on a number of significant recoveries in courts throughout the country, including serving as one of the lead litigators on *Chabot v. Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.*, which culminated in a \$192.5 million recovery for a class of Rite Aid investors. The *Walgreens* settlement was approved by the Middle District of Pennsylvania in February 2024 and resulted in the second largest securities recovery in Pennsylvania federal court history. That recovery represents a rarity in securities fraud litigation, whereby target-company investors obtained a significant cash recovery from an unaffiliated acquirer based on allegations that the acquirer issued misleading statements during the pendency of a merger.

In addition, Knotts served among lead counsel in *In re Rural/Metro Corp. S'holders Litig.*, which resulted in a groundbreaking \$110 million post-trial recovery affirmed by the Delaware Supreme Court, as well as *In re Del Monte Foods Co. S'holders Litig.* (\$89.4 million), *Websense* (\$40 million), *In re Onyx S'holders Litig.* (\$30 million), *Harman* (\$28 million), and *Joy Global* (\$20 million). *Websense* and *Onyx* are both believed to be the largest post-merger class settlements in California state court history. When Knotts presented the settlement as lead counsel for the stockholders in *Joy Global*, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin noted that "this is a pretty extraordinary settlement, recovery on behalf of the members of the class. . . . [I]t's always a pleasure to work with people who are experienced and who know what they are doing." In addition to ongoing litigation work, Knotts has taught a full-semester course on M&A litigation at the University of California Berkeley School of Law.

Before joining Robbins Geller, Knotts was an associate at one of the largest law firms in the world and represented corporate clients in various aspects of state and federal litigation, including major antitrust matters, trade secret disputes, and unfair competition claims.

Education

B.S., University of Pittsburgh, 2001; J.D., Cornell Law School, 2004

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024; 40 & Under List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023; 40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018, 2020-2021; Next Generation Partner, *The Legal 500*, 2019-2021; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2017-2019; Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services, State Bar of California; Casa Cornelia Inns of Court; J.D., *Cum Laude*, Cornell Law School, 2004

Laurie L. Largent | Partner

Laurie Largent is a partner in the Firm's San Diego, California office. Her practice focuses on securities class action and shareholder derivative litigation and she has helped recover millions of dollars for injured shareholders. Largent was part of the litigation team that obtained a \$265 million recovery in *In re Massey Energy Co. Sec. Litig.*, in which Massey was found accountable for a tragic explosion at the Upper Big Branch mine in Raleigh County, West Virginia. She also helped obtain \$67.5 million for Wyeth shareholders in *City of Livonia Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Wyeth*, settling claims that the defendants misled investors about the safety and commercial viability of one of the company's leading drug candidates. Most recently, Largent was on the team that secured a \$64 million recovery for Dana Corp. shareholders in *Plumbers & Pipefitters Nat'l Pension Fund v. Burns*, in which the Firm's Appellate Practice Group successfully appealed to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals twice, reversing the district court's dismissal of the action. Some of Largent's other cases include: *In re Sanofi-Aventis Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$40 million); *In re Bridgepoint Educ., Inc. Sec. Litig.* (S.D. Cal.) (\$15.5 million); *Ross v. Abercrombie & Fitch Co.* (S.D. Ohio) (\$12 million); *Maiman v. Talbott* (C.D. Cal.) (\$8.25 million); *In re CafePress Inc. S'holder Litig.* (Cal. Super. Ct., San Mateo Cnty.) (\$8 million); and *Krystek v. Ruby Tuesday, Inc.* (M.D. Tenn.) (\$5 million). Largent's current cases include securities fraud cases against Dell, Inc. (W.D. Tex.) and Banc of California (C.D. Cal.).

Largent is a past board member on the San Diego County Bar Foundation and the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program. She has also served as an Adjunct Business Law Professor at Southwestern College in Chula Vista, California.

Education

B.B.A., University of Oklahoma, 1985; J.D., University of Tulsa, 1988

Honors / Awards

California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), *Daily Journal*, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Board Member, San Diego County Bar Foundation, 2013-2017; Board Member, San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, 2014-2017

Kevin A. Lavelle | Partner

Kevin Lavelle is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation.

Lavelle has served on numerous litigation teams and helped obtain over \$500 million for investors. His work includes several significant recoveries against corporations, including HCA Holdings, Inc. (\$215 million); Altria Group and JUUL Labs (\$90 million); Endo Pharmaceuticals (\$63 million); and Intercept Pharmaceuticals (\$55 million), among others.

Education

B.A., College of the Holy Cross, 2008; J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 2013

Honors / Awards

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; J.D., *Cum Laude*, Brooklyn Law School, 2013; B.A., *Cum Laude*, College of the Holy Cross, 2008

Nathan R. Lindell | Partner

Nate Lindell is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on representing aggrieved investors in complex civil litigation. He has helped achieve numerous significant recoveries for investors, including: *In re Enron Corp. Sec. Litig.* (\$7.2 billion recovery); *In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig.* (\$671 million recovery); *Luther v. Countrywide Fin. Corp.* (\$500 million recovery); *Fort Worth Emps.' Ret. Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.* (\$388 million recovery); *NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co.* (\$272 million recovery); *In re Morgan Stanley Mortg. Pass-Through Certificates Litig.* (\$95 million recovery); *Massachusetts Bricklayers & Masons Tr. Funds v. Deutsche Alt-A Sec., Inc.* (\$32.5 million recovery); *City of Ann Arbor Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Citigroup Mortg. Loan Trust Inc.* (\$24.9 million recovery); *Plumbers' Union Local No. 12 Pension Fund v. Nomura Asset Acceptance Corp.* (\$21.2 million recovery); and *Genesee Cnty. Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Thornburg Mortg., Inc.* (\$11.25 million recovery). In October 2016, Lindell successfully argued in front of the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, for the reversal of an earlier order granting defendants' motion to dismiss in *Phoenix Light SF Limited v. Morgan Stanley*.

Lindell was also a member of the litigation team responsible for securing a landmark victory from the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in its precedent-setting *NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co.* decision, which dramatically expanded the scope of permissible class actions asserting claims under the Securities Act of 1933 on behalf of mortgage-backed securities investors, and ultimately resulted in a \$272 million recovery for investors.

Education

B.S., Princeton University, 2003; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2006

Honors / Awards

Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2017; Charles W. Caldwell Alumni Scholarship, University of San Diego School of Law; CALI/AmJur Award in Sports and the Law

Ting H. Liu | Partner

Ting Liu is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where she represents large institutional and individual investors. Her practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Liu was a member of the trial team that obtained a \$350 million settlement on the eve of trial in *Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.*, the fifth-largest PSLRA settlement recovered in the Ninth Circuit at the time. She was also a member of the Firm's trial team in *Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, Inc.*, a securities fraud class action that resulted in a verdict in favor of investors after a two-week jury trial.

Education

B.A., University of Washington, 2012; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2015

Honors / Awards

40 & Under List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2024; Rising Star, *Law360*, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2023-2024

Ryan Llorens | Partner

Ryan Llorens is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. Llorens' practice focuses on litigating complex securities fraud cases. He has worked on a number of securities cases that have resulted in significant recoveries for investors, including: *In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig.* (\$670 million); *AOL Time Warner* (\$629 million); *In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig.* (\$100 million); *In re Fleming Cos. Sec. Litig.* (\$95 million); and *In re Cooper Cos., Inc. Sec Litig.* (\$27 million).

Education

B.A., Pitzer College, 1997; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2002

Honors / Awards

Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015

Andrew S. Love | Partner

Andrew Love is a partner in the Firm's San Francisco office and a member of the Firm's Appellate Practice Group. His practice focuses primarily on appeals of securities fraud class actions. Love has successfully briefed and argued cases on behalf of defrauded investors and consumers in several U.S. Courts of Appeal, as well as in the California appellate courts. Recent published cases include *New England Carpenters Guaranteed Annuity Pension Funds v. DeCarlo*, 80 F.4th 158 (2d Cir. 2023), *Stafford v. Rite Aid Corp.*, 998 F.3d 862 (9th Cir. 2021), *Constr. Indus. & Laborers Joint Pension Tr. v. Carbonite, Inc.*, 22 F.4th 1 (1st Cir. 2021), and *Friedman v. AARP, Inc.*, 855 F.3d 1047 (9th Cir. 2017). He was also co-counsel in *Cyan, Inc. v. Beaver Cnty. Emps. Ret. Fund*, 138 S. Ct. 1061 (2018).

Before joining the Firm and for more than two decades, Love represented inmates on California's death row in appellate and habeas corpus proceedings, successfully arguing capital cases in both the California Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit. He co-chaired the Capital Case Defense Seminar (2004-2013), recognized as the largest conference for death penalty practitioners in the country. Additionally, he was on the faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Post-Conviction Skills Seminar. Love is a member of the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

Education

University of Vermont, 1981; J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law, 1985

Honors / Awards

J.D., *Cum Laude*, University of San Francisco School of Law, 1985; McAuliffe Honor Society, University of San Francisco School of Law, 1982-1985

Erik W. Luedeke | Partner

Erik Luedeke is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where he represents individual and institutional investors in breach of fiduciary duty and securities fraud litigation in state and federal courts nationwide. Luedeke is a member of the Firm's Delaware Practice Group. As corporate fiduciaries, directors and officers are duty-bound to act in the best interest of the corporation and its shareholders. When they fail to do so they breach their fiduciary duty and may be held liable for harm caused to the corporation. Luedeke's shareholder derivative practice focuses on litigating breach of fiduciary duty and related claims on behalf of corporations and shareholders injured by wayward corporate fiduciaries. Notable shareholder derivative actions in which he recently participated and the recoveries he helped to achieve include *In re Community Health Sys., Inc. S'holder Derivative Litig.* (\$60 million in financial relief and unprecedented corporate governance reforms), *In re Lumber Liquidators Holdings, Inc. S'holder Derivative Litig.* (\$26 million in financial relief plus substantial governance), and *In re Google Inc. S'holder Derivative Litig.* (\$250 million in financial relief to fund substantial governance).

Luedeke's practice also includes the prosecution of complex securities class action cases on behalf of aggrieved investors. Luedeke was a member of the litigation team in *Jaffe v. Household Int'l, Inc.*, No. 02-C-5893 (N.D. Ill.), that resulted in a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial ending in a plaintiffs' verdict. He was also a member of the litigation teams in *In re UnitedHealth Grp. Inc. PSLRA Litig.*, No. 06-CV-1691 (D. Minn.) (\$925 million recovery), and *In re Questcor Pharms., Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 8:12-cv-01623 (C.D. Cal.) (\$38 million recovery).

Education

B.S./B.A., University of California Santa Barbara, 2001; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2006

Honors / Awards

Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2017; Student Comment Editor, *San Diego International Law Journal*, University of San Diego School of Law

Christopher H. Lyons | Partner

Christopher Lyons is a partner in the Firm's Nashville and Wilmington offices, and manages the Wilmington office. He focuses his practice on representing institutional and individual investors in merger-related class action litigation and in complex securities litigation. Lyons has been a significant part of litigation teams that have achieved substantial recoveries for investors. Notable Delaware cases that Lyons has co-led include *Bioverativ (Goldstein v. Denner)* (\$84 million partial settlement, plus another \$40 million pending court approval), *Good Technology* (\$52 million – about 1.5 times the consideration paid to common stockholders in the challenged private-company merger), *Blackhawk Network Holdings* (\$29.5 million), and *The Fresh Market (Morrison v. Berry)* (\$27.5 million recovered). Lyons has also been part of teams litigating federal securities cases that led to substantial recoveries, including *Envision* (\$177.5 million), *CoreCivic (Grae v. Corrections Corporation of America)* (\$56 million recovered), and *Nissan* (\$36 million). His *pro bono* work includes representing individuals who are appealing denial of necessary medical benefits by TennCare (Tennessee's Medicaid program), through the Tennessee Justice Center.

Both during and before his time at Robbins Geller, Lyons has litigated extensively in Delaware courts, having tried cases on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants in the Delaware Court of Chancery. Before joining Robbins Geller, Lyons practiced at a prominent Delaware law firm, where he mostly represented corporate officers and directors defending against breach of fiduciary duty claims in the Delaware Court of Chancery and in the Delaware Supreme Court. Before that, he clerked for Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster of the Delaware Court of Chancery. Lyons now applies the expertise he gained from those experiences to help investors uncover wrongful conduct and recover the money and other remedies to which they are rightfully entitled.

Education

B.A., Colorado College, 2006; J.D., Vanderbilt University Law School, 2010

Honors / Awards

Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2024; 40 & Under List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2022-2024; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2018-2020, 2022-2023; 500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; 40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021; B.A., Distinction in International Political Economy, Colorado College, 2006; J.D., Law & Business Certificate, Vanderbilt University Law School, 2010

Noam Mandel | Partner

Noam Mandel is a partner in the Firm's Manhattan office. Mandel has extensive experience in all aspects of litigation on behalf of investors, including securities law claims, corporate derivative actions, fiduciary breach class actions, and appraisal litigation. Mandel has represented investors in federal and state courts throughout the United States and has significant experience advising investors concerning their interests in litigation and investigating and prosecuting claims on their behalf.

Mandel has served as counsel in numerous outstanding securities litigation recoveries, including in *In re Nortel Networks Corporation Securities Litigation* (\$1.07 billion shareholder recovery), *Ohio Public Employees Retirement System v. Freddie Mac* (\$410 million shareholder recovery), and *In re Satyam Computer Services, Ltd. Securities Litigation* (\$150 million shareholder recovery). Mandel has also served as counsel in notable fiduciary breach class and derivative actions, particularly before the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware. These actions include the groundbreaking fiduciary duty litigation challenging the CVS/Caremark merger (*Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System v. Crawford*), which resulted in more than \$3.3 billion in additional consideration for Caremark shareholders. Mandel also served as counsel in *In re Dell Technologies Inc. Class V Stockholders Litigation*, which resulted in a \$1 billion recovery for stockholders.

Education

B.S., Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, 1998; J.D., Boston University School of Law, 2002

Honors / Awards

J.D., *Cum Laude*, Boston University School of Law, 2002; Member, *Boston University Law Review*, Boston University School of Law

Mark T. Millkey | Partner

Mark Millkey is a partner in the Firm's Melville office. He has significant experience in the areas of securities and consumer litigation, as well as in federal and state court appeals.

During his career, Millkey has worked on a major consumer litigation against MetLife that resulted in a benefit to the class of approximately \$1.7 billion, as well as a securities class action against Royal Dutch/Shell that settled for a minimum cash benefit to the class of \$130 million and a contingent value of more than \$180 million. Since joining Robbins Geller, he has worked on securities class actions that have resulted in more than \$1.5 billion in settlements.

Education

B.A., Yale University, 1981; M.A., University of Virginia, 1983; J.D., University of Virginia, 1987

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2013-2023

David W. Mitchell | Partner

David Mitchell is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office and focuses his practice on antitrust and securities fraud litigation. He is a former federal prosecutor who has tried nearly 20 jury trials. As head of the Firm's Antitrust and Competition Law Practice Group, he has served as lead or co-lead counsel in numerous cases and has helped achieve substantial settlements for shareholders. His most notable antitrust cases include *Dahl v. Bain Cap. Partners, LLC*, obtaining more than \$590 million for shareholders, and *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litig.*, in which a settlement of \$5.5 billion was approved in the Eastern District of New York. This case was brought on behalf of millions of U.S. merchants against Visa and MasterCard and various card-issuing banks, challenging the way these companies set and collect tens of billions of dollars annually in merchant fees. The settlement is believed to be the largest antitrust class action settlement of all time.

Additionally, Mitchell served as co-lead counsel in the ISDAfix Benchmark action against 14 major banks and broker ICAP plc, obtaining \$504.5 million for plaintiffs. Currently, Mitchell serves as court-appointed lead counsel in *In re Aluminum Warehousing Antitrust Litig.*, *City of Providence, Rhode Island v. BATS Global Markets Inc.*, *In re SSA Bonds Antitrust Litig.*, *In re Remicade Antitrust Litig.*, and *In re 1-800 Contacts Antitrust Litig.*

Education

B.A., University of Richmond, 1995; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 1998

Honors / Awards

Member, Enright Inn of Court; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2018-2025; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016-2024; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2020-2024; Top 50 Lawyers in San Diego, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers*®, 2018-2021; Honoree, Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice, American Antitrust Institute, 2018; Antitrust Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2015; "Best of the Bar," *San Diego Business Journal*, 2014

Danielle S. Myers | Partner

Danielle Myers is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office and focuses her practice on complex securities litigation. Myers is one of the partners who oversees the Portfolio Monitoring Program® and provides legal recommendations to the Firm's institutional investor clients on their options to maximize recoveries in securities litigation, both within the United States and internationally, from inception to settlement.

Myers advises the Firm's clients in connection with lead plaintiff applications and has helped secure appointment of the Firm's clients as lead plaintiff and the Firm's appointment as lead counsel in hundreds of securities class actions, which cases have yielded more than \$4 billion for investors, including 2018-2023 recoveries in *In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 3:15-cv-07658 (D.N.J.) (\$1.2 billion); *In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig.*, No. 1:15-mc-00040 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$1.025 billion); *In re Twitter Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 4:16-cv-05314 (N.D. Cal.) (\$809.5 million); *Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.*, No. 2:12-cv-00555 (D. Ariz.) (\$350 million); *Flynn v. Exelon Corp.*, No. 1:19-cv-08209 (N.D. Ill.) (\$173 million); *City of Pontiac Gen. Ret. Sys. v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, No. 5:12-cv-5162 (W.D. Ark.) (\$160 million); *Evellard v. LendingClub Corp.*, No. 3:16-cv-02627 (N.D. Cal.) (\$125 million); *La. Sheriffs' Pension & Relief Fund v. Cardinal Health, Inc.*, No. 2:19-cv-03347 (S.D. Ohio) (\$109 million); *Knurr v. Orbital ATK, Inc.*, No. 1:16-cv-01031 (E.D. Va.) (\$108 million); *In re Novo Nordisk Sec. Litig.*, No. 3:17-cv-00209 (D.N.J.) (\$100 million); *Karinski v. Stamps.com, Inc.*, No. 2:19-cv-01828 (C.D. Cal.) (\$100 million); and *Marcus v. J.C. Penney Co., Inc.*, No. 6:13-cv-00736 (E.D. Tex.) (\$97.5 million). Myers is also a frequent presenter on securities fraud and corporate governance reform at conferences and events around the world.

Education

B.A., University of California at San Diego, 1997; J.D., University of San Diego, 2008

Honors / Awards

Leading Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2020-2024; Future Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019-2020, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2024; Global Plaintiff Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2021-2023; Top 100 Leaders in Law Honoree, *San Diego Business Journal*, 2022; Best Lawyer in Southern California: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2021; Next Generation Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2017-2019; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2019; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2018; One of the "Five Associates to Watch in 2012," *Daily Journal*; Member, *San Diego Law Review*; CALI Excellence Award in Statutory Interpretation

Eric I. Niehaus | Partner

Eric Niehaus is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on complex securities and derivative litigation. His efforts have resulted in numerous multi-million dollar recoveries to shareholders and extensive corporate governance changes. Notable examples include: *In re NYSE Specialists Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.); *In re Novatel Wireless Sec. Litig.* (S.D. Cal.); *Batwin v. Occam Networks, Inc.* (C.D. Cal.); *Commc'ns Workers of Am. Plan for Employees' Pensions and Death Benefits v. CSK Auto Corp.* (D. Ariz.); *Marie Raymond Revocable Trust v. Mat Five* (Del. Ch.); and *Kelleher v. ADVO, Inc.* (D. Conn.). He most recently prosecuted a case against Stamps.com in the Central District of California that resulted in a \$100 million settlement for shareholders of the company's stock. Before joining the Firm, Niehaus worked as a Market Maker on the American Stock Exchange in New York and the Pacific Stock Exchange in San Francisco.

Education

B.S., University of Southern California, 1999; J.D., California Western School of Law, 2005

Honors / Awards

Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2016; J.D., *Cum Laude*, California Western School of Law, 2005; Member, *California Western Law Review*

Erika Oliver | Partner

Erika Oliver is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. Before joining the Firm, Erika served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Anthony J. Battaglia of the Southern District of California. At the Firm, her practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Most recently, Erika and Luke Brooks defeated defendants' motion to dismiss securities fraud claims arising from purchases on Israel's Tel Aviv Stock Exchange in *In re Teva Sec. Litig.* (D. Conn.). Erika was also a member of the litigation teams of Robbins Geller attorneys that successfully recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for investors in securities class actions, including *Purple Mountain Trust v. Wells Fargo & Co.* (N.D. Cal.) (\$300 million recovery), *Evanston Police Pension Fund v. McKesson Corp.* (N.D. Cal.) (\$141 million recovery), *In re Novo Nordisk Sec. Litig.* (D.N.J.) (\$100 million recovery), *Fleming v. Impax Labs. Inc.* (N.D. Cal.) (\$33 million recovery), and *In re Banc of California Sec. Litig.* (C.D. Cal.) (\$19.75 million recovery).

Education

B.S., San Diego State University, 2009; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2015

Honors / Awards

Leading Litigator in America, *Lawdragon*, 2024-2025; 40 & Under List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2021-2024; Top 40 Under 40, *Daily Journal*, 2023; 500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Rising Star, *Law360*, 2023; Best Lawyer in Southern California: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2021; J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, University of San Diego School of Law, 2015; B.S., *Cum Laude*, San Diego State University, 2009

Lucas F. Olts | Partner

Luke Olts is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on securities litigation on behalf of individual and institutional investors. Olts recently served as lead counsel in *In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig.*, a cutting-edge class action concerning Facebook's alleged privacy violations through its collection of users' biometric identifiers without informed consent that resulted in a \$650 million settlement. Olts has focused on litigation related to residential mortgage-backed securities, and has served as lead counsel or co-lead counsel in some of the largest recoveries arising from the collapse of the mortgage market. For example, he was a member of the team that recovered \$388 million for investors in J.P. Morgan residential mortgage-backed securities in *Fort Worth Emps.' Ret. Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.*, and a member of the litigation team responsible for securing a \$272 million settlement on behalf of mortgage-backed securities investors in *NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co.* Olts also served as co-lead counsel in *In re Wachovia Preferred Sec. & Bond/Notes Litig.*, which recovered \$627 million under the Securities Act of 1933. He also served as lead counsel in *Siracusano v. Matrixx Initiatives, Inc.*, in which the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously affirmed the decision of the Ninth Circuit that plaintiffs stated a claim for securities fraud under §10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and SEC Rule 10b-5. Olts also served on the litigation team in *In re Deutsche Bank AG Sec. Litig.*, in which the Firm obtained a \$18.5 million settlement in a case against Deutsche Bank and certain of its officers alleging violations of the Securities Act of 1933. Before joining the Firm, Olts served as a Deputy District Attorney for the County of Sacramento, where he tried numerous cases to verdict, including crimes of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault.

Education

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 2001; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2004

Honors / Awards

Future Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018-2020, 2023-2024; Global Plaintiff Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Next Generation Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2017; Top Litigator Under 40, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2017; Under 40 Hotlist, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2016

Steven W. Pepich | Partner

Steve Pepich is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. His practice has focused primarily on securities class action litigation, but has also included a wide variety of complex civil cases, including representing plaintiffs in mass tort, royalty, civil rights, human rights, ERISA, and employment law actions. Pepich has participated in the successful prosecution of numerous securities class actions, including: *Carpenters Health & Welfare Fund v. Coca-Cola Co.* (\$137.5 million recovery); *In re Fleming Cos. Inc. Sec. & Derivative Litig.* (\$95 million recovered); *In re Boeing Sec. Litig.* (\$92 million recovery); *In re Louisiana-Pacific Corp. Sec. Litig.* (\$65 million recovery); *Haw. Structural Ironworkers Pension Trust Fund v. Calpine Corp.* (\$43 million recovery); *In re Advanced Micro Devices Sec. Litig.* (\$34 million recovery); and *Gohler v. Wood*, (\$17.2 million recovery). Pepich was a member of the plaintiffs' trial team in *Mynaf v. Taco Bell Corp.*, which settled after two months of trial on terms favorable to two plaintiff classes of restaurant workers for recovery of unpaid wages. He was also a member of the plaintiffs' trial team in *Newman v. Stringfellow* where, after a nine-month trial in Riverside, California, all claims for exposure to toxic chemicals were ultimately resolved for \$109 million.

Education

B.S., Utah State University, 1980; J.D., DePaul University, 1983

Daniel J. Pfefferbaum | Partner

Daniel Pfefferbaum is a partner in the Firm's San Francisco office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation. He has been a member of litigation teams that have recovered more than \$750 million for investors, including: *In re Apple Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$490 million recovery, pending); *City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Metlife Inc.* (\$84 million recovery); *Garden City Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Psychiatric Sols., Inc.* (\$65 million recovery); *In re Prudential Fin., Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$35 million recovery); *In re PMI Grp., Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$31.25 million recovery); *Hessefort v. Super Micro Computer, Inc.* (\$18.25 million recovery); and *Xiang v. Inovalon Holdings, Inc.* (\$17 million recovery). Pfefferbaum was a member of the litigation team that secured a historic recovery on behalf of Trump University students in two class actions against President Donald J. Trump. The settlement provides \$25 million to approximately 7,000 consumers. This result means individual class members are eligible for upwards of \$35,000 in restitution. He represented the class on a *pro bono* basis.

Education

B.A., Pomona College, 2002; J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law, 2006; LL.M. in Taxation, New York University School of Law, 2007

Honors / Awards

Future Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018-2020, 2023-2024; 40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2016-2020; Top 40 Under 40, *Daily Journal*, 2017; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2013-2017

Theodore J. Pintar | Partner

Ted Pintar is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. Pintar has over 20 years of experience prosecuting securities fraud actions and derivative actions and over 15 years of experience prosecuting insurance-related consumer class actions, with recoveries in excess of \$1 billion. He was part of the litigation team in the AOL Time Warner state and federal court securities opt-out actions, which arose from the 2001 merger of America Online and Time Warner. These cases resulted in a global settlement of \$618 million. Pintar was also on the trial team in *Knapp v. Gomez*, which resulted in a plaintiff's verdict. Pintar has successfully prosecuted several RICO cases involving the deceptive sale of deferred annuities, including cases against Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America (\$250 million), American Equity Investment Life Insurance Company (\$129 million), Midland National Life Insurance Company (\$80 million), and Fidelity & Guarantee Life Insurance Company (\$53 million). He has participated in the successful prosecution of numerous other insurance and consumer class actions, including: (i) actions against major life insurance companies such as Manufacturer's Life (\$555 million initial estimated settlement value) and Principal Mutual Life Insurance Company (\$380+ million), involving the deceptive sale of life insurance; (ii) actions against major homeowners insurance companies such as Allstate (\$50 million) and Prudential Property and Casualty Co. (\$7 million); (iii) actions against automobile insurance companies such as the Auto Club and GEICO; and (iv) actions against Columbia House (\$55 million) and BMG Direct, direct marketers of CDs and cassettes. Pintar and co-counsel recently settled a securities class action for \$32.8 million against Snap, Inc. in *Snap Inc. Securities Cases*, a case alleging violations of the Securities Act of 1933. Additionally, Pintar has served as a panelist for numerous Continuing Legal Education seminars on federal and state court practice and procedure.

Education

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1984; J.D., University of Utah College of Law, 1987

Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2022; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2017; CAOC Consumer Attorney of the Year Award Finalist, 2015; Note and Comment Editor, *Journal of Contemporary Law*, University of Utah College of Law; Note and Comment Editor, *Journal of Energy Law and Policy*, University of Utah College of Law

Ashley M. Price | Partner

Ashley Price is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. Her practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Price served as lead counsel in *In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig.*, a case arising out of ARCP's manipulative accounting practices, and obtained a \$1.025 billion recovery. For five years, she and the litigation team prosecuted nine different claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933, involving seven different stock or debt offerings and two mergers. The recovery represents the highest percentage of damages of any major PSLRA case prior to trial and includes the largest personal contributions by individual defendants in history.

Most recently, Price was a key member of the Robbins Geller litigation team in *Monroe County Employees' Retirement System v. The Southern Company* in which an \$87.5 settlement was reached after three years of litigation. The settlement resolved claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 stemming from defendants' issuance of materially misleading statements and omissions regarding the status of construction of a first-of-its-kind "clean coal" power plant that was designed to transform coal into synthetic gas that could then be used to fuel the power plant.

Education

B.A., Duke University, 2006; J.D., Washington University in St. Louis, School of Law, 2011

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2023-2025; 500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; 40 & Under List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; 40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016-2021

Willow E. Radcliffe | Partner

Willow Radcliffe is a partner in the Firm's San Francisco office, where she concentrates her practice in securities class action litigation in federal court. She has been significantly involved in the prosecution of numerous securities fraud claims, including actions filed against Pfizer, Inc. (\$400 million recovery), CoreCivic (*Grae v. Corrections Corporation of America*) (\$56 million recovery), Flowserve Corp. (\$55 million recovery), Santander Consumer USA Holdings Inc. (\$47 million), NorthWestern Corp. (\$40 million recovery), Ashworth, Inc. (\$15.25 million recovery), and Allscripts Healthcare Solutions, Inc. (\$9.75 million recovery). Additionally, Radcliffe has represented plaintiffs in other complex actions, including a class action against a major bank regarding the adequacy of disclosures made to consumers in California related to access checks. Before joining the Firm, she clerked for the Honorable Maria-Elena James, Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

Education

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles 1994; J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law, 1998

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2021-2025; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Best Lawyer in Northern California: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2021; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2020; J.D., *Cum Laude*, Seton Hall University School of Law, 1998; Most Outstanding Clinician Award; Constitutional Law Scholar Award

Frank A. Richter | Partner

Frank Richter is a partner in the Firm's Chicago office, where he focuses on shareholder, antitrust, and class action litigation.

Richter was an integral member of the Robbins Geller team that secured a \$1.21 billion settlement in *In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (D.N.J.), which is the ninth-largest securities class action settlement in history and the largest ever against a pharmaceutical manufacturer. More recently, Richter's representative matters include *Exelon* (N.D. Ill., \$173 million settlement), which resolved securities claims stemming from the alleged concealment of an eight-year scheme to bribe a public official, as well as *Nutanix* (N.D. Cal., \$71 million settlement) and *Grubhub* (N.D. Ill., \$42 million settlement). In addition, Richter was a member of litigation teams that secured significant settlements in *HCA* (E.D. Tenn., \$215 million), *Sprint* (D. Kan., \$131 million), *Orbital ATK* (E.D. Va., \$108 million), *Dana Corp.* (N.D. Ohio, \$64 million), *Diplomat* (N.D. Ill., \$15.5 million), *LJM Funds* (N.D. Ill., \$12.85 million), and *Camping World* (N.D. Ill., \$12.5 million).

Richter also works on antitrust matters, including serving on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Dealer Mgmt. Sys. Antitrust Litig.* (N.D. Ill.), and he represents plaintiffs as local counsel in class action and derivative shareholder litigation in Illinois state and federal courts.

Education

B.A., Truman State University, 2007; M.M., DePaul University School of Music, 2009; J.D., DePaul University College of Law, 2012

Honors / Awards

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; 40 & Under List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2017-2022; 40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021; J.D., *Summa Cum Laude*, Order of the Coif, CALI Award for highest grade in seven courses, DePaul University College of Law, 2012

Darren J. Robbins | Partner

Darren Robbins is a founding partner of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP. Over the last two decades, Robbins has served as lead counsel in more than 100 securities class actions and has recovered billions of dollars for investors. Robbins served as lead counsel in *In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig.*, a securities class action arising out of improper accounting practices, recovering more than \$1 billion for class members. The *American Realty* settlement represents the largest recovery as a percentage of damages of any major class action brought pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and resolved prior to trial. The \$1+ billion settlement included the largest personal contributions (\$237.5 million) ever made by individual defendants to a securities class action settlement.

Robbins also led Robbins Geller's prosecution of wrongdoing related to the sale of residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) prior to the global financial crisis, including an RMBS securities class action against Goldman Sachs that yielded a \$272 million recovery for investors. Robbins served as co-lead counsel in connection with a \$627 million recovery for investors in *In re Wachovia Preferred Securities & Bond/Notes Litig.*, one of the largest securities class action settlements ever involving claims brought solely under the Securities Act of 1933.

One of the hallmarks of Robbins' practice has been his focus on corporate governance reform. In *UnitedHealth*, a securities fraud class action arising out of an options backdating scandal, Robbins represented lead plaintiff CalPERS and obtained the cancellation of more than 3.6 million stock options held by the company's former CEO and secured a record \$925 million cash recovery for shareholders. He also negotiated sweeping corporate governance reforms, including the election of a shareholder-nominated director to the company's board of directors, a mandatory holding period for shares acquired via option exercise, and compensation reforms that tied executive pay to performance. Recently, Robbins led a shareholder derivative action brought by several pension funds on behalf of Community Health Systems, Inc. that yielded a \$60 million payment to Community Health as well as corporate governance reforms that included two shareholder-nominated directors, the creation and appointment of a Healthcare Law Compliance Coordinator, the implementation of an executive compensation clawback in the event of a restatement, the establishment of an insider trading controls committee, and the adoption of a political expenditure disclosure policy.

Education

B.S., University of Southern California, 1990; M.A., University of Southern California, 1990; J.D., Vanderbilt Law School, 1993

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2010-2025; Lawyer of the Year: Litigation – Securities, *Best Lawyers*®, 2023, 2025; California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), *Daily Journal*, 2022, 2024; Ranked by *Chambers USA*, 2014-2024; Hall of Fame, *The Legal 500*, 2023-2024; Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; California - Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2024; Top 10 Lawyers in San Diego, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2024; Leading Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2020-2022; Top 50 Lawyers in San Diego, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015, 2021; Litigator of the Week, *The American Lawyer*, 2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers*®, 2012-2021; Local Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2013-2018, 2020; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2011, 2017, 2019; Benchmark California Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019; State Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019; Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers*®, 2017; Influential Business Leader, *San Diego Business Journal*, 2017; Litigator of the Year, *Our City San Diego*, 2017; One of the Top 100 Lawyers Shaping the Future, *Daily Journal*; One of the "Young Litigators 45 and Under," *The American Lawyer*; Attorney of the Year, *California Lawyer*; Managing Editor, *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*, Vanderbilt Law School

Robert J. Robbins | Partner

Robert Robbins is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office. He focuses his practice on investigating securities fraud, initiating securities class actions, and helping institutional and individual shareholders litigate their claims to recover investment losses caused by fraud. Representing shareholders in all aspects of class actions brought pursuant to the federal securities laws, Robbins provides counsel in numerous securities fraud class actions across the country, helping secure significant recoveries for investors.

Recently, Robbins was a key member of the Robbins Geller litigation team that secured a \$1.21 billion settlement in *In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, a case that *Vanity Fair* reported as "the corporate scandal of its era" that had raised "fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations." This is the ninth largest securities class action settlement ever and the largest against a pharmaceutical manufacturer. Robbins has also been a member of Robbins Geller litigation teams responsible for securing hundreds of millions of dollars in securities class action settlements, including: *Hospira* (\$60 million recovery); *3D Systems* (\$50 million); *CVS Caremark* (\$48 million recovery); *Baxter International* (\$42.5 million recovery); *Grubhub* (\$42 million); *R.H. Donnelley* (\$25 million recovery); *Spiegel* (\$17.5 million recovery); *TECO Energy* (\$17.35 million recovery); *AFC Enterprises* (\$17.2 million recovery); *Accretive Health* (\$14 million recovery); *Lender Processing Services* (\$14 million recovery); *Lexmark Int'l* (\$12 million); *Imperial Holdings* (\$12 million recovery); *Mannatech* (\$11.5 million recovery); *Newpark Resources* (\$9.24 million recovery); *CURO Group* (\$8.98 million); *Gilead Sciences* (\$8.25 million recovery); *TCP International* (\$7.175 million recovery); *Cryo Cell International* (\$7 million recovery); *Gainsco* (\$4 million recovery); and *Body Central* (\$3.425 million recovery).

Education

B.S., University of Florida, 1999; J.D., University of Florida College of Law, 2002

Honors / Awards

Leading Litigator in America, *Lawdragon*, 2024-2025; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2024; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2017; J.D., High Honors, University of Florida College of Law, 2002; Member, *Journal of Law and Public Policy*, University of Florida College of Law; Member, *Phi Delta Phi*, University of Florida College of Law; *Pro bono* certificate, Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida; Order of the Coif

David A. Rosenfeld | Partner

David Rosenfeld, a partner in the Firm's Melville office, has focused his legal practice for more than 20 years in the area of securities litigation. He has argued in courts throughout the country, has been appointed lead counsel in dozens of securities fraud lawsuits, and has successfully recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for defrauded shareholders.

Rosenfeld works on all stages of litigation, including drafting pleadings, arguing motions, and negotiating settlements. Most recently, he led the teams of Robbins Geller attorneys in recovering \$95 million for shareholders of Tableau Software, Inc., \$90 million for shareholders of Altria Group, Inc., \$40 million for shareholders of BRF S.A., \$20 million for shareholders of Grana y Montero (where shareholders recovered more than 90% of their losses), and \$34.5 million for shareholders of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.

Rosenfeld also led the Robbins Geller team in recovering in excess of \$34 million for investors in Overseas Shipholding Group, which represented an outsized recovery of 93% of bond purchasers' damages and 28% of stock purchasers' damages. The creatively structured settlement included more than \$15 million paid by a bankrupt entity. Rosenfeld also led the effort that resulted in the recovery of nearly 90% of losses for investors in Austin Capital, a sub-feeder fund of Bernard Madoff. In connection with this lawsuit, Rosenfeld met with and interviewed Madoff in federal prison in Butner, North Carolina.

Rosenfeld has also achieved remarkable recoveries against companies in the financial industry. In addition to being appointed lead counsel in the securities fraud lawsuit against First BanCorp (\$74.25 million recovery), he recovered \$70 million for investors in Credit Suisse Group and \$14 million for Barclays investors.

Education

B.S., Yeshiva University, 1996; J.D., Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, 1999

Honors / Awards

Future Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2016-2020, 2023-2024; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2023; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2018; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2011-2013

Robert M. Rothman | Partner

Robert Rothman is a partner in the Firm's Melville office and a member of the Firm's Management Committee. He has recovered well in excess of \$1 billion on behalf of victims of investment fraud, consumer fraud, and antitrust violations.

Recently, Rothman served as lead counsel in *In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig.* where he obtained a \$1.025 billion cash recovery on behalf of investors. Rothman and the litigation team prosecuted nine different claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933, involving seven different stock or debt offerings and two mergers. The recovery represents the highest percentage of damages ever obtained in a major PSLRA case before trial and includes the largest personal contributions by individual defendants in history. Additionally, Rothman has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for investors in cases against First Bancorp, Doral Financial, Popular, iStar, Autoliv, CVS Caremark, Fresh Pet, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A&P), NBTY, Spiegel, American Superconductor, Iconix Brand Group, Black Box, OSI Pharmaceuticals, Gravity, Caminus, Central European Distribution Corp., OneMain Holdings, The Children's Place, CNinsure, Covisint, FleetBoston Financial, Interstate Bakeries, Hibernia Foods, Jakks Pacific, Jarden, Portal Software, Ply Gem Holdings, Orion Energy, Tommy Hilfiger, TD Banknorth, Teletech, Unitek, Vicuron, Xerium, W Holding, and dozens of others.

Rothman also represents shareholders in connection with going-private transactions and tender offers. For example, in connection with a tender offer made by Citigroup, Rothman secured an increase of more than \$38 million over what was originally offered to shareholders. He also actively litigates consumer fraud cases, including a case alleging false advertising where the defendant agreed to a settlement valued in excess of \$67 million.

Education

B.A., State University of New York at Binghamton, 1990; J.D., Hofstra University School of Law, 1993

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2024; Global Plaintiff Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2011, 2013-2023; Northeast Trailblazer, *The American Lawyer*, 2022; New York Trailblazer, *New York Law Journal*, 2020; Dean's Academic Scholarship Award, Hofstra University School of Law; J.D., with Distinction, Hofstra University School of Law, 1993; Member, *Hofstra Law Review*, Hofstra University School of Law

Samuel H. Rudman | Partner

Sam Rudman is a founding member of the Firm, a member of the Firm's Management Committee, and manages the Firm's New York offices. His 26-year securities practice focuses on recognizing and investigating securities fraud, and initiating securities and shareholder class actions to vindicate shareholder rights and recover shareholder losses. Rudman is also part of the Firm's SPAC Task Force, which is dedicated to rooting out and prosecuting fraud on behalf of injured investors in special purpose acquisition companies. A former attorney with the SEC, Rudman has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for shareholders, including a \$200 million recovery in *Motorola*, a \$129 million recovery in *Doral Financial*, an \$85 million recovery in *Blackstone*, a \$74 million recovery in *First BanCorp*, a \$65 million recovery in *Forest Labs*, a \$62.5 million recovery in *SQM*, a \$50 million recovery in *TD Banknorth*, a \$48 million recovery in *CVS Caremark*, a \$34.5 million recovery in *L-3 Communications Holdings*, a \$32.8 million recovery in *Snap, Inc.*, and a \$18.5 million recovery in *Deutsche Bank*.

Education

B.A., Binghamton University, 1989; J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 1992

Honors / Awards

Ranked by *Chambers USA*, 2014-2024; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2018-2019, 2023-2024; Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2013, 2017-2019, 2023-2024; National Practice Area Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019-2020, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2007-2023; Top 10 Most Influential Securities Litigation Attorney in New York, *Business Today*, 2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2016-2022; New York Trailblazer, *New York Law Journal*, 2020; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2020; Local Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2013-2020; Dean's Merit Scholar, Brooklyn Law School; Moot Court Honor Society, Brooklyn Law School; Member, *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*, Brooklyn Law School

Joseph Russello | Partner

Joseph Russello is a partner in the Firm's Melville office. He began his career as a defense lawyer and now represents investors in securities class actions at the trial and appellate levels.

Rusello spearheaded the team that recovered \$85 million in litigation against The Blackstone Group, LLC, a case that yielded a landmark decision from the Second Circuit Court of Appeals on "materiality" in securities actions. *Litwin v. Blackstone Grp., L.P.*, 634 F.3d 706 (2d Cir. 2011). He also led the team responsible for partially defeating dismissal and achieving a \$50 million settlement in litigation against BHP Billiton, an Australia-based mining company accused of concealing safety issues at a Brazilian iron-ore dam. *In re BHP Billiton Ltd. Sec. Litig.*, 276 F. Supp. 3d 65 (S.D.N.Y. 2017).

Recently, Rusello was co-counsel in a lawsuit against Allied Nevada Gold Corporation, recovering \$14.5 million for investors after the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed two dismissal decisions. *In re Allied Nev. Gold Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 743 F. App'x 887 (9th Cir. 2018). He was also instrumental in obtaining a settlement and favorable appellate decision in litigation against SAIC, Inc., a defense contractor embroiled in a decade-long overbilling fraud against the City of New York. *Ind. Pub. Ret. Sys. v. SAIC, Inc.*, 818 F.3d 85 (2d Cir. 2016). Other notable recent decisions include: *In re Qudian Sec. Litig.*, 189 A.D. 3d 449 (N.Y. App. Div., 1st Dep't 2020); *Kazi v. XP Inc.*, 2020 WL 4581569 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. Aug. 5, 2020); *In re Dentsply Sirona, Inc. S'holders Litig.*, 2019 WL 3526142 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. Aug. 2, 2019); and *Matter of PPD AI Grp. Sec. Litig.*, 64 Misc. 3d 1208(A), 2019 WL 2751278 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2019). Other notable settlements include: *NBTY, Inc.* (\$16 million); *LaBranche & Co., Inc.* (\$13 million); *The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc.* (\$12 million); and *Prestige Brands Holdings, Inc.* (\$11 million).

Education

B.A., Gettysburg College, 1998; J.D., Hofstra University School of Law, 2001

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2020, 2023; *Law360* Securities Editorial Advisory Board, 2017-2022

Scott H. Saham | Partner

Scott Saham is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation. He is licensed to practice law in both California and Michigan. Most recently, Saham was a member of the litigation team that obtained a \$125 million settlement in *In re LendingClub Sec. Litig.*, a settlement that ranked among the top ten largest securities recoveries ever in the Northern District of California. He was also part of the litigation teams in *Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc.*, which resulted in a \$215 million recovery for shareholders, the largest securities class action recovery ever in Tennessee, and *Luna v. Marvell Tech. Grp., Ltd.*, which resulted in a \$72.5 million settlement that represents approximately 24% to 50% of the best estimate of classwide damages suffered by investors. He also served as lead counsel prosecuting the *Pharmacia* securities litigation in the District of New Jersey, which resulted in a \$164 million recovery. Additionally, Saham was lead counsel in the *In re Coca-Cola Sec. Litig.* in the Northern District of Georgia, which resulted in a \$137.5 million recovery after nearly eight years of litigation. He also obtained reversal from the California Court of Appeal of the trial court's initial dismissal of the landmark *Countrywide* mortgage-backed securities action. This decision is reported as *Luther v. Countrywide Fin. Corp.*, 195 Cal. App. 4th 789 (2011), and following this ruling that revived the action the case settled for \$500 million.

Education

B.A., University of Michigan, 1992; J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 1995

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Distinguished Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, *Casa Cornelia Law Center*, 2022

Juan Carlos Sanchez | Partner

Juan Carlos “J.C.” Sanchez is a partner in the Firm’s San Diego office. He specializes in complex securities litigation and has extensive experience advising investors on their exposure to securities fraud and advising them on their litigation options for recovering losses. He has advised institutional and retail investors in more than 60 securities class actions that yielded more than \$600 million in class-wide recoveries.

Sanchez was a key member of the litigation team that secured the largest shareholder derivative recovery ever in Tennessee and the Sixth Circuit and unprecedented corporate governance reforms in *In re Community Health Sys., Inc. S’holder Derivative Litig.* His representation of California passengers in a landmark consumer and civil rights case against Greyhound Lines, Inc. led to a ruling recognizing that transit passengers do not check their rights and dignity at the bus door. *Law360* honored Sanchez and the *Greyhound* litigation team as a Consumer Protection Group of the Year in 2019.

Before joining Robbins Geller, J.C. served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Nelva Gonzales Ramos of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Education

B.S., University of California, Davis, 2005; J.D., University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), 2014

Honors / Awards

Leading Litigator in America, *Lawdragon*, 2024-2025; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024

Vincent M. Serra | Partner

Vincent Serra is a partner in the Firm's Melville office. His practice focuses primarily on complex securities and consumer actions, but has also included antitrust, employment, insurance, and environmental litigation. His efforts have contributed to the recovery of billions of dollars on behalf of aggrieved plaintiffs and class members and significant injunctive relief for individuals and municipalities throughout the country. Notably, Serra has contributed to several noteworthy recoveries, including *Dahl v. Bain Cap. Partners, LLC* (\$590.5 million recovery), an antitrust action against the world's largest private equity firms alleging collusive practices in multi-billion dollar leveraged buyouts, and *Samit v. CBS Corp.* (\$14.75 million recovery), a securities action alleging that defendants made false and misleading statements about their knowledge of former CEO Leslie Moonves's exposure to the #MeToo movement.

Additionally, Serra was a member of the litigation team that obtained a \$22.75 million settlement fund on behalf of route drivers in *Veliz v. Cintas Corp.*, an action asserting violations of federal and state overtime laws. He was also part of the successful trial team in *Lebrilla v. Farmers Grp., Inc.*, which involved Farmers' practice of using inferior imitation parts when repairing insureds' vehicles. Other notable cases include *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litig.* (\$5.5 billion recovery), *In re DouYu Int'l Holdings Ltd. Sec. Litig.* (\$15 million state court securities recovery) and *Kail v. Wolf Appliance, Inc.* (confidential settlement in breach of warranty actions involving faulty blue porcelain oven cavities).

Serra has litigated several actions against manufacturers and retailers alleging the improper marketing and sale of purportedly "flushable" wipes products, including consumer fraud, nuisance, and strict product liability claims. For example, in *Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Charleston (d.b.a. Charleston Water System) v. Costco Wholesale Corp.*, Serra led the prosecution of seven defendants resulting in industrywide settlements that secured commitments from the leading flushable wipes manufacturers and retailers to meet the national municipal wastewater standard for flushability and enhance "do not flush" labeling for non-flushable wipes, helping to meaningfully reduce wipes-related sewer impacts for municipalities and wastewater utilities nationwide. Serra is currently working to finalize an analogous nationwide settlement with Dude Products Inc. in a separate action pending in the District of South Carolina.

Education

B.A., University of Delaware, 2001; J.D., California Western School of Law, 2005

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2024-2025; Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services, State Bar of California

Sam S. Sheldon | Partner

Sam Sheldon is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where he focuses on securities fraud and other complex civil litigation. Before joining the Firm in January 2024, Sheldon served more than five years as a United States Magistrate Judge in the Southern District of Texas, primarily in Houston. He wrote opinions in almost every area of the law, including securities fraud, intellectual property, class actions, labor and employment, False Claims Act, and criminal law. Before taking the federal bench, Sheldon was a partner with Quinn Emanuel in the Washington, D.C. office and headed the firm's Health Care Practice Group. He represented plaintiffs in landmark cases brought under the federal False Claims Act.

Sheldon previously served as Chief of the Health Care Fraud Unit in the DOJ Criminal Division in Washington, D.C., where he oversaw the prosecution of federal health care fraud throughout the United States. He also was an Assistant United States Attorney in Texas. Earlier in his career, Sheldon was a partner with Cozen O'Connor in the San Diego office. Sheldon has tried 25 cases as a federal prosecutor and civil litigator. He received numerous awards for his successful federal prosecutions from the DOJ and other federal agencies including the Special Achievement Award presented by the United States Attorney General.

Education

B.A., University of Southern California, 1992; M.A., University of Southern California, 1994; J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 1997

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Prosecutor Leadership Award presented by the Inspector General for the United States Department of Health and Human Services, 2013; Special Award from the Director of the FBI for excellent work with the Medicare Fraud Taskforce, 2013; Exceptional Service Award presented by the United States Assistant Attorney General, 2011; Special Achievement Award presented by the United States Attorney General for Sustained Superior Performance of Duty, 2010; International Achievement Award from the Assistant Director of the Department of Homeland Security for prosecuting the first illegal exportation of goods case in the Southern District of Texas (under 18 U.S.C. §554), 2010; Special Award from the Director of the FBI for prosecuting the first agricultural fraud case in the United States (under 7 U.S.C. §7711), 2009

Arthur L. Shingler III | Partner

Arthur Shingler is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. Shingler has successfully represented both public and private sector clients in hundreds of complex, multi-party actions with billions of dollars in dispute. Throughout his career, he has obtained outstanding results for those he has represented in cases generally encompassing shareholder derivative and securities litigation, unfair business practices and antitrust litigation, publicity rights and advertising litigation, ERISA litigation, and other insurance, health care, employment, and commercial disputes.

Representative matters in which Shingler has served as a core member of the litigation team or settlement counsel include, among others: *In re EpiPen (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Marketing, Sales Practices & Antitrust Litig.*, No. 2:17-md-02785 (D. Kan.) (\$609 million total recovery achieved weeks prior to trial in certified class action alleging antitrust claims involving the illegal reverse payment settlement to delay the generic EpiPen, which allowed the prices of the life-saving EpiPen to rise over 600% in 9 years); *In re Remicade Antitrust Litig.*, No. 2:17-cv-04326 (E.D. Pa.) (\$25 million recovery for indirect purchasers in antitrust action); *In re Liquid Aluminum Sulfate Antitrust Litig.*, No. 2:16-md-02687 (D.N.J.) (direct purchaser class settled in excess of \$100 million); *NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co.*, No. 1:08-cv-10783 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$272 million recovery); *In re Royal Dutch/Shell ERISA Litig.*, No. 3:04-cv-00374 (D.N.J.) (\$90 million settlement); *In re Priceline.com Sec. Litig.*, No. 3:00-cv-01884 (D. Conn.) (\$80 million settlement); *In re General Motors ERISA Litig.*, No. 05-71085 (E.D. Mich.) (\$37.5 million settlement, in addition to significant revision of retirement plan administration); *Wood v. Ionatron, Inc.*, No. 4:06-cv-00354 (D. Ariz.) (\$6.5 million settlement); *In re Lattice Semiconductor Corp. Derivative Litig.*, No. C 043327CV (Or. Cir. Ct., Wash. Cnty.) (corporate governance settlement, including substantial revision of board policies and executive management); *In re 360networks Class Action Sec. Litig.*, No. 1:02-cv-04837 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$7 million settlement); and *Rothschild v. Tyco Int'l (US), Inc.*, 83 Cal. App. 4th 488 (2000) (shaped scope of California's Unfair Practices Act as related to limits of State's False Claims Act).

In addition, Shingler is currently working on behalf of plaintiffs in several class actions, including, for example, *In re National Prescription Opiate Litig.*, No. 1:17-md-02804 (N.D. Ohio), and *In re American Airlines/JetBlue Antitrust Litig.*, No. 1:22-cv-07374 (E.D.N.Y.).

Education

B.A., Point Loma Nazarene College, 1989; J.D., Boston University School of Law, 1995

Honors / Awards

B.A., *Cum Laude*, Point Loma Nazarene College, 1989

Jessica T. Shinnfield | Partner

Jessica Shinnfield is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. Currently, her practice focuses on initiating, investigating, and prosecuting securities fraud class actions. Shinnfield served as lead counsel in *In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig.*, a case arising out of ARCP's manipulative accounting practices, and obtained a \$1.025 billion recovery. For five years, she and the litigation team prosecuted nine different claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933, involving seven different stock or debt offerings and two mergers. The recovery represents the highest percentage of damages of any major PSLRA case prior to trial and includes the largest personal contributions by individual defendants in history. Shinnfield also served as lead counsel in *Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.*, and obtained a \$350 million settlement on the eve of trial. The settlement is fifth-largest PSLRA settlement ever recovered in the Ninth Circuit.

Shinnfield was also a member of the litigation team prosecuting actions against investment banks and leading national credit rating agencies for their roles in structuring and rating structured investment vehicles backed by toxic assets in *Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank v. Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated* and *King County, Washington v. IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG*. These cases were among the first to successfully allege fraud against the rating agencies, whose ratings have traditionally been protected by the First Amendment. Shinnfield also litigated individual opt-out actions against AOL Time Warner – *Regents of the Univ. of Cal. v. Parsons* and *Ohio Pub. Emps. Ret. Sys. v. Parsons* (recovery more than \$600 million). Additionally, she litigated an action against Omnicare, in which she helped obtain a favorable ruling for plaintiffs from the United States Supreme Court. Shinnfield has also successfully appealed lower court decisions in the Second, Seventh, and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals.

Education

B.A., University of California at Santa Barbara, 2001; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2004

Honors / Awards

California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), *Daily Journal*, 2024; Top Woman Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2024; Future Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2023; Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2021; Litigator of the Week, *The American Lawyer*, 2020; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2019; 40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018-2019; B.A., *Phi Beta Kappa*, University of California at Santa Barbara, 2001

Elizabeth A. Shonson | Partner

Elizabeth Shonson is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office. She concentrates her practice on representing investors in class actions brought pursuant to the federal securities laws. Shonson has litigated numerous securities fraud class actions nationwide, helping achieve significant recoveries for aggrieved investors. She was a member of the litigation teams responsible for recouping millions of dollars for defrauded investors, including: *In re Massey Energy Co. Sec. Litig.* (S.D. W.Va.) (\$265 million); *Nieman v. Duke Energy Corp.* (W.D.N.C.) (\$146.25 million recovery); *In re ADT Inc. S'holder Litig.* (Fla. Cir. Ct., 15th Jud. Cir.) (\$30 million settlement); *Eshe Fund v. Fifth Third Bancorp* (S.D. Ohio) (\$16 million); *City of St. Clair Shores Gen. Emps. Ret. Sys. v. Lender Processing Servs., Inc.* (M.D. Fla.) (\$14 million); and *In re Synovus Fin. Corp.* (N.D. Ga.) (\$11.75 million).

Education

B.A., Syracuse University, 2001; J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2005

Honors / Awards

Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016-2019; J.D., *Cum Laude*, University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2005; Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Technology Law & Policy*; Phi Delta Phi; B.A., with Honors, *Summa Cum Laude*, Syracuse University, 2001; Phi Beta Kappa

Trig Smith | Partner

Trig Smith is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office where he focuses his practice on complex securities litigation. He has been involved in the prosecution of numerous securities class actions that have resulted in over a billion dollars in recoveries for investors. His cases have included: *In re Cardinal Health, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$600 million recovery); *Jones v. Pfizer Inc.* (\$400 million recovery); *Silverman v. Motorola, Inc.* (\$200 million recovery); and *City of Livonia Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Wyeth* (\$67.5 million). Most recently, he was a member of the Firm's trial team in *Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, Inc.*, a securities fraud class action that resulted in a verdict in favor of investors after a two-week jury trial.

Education

B.S., University of Colorado, Denver, 1995; M.S., University of Colorado, Denver, 1997; J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 2000

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2024-2025; Member, *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*, Brooklyn Law School; CALI Excellence Award in Legal Writing, Brooklyn Law School

Mark Solomon | Partner

Mark Solomon is a founding and managing partner of the Firm and leads its international litigation practice. Over the last 31 years, he has regularly represented United States and United Kingdom-based pension funds and asset managers in class and non-class securities litigation in federal and state courts throughout the United States. He was first admitted to the Bar of England and Wales as a Barrister (he is non-active) and is an active member of the Bars of Ohio, California, and various United States federal district and appellate courts.

Since 1993, Solomon has spearheaded the prosecution of many significant securities fraud cases. He and his teams have obtained multi-hundred million-dollar recoveries for plaintiffs in pre-trial settlements and significant corporate governance reforms designed to limit recidivism and promote appropriate standards. Prior to the most recent financial crisis, in addition to litigating many cases that settled in the tens of millions of dollars, he was instrumental in obtaining some of the first mega-recoveries in the field in California and Texas. While representing U.S. pension funds, he served as class counsel in the late 1990s and early 2000s in *In re Informix Corp. Sec. Litig.* in the federal district court for the Northern District of California, recovering \$131 million for Informix investors; and he served as class counsel in *Schwartz v. TXU Corp.* in the federal district court for the Northern District of Texas, where he helped obtain a recovery of over \$149 million for TXU investors, as well as important governance reforms. He litigated and tried the securities class action *In re Helionetics, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, where he and his team won a \$15.4 million federal jury verdict in the federal district court for the Central District of California.

Solomon also led some of the first opt-out securities fraud cases to successful conclusion. Representing individual U.K. opt-out plaintiffs in litigation against PetSmart, Inc., he and his team recovered over \$18 million, amounting to over 50% of their damages, where the class case failed entirely and other investors received nothing. Representing an individual U.K./U.S. investor in recent opt-out securities fraud litigation against a multi-state furniture and household goods retailer, he and his team recovered over 50 times that which the investor would have recovered in the class case.

Solomon currently is counsel to a number of U.K. pension funds that are serving or have served as lead plaintiffs in cases throughout the United States. He represented the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme and the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme in *Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.* in the federal district court for the District of Arizona, in which the class recently recovered \$350 million on the eve of trial. That settlement is the fifth-largest recovery in the Ninth Circuit since the advent in 1995 of statutory reforms to securities litigation that established the current legal regime. He represented the U.K.'s Norfolk Pension Fund in *Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, Inc.* where, in the federal district court for the Central District of California, after three weeks of trial, the Fund obtained a jury verdict valued at over \$54 million in favor of the class against the company and its CEO. He represented Strathclyde Pension Fund in *Strathclyde Pension Fund v. Bank OZK*, a class action against Bank OZK and its CEO in the federal district court for the Eastern District of Arkansas in which the class recovered \$45 million. Solomon also represented Strathclyde Pension Fund in *In re Ply Gem Holdings, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, where the class recovered \$26 million.

In litigation that's yet to conclude, Solomon represents Norfolk Pension Fund in the securities fraud class action against Apple Inc. and Apple executives in *In re Apple Inc. Sec. Litig.*, pending in the federal district court for the Northern District of California. The parties recently announced a settlement of \$490 million payable by the defendants to the investor class that is in the court approval process. Solomon also represents Norfolk Pension Fund and the class in the securities fraud class action *In re Anadarko Petroleum Corp. Sec. Litig.* against Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and former Anadarko executives, pending in the federal district court for the Southern District of Texas. Solomon represents North East Scotland Pension Fund in the securities fraud class action against Under Armour and Under Armour executives *In*

re Under Armour Sec. Litig., pending in the federal district court for the District of Maryland. The parties recently announced a settlement of \$434 million payable by the defendants to the investor class as well as important governance reforms. The proposed settlement is in the court approval process. And, in addition to representing the foregoing U.K. lead plaintiffs, Solomon is currently representing Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association in a securities fraud class action pending against FirstEnergy Corp. and FirstEnergy executives in the federal district court for the Southern District of Ohio.

Education

B.A., Trinity College, Cambridge University, England, 1985; L.L.M., Harvard Law School, 1986; Inns of Court School of Law, Degree of Utter Barrister, England, 1987

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2025; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Global Plaintiff Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2017-2018; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2016-2017; Lizette Bentwich Law Prize, Trinity College, 1983 and 1984; Hollond Travelling Studentship, 1985; Harvard Law School Fellowship, 1985-1986; Member and Hardwicke Scholar of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

Hillary B. Stakem | Partner

Hillary Stakem is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where her practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Stakem was a member of the litigation team in *Jaffe v. Household Int'l, Inc.*, a securities class action that obtained a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs. She was also a member of the litigation teams that secured a \$388 million recovery for investors in J.P. Morgan residential mortgage-backed securities in *Fort Worth Employees' Retirement Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.*, and that obtained a \$350 million settlement on the eve of trial in *Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.*, the fifth-largest PSLRA settlement ever recovered in the Ninth Circuit. Stakem also helped secure a \$131 million recovery in favor of plaintiffs in *Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corp.*, a \$100 million settlement for shareholders in *Karinski v. Stamps.com*, a \$97.5 million recovery in *Marcus v. J.C. Penney Company, Inc.*, and an \$87.5 million settlement in *Monroe County Employees' Retirement System v. The Southern Company*.

Education

B.A., College of William and Mary, 2009; J.D., UCLA School of Law, 2012

Honors / Awards

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), *Daily Journal*, 2024; 40 & Under List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2021-2022; 40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021; B.A., *Magna Cum Laude*, College of William and Mary, 2009

Jeffrey J. Stein | Partner

Jeffrey Stein is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where he practices securities fraud litigation and other complex matters. He was a member of the litigation team that secured a historic recovery on behalf of Trump University students in two class actions against President Donald J. Trump. The settlement provides \$25 million to approximately 7,000 consumers. This result means individual class members are eligible for upwards of \$35,000 in restitution. Stein represented the class on a *pro bono* basis.

Before joining the Firm, Stein focused on civil rights litigation, with special emphasis on the First, Fourth, and Eighth Amendments. In this capacity, he helped his clients secure successful outcomes before the United States Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Education

B.S., University of Washington, 2005; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2009

Christopher D. Stewart | Partner

Christopher Stewart is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. His practice focuses on complex securities and shareholder derivative litigation. Stewart served as lead counsel in *In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig.*, a case arising out of ARCP's manipulative accounting practices, and obtained a \$1.025 billion recovery. For five years, he and the litigation team prosecuted nine different claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933, involving seven different stock or debt offerings and two mergers. The recovery represents the highest percentage of damages of any major PSLRA case prior to trial and includes the largest personal contributions by individual defendants in history. Most recently, Stewart served as lead counsel in *Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.*, and obtained a \$350 million settlement on the eve of trial. The settlement is fifth-largest PSLRA settlement ever recovered in the Ninth Circuit.

He was also part of the litigation team that obtained a \$67 million settlement in *City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Stumpf*, a shareholder derivative action alleging that Wells Fargo participated in the mass-processing of home foreclosure documents by engaging in widespread robo-signing. Stewart also served on the litigation team in *In re Deutsche Bank AG Sec. Litig.*, in which the Firm obtained a \$18.5 million settlement in a case against Deutsche Bank and certain of its officers alleging violations of the Securities Act of 1933.

Education

B.S., Santa Clara University, 2004; M.B.A., University of San Diego School of Business Administration, 2009; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2009

Honors / Awards

California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), *Daily Journal*, 2024; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2020; J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, Order of the Coif, University of San Diego School of Law, 2009; Member, *San Diego Law Review*

Sabrina E. Tirabassi | Partner

Sabrina Tirabassi is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office, where her practice focuses on complex securities litigation, including the Firm's lead plaintiff motion practice. In this role, Tirabassi remains at the forefront of litigation trends and issues arising under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Further, Tirabassi has been an integral member of the litigation teams responsible for securing significant monetary recoveries on behalf of shareholders, including: *Villella v. Chemical and Mining Company of Chile Inc.*, No. 1:15-cv-02106 (S.D.N.Y.); *In re ADT Inc. S'holder Litig.*, No. 502018CA003494XXXXMB-AG (Fla. Cir. Ct., 15th Jud. Cir.); *KBC Asset Mgmt. NV v. Aegerion Pharms., Inc.*, No. 1:14-cv-10105-MLW (D. Mass.); *Sohal v. Yan*, No. 1:15-cv-00393-DAP (N.D. Ohio); *McGee v. Constant Contact, Inc.*, No. 1:15-cv-13114-MLW (D. Mass.); and *Schwartz v. Urban Outfitters, Inc.*, No. 2:13-cv-05978-MAK (E.D. Pa.).

Education

B.A., University of Florida, 2000; J.D., Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, 2006, *Magna Cum Laude*

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2024-2025; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2010, 2015-2018; J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, 2006

Douglas Wilens | Partner

Douglas Wilens is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office. Wilens is a member of the Firm's Appellate Practice Group, participating in numerous appeals in federal and state courts across the country. Most notably, Wilens handled successful and precedent-setting appeals in *Ind. Pub. Ret. Sys. v. SAIC, Inc.*, 818 F.3d 85 (2d Cir. 2016) (addressing duty to disclose under SEC Regulation Item 303 in §10(b) case), *Mass. Ret. Sys. v. CVS Caremark Corp.*, 716 F.3d 229 (1st Cir. 2013) (addressing pleading of loss causation in §10(b) case), and *Lormand v. US Unwired, Inc.*, 565 F.3d 228 (5th Cir. 2009) (addressing pleading of falsity, scienter, and loss causation in §10(b) case).

Before joining the Firm, Wilens was an associate at a nationally recognized firm, where he litigated complex actions on behalf of numerous professional sports leagues, including the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, and Major League Soccer. He has also served as an adjunct professor at Florida Atlantic University and Nova Southeastern University, where he taught undergraduate and graduate-level business law classes.

Education

B.S., University of Florida, 1992; J.D., University of Florida College of Law, 1995

Honors / Awards

Book Award for Legal Drafting, University of Florida College of Law; J.D., with Honors, University of Florida College of Law, 1995

Shawn A. Williams | Partner

Shawn Williams, a founding partner of the Firm, is the managing partner of the Firm's San Francisco office and a member of the Firm's Management Committee. Williams specializes in complex commercial litigation focusing on securities litigation and has served as lead counsel in a range of precedent-setting actions that recovered billions of dollars for investors and consumers. Williams recently served as lead counsel in a globally watched securities class action case against Apple. He and the trial team secured a \$490 million recovery for injured investors, which remains subject to court approval. Williams was among lead counsel in *In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig.*, charging Facebook with violations of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act, resulting in a \$650 million recovery for injured Facebook users, which was then the largest ever biometric class action.

Williams also led the team of Robbins Geller attorneys in the investigation and drafting of comprehensive securities fraud claims in *Hefler v. Wells Fargo & Co.*, alleging widespread opening of unauthorized and undisclosed customer accounts. The *Hefler* action resulted in the recovery of \$480 million for Wells Fargo investors. In *City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Metlife, Inc.*, Williams led the Firm's team of lawyers alleging MetLife's failure to disclose and account for the scope of its use and non-use of the Social Security Administration Death Master File and its impact on MetLife's financial statements. The *Metlife* action resulted in a recovery of \$84 million. Williams also served as lead counsel in the following actions resulting in significant recoveries: *Chicago Laborers Pension Fund v. Alibaba Grp. Holding Ltd.* (\$75 million recovery); *In re Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$75 million recovery); *In re Medtronic, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$43 million recovery); *In re Cadence Design Sys., Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$38 million recovery); and *City of Sterling Heights Gen. Emps'. Ret. Sys. v. Prudential Fin., Inc.* (\$33 million recovery).

Williams is also a member of the Firm's Shareholder Derivative Practice Group, which has secured tens of millions of dollars in cash recoveries and comprehensive corporate governance reforms in a number of high-profile cases including: *In re McAfee, Inc. Derivative Litig.*; *In re Marvell Tech. Grp. Ltd. Derivative Litig.*; *In re KLA-Tencor Corp. S'holder Derivative Litig.*; *The Home Depot, Inc. Derivative Litig.*; and *City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Stumpf (Wells Fargo & Co.)*.

Before joining the Firm in 2000, Williams served for 5 years as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, where he tried over 20 cases to New York City juries.

Education

B.A., The State of University of New York at Albany, 1991; J.D., University of Illinois, 1995

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2022-2025; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2017, 2020-2021, 2023-2024; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2018-2024; Top Plaintiff Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2022; Most Influential Black Lawyers, *Savoy*, 2022; Legend, *Lawdragon*, 2022; Top 100 Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2019, 2021; California Trailblazer, *The Recorder*, 2019; Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar, *Law360*, 2019; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2019; Board Member, California Bar Foundation, 2012-2014

Christopher M. Wood | Partner

Christopher Wood is the partner in charge of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP's Nashville office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation. He has been a member of litigation teams responsible for recoveries totaling hundreds of millions of dollars for investors, including some of the largest securities class action recoveries in Tennessee history. His cases include: *In re Massey Energy Co. Sec. Litig.* (\$265 million recovery); *In re Envision Healthcare Co. Sec. Litig.* (\$177.5 million recovery); *In re VeriFone Holdings, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$95 million recovery); *Garden City Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Psychiatric Solutions, Inc.* (\$65 million recovery); *Grae v. Corrections Corporation of America* (\$56 million recovery); *In re Micron Tech., Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$42 million recovery); *Jackson Cnty. Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Ghosn* (\$36 million recovery); and *Winslow v. BancorpSouth, Inc.* (\$29.5 million recovery).

Working together with the ACLU of Tennessee and Public Funds Public Schools (a national campaign founded by the Southern Poverty Law Center and Education Law Center), Wood is litigating an action challenging Tennessee's school voucher program, which diverts critically needed funds from public school students in Nashville and Memphis. Wood has also provided *pro bono* legal services through Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors, Volunteer Lawyers & Professionals for the Arts, the Ninth Circuit's Pro Bono Program, and the San Francisco Bar Association's Volunteer Legal Services Program.

Education

B.A., Vanderbilt University, 2003; J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law, 2006

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2025; Future Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2023-2024; 40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2011-2013, 2015-2020

Debra J. Wyman | Partner

Debra Wyman is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. She specializes in securities litigation and has litigated numerous cases against public companies in state and federal courts that have resulted in over \$2 billion in securities fraud recoveries. Wyman served as lead counsel in *In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig.*, a case arising out of ARCP's manipulative accounting practices, and obtained a \$1.025 billion recovery. For five years, she and the litigation team prosecuted nine different claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933, involving seven different stock or debt offerings and two mergers. The recovery represents the highest percentage of damages of any major PSLRA case prior to trial and includes the largest personal contributions by individual defendants in history. Most recently, Wyman was part of the litigation team in *Monroe County Employees' Retirement System v. The Southern Company* in which an \$87.5 settlement was reached after three years of litigation. The settlement resolved claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 stemming from defendants' issuance of materially misleading statements and omissions regarding the status of construction of a first-of-its-kind "clean coal" power plant that was designed to transform coal into synthetic gas that could then be used to fuel the power plant.

Wyman was also a member of the trial team in *Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc.*, which resulted in a \$215 million recovery for shareholders, the largest securities class action recovery ever in Tennessee. The recovery achieved represents more than 30% of the aggregate classwide damages, far exceeding the typical recovery in a securities class action. Wyman prosecuted the complex securities and accounting fraud case *In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig.*, one of the largest and longest-running corporate frauds in history, in which \$671 million was recovered for defrauded HealthSouth investors. She was also part of the trial team that litigated *In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig.*, which was tried in the United States District Court, District of New Jersey, and settled after only two weeks of trial for \$100 million. Wyman was also part of the litigation team that secured a \$64 million recovery for Dana Corp. shareholders in *Plumbers & Pipefitters National Pension Fund v. Burns*, in which the Firm's Appellate Practice Group successfully appealed to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals twice, reversing the district court's dismissal of the action.

Education

B.A., University of California Irvine, 1990; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 1997

Honors / Awards

California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), *Daily Journal*, 2024; Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2023-2024; National Practice Area Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2024; California - Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2024; Top 250 Women in Litigation, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2020-2024; San Diego Litigator of the Year, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021; Plaintiff Litigator of the Year, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021; Top Woman Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2017, 2020; MVP, *Law360*, 2020; Litigator of the Week, *The American Lawyer*, 2020; Litigator of the Year, *Our City San Diego*, 2017; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016-2017

Jonathan Zweig | Partner

Jonathan Zweig is a partner with the Firm and is based in the Manhattan office. Zweig's practice focuses primarily on complex securities litigation, corporate control cases, and breach of fiduciary duty actions on behalf of investors. He is also part of the Firm's Delaware Practice Group.

Before joining Robbins Geller, Zweig served for over six years as an Assistant Attorney General with the New York State Office of the Attorney General's Investor Protection Bureau, where he prosecuted civil securities fraud actions and tried two major cases on behalf of the State. On three occasions, Zweig was awarded the Louis J. Lefkowitz Award for Exceptional Service.

Zweig was previously a litigator at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP. Zweig also clerked for Judge Jacques L. Wiener, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and Judge Sarah S. Vance of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Education

B.A., Yale University, 2007; J.D., Harvard Law School, 2010

Honors / Awards

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023-2024; Louis J. Lefkowitz Award for Exceptional Service, New York State Office of the Attorney General, 2015, 2020, 2021; J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, Harvard Law School, 2010; B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, Yale University, 2007

Susan K. Alexander | Of Counsel

Susan Alexander is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the San Francisco office. Alexander's practice specializes in federal appeals of securities fraud class actions on behalf of investors. With nearly 30 years of federal appellate experience, she has argued on behalf of defrauded investors in circuit courts throughout the United States. Among her most notable cases are *Mineworkers' Pension Scheme v. First Solar Inc.* (\$350 million recovery), *In re VeriFone Holdings, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$95 million recovery), and the successful appellate ruling in *Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Flowserve Corp.* (\$55 million recovery). Other representative results include: *Stoyas v. Toshiba Corp.*, 896 F.3d 933 (9th Cir. 2018) (reversing dismissal of securities fraud action and holding that the Exchange Act applies to unsponsored American Depositary Shares); *W. Va. Pipe Trades Health & Welfare Fund v. Medtronic, Inc.*, 845 F.3d 384 (8th Cir. 2016) (reversing summary judgment of securities fraud action on statute of limitations grounds); *In re Ubiquiti Networks, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 669 F. App'x 878 (9th Cir. 2016) (reversing dismissal of §11 claim); *Carpenters Pension Tr. Fund of St. Louis v. Barclays PLC*, 750 F.3d 227 (2d Cir. 2014) (reversing dismissal of securities fraud complaint, focused on loss causation); *Panther Partners Inc. v. Ikanos Commc'ns, Inc.*, 681 F.3d 114 (2d Cir. 2012) (reversing dismissal of §11 claim); *City of Pontiac Gen. Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. MBIA, Inc.*, 637 F.3d 169 (2d Cir. 2011) (reversing dismissal of securities fraud complaint, focused on statute of limitations); *In re Gilead Scis. Sec. Litig.*, 536 F.3d 1049 (9th Cir. 2008) (reversing dismissal of securities fraud complaint, focused on loss causation); *Barrie v. Intervoice-Brite, Inc.*, 397 F.3d 249 (5th Cir.) (reversing dismissal of securities fraud complaint, focused on scienter), *reh'g denied and op. modified*, 409 F.3d 653 (5th Cir. 2005); and *Pirraglia v. Novell, Inc.*, 339 F.3d 1182 (10th Cir. 2003) (reversing dismissal of securities fraud complaint, focused on scienter). Alexander's prior appellate work was with the California Appellate Project ("CAP"), where she prepared appeals and petitions for writs of *habeas corpus* on behalf of individuals sentenced to death. At CAP, and subsequently in private practice, she litigated and consulted on death penalty direct and collateral appeals for ten years.

Education

B.A., Stanford University, 1983; J.D., University of California, Los Angeles, 1986

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2021; American Academy of Appellate Lawyers; California Academy of Appellate Lawyers; Ninth Circuit Advisory Rules Committee; Appellate Delegate, Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference; ABA Council of Appellate Lawyers

Laura M. Andracchio | Of Counsel

Laura Andracchio is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office. Having first joined the Firm in 1997, she was a Robbins Geller partner for ten years before her role as Of Counsel. As a partner with the Firm, Andracchio led dozens of securities fraud cases against public companies throughout the country, recovering hundreds of millions of dollars for injured investors. Her current focus remains securities fraud litigation under the federal securities laws.

Most recently, Andracchio was a member of the litigation team in *In re American Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.), in which a \$1.025 billion recovery was approved in 2020. She was also on the litigation team for *City of Pontiac Gen. Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Walmart Stores, Inc.* (W.D. Ark.), in which a \$160 million recovery for Walmart investors was approved in 2019. She also assisted in litigating a case brought against J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., *Fort Worth Emps.' Ret. Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.* (S.D.N.Y.), on behalf of investors in residential mortgage-backed securities, which resulted in a recovery of \$388 million in 2017.

Andracchio was also a lead member of the trial team in *In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig.*, recovering \$100 million for the class after two weeks of trial in district court in New Jersey. Before trial, she managed and litigated the case, which was pending for four years. She also led the trial team in *Brody v. Hellman*, a case against Qwest and former directors of U.S. West seeking an unpaid dividend, recovering \$50 million for the class, which was largely comprised of U.S. West retirees. Other cases Andracchio has litigated include: *City of Hialeah Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Toll Brothers, Inc.*; *Ross v. Abercrombie & Fitch Co.*; *In re GMH Cmtys. Tr. Sec. Litig.*; *In re Vicuron Pharms., Inc. Sec. Litig.*; and *In re Navarre Corp. Sec. Litig.*

Education

B.A., Bucknell University, 1986; J.D., Duquesne University School of Law, 1989

Honors / Awards

Order of the Barristers, J.D., with honors, Duquesne University School of Law, 1989

Jason M. Avellino | Of Counsel

Jason Avellino is Of Counsel in the Firm's Wilmington office. He focuses his practice on corporate governance, shareholder rights, and complex securities litigation.

Before joining Robbins Geller, Avellino practiced at a prominent Delaware law firm, where he was a significant part of litigation teams that achieved substantial recoveries and meaningful governance reforms for investors. He also spent more than a decade representing major product manufacturers, contractors, marine terminal operators, retail establishments, and sports venues (including several Fortune 500 companies) in the evaluation and defense of commercial matters and civil lawsuits. During that time, Avellino was a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), a group of approximately 2,500 invitation-only, peer-reviewed members comprised of the world's leading corporate and insurance lawyers and insurance executives.

Education

B.S., Bloomsburg University, 2007; J.D., Villanova University School of Law, 2010

Honors / Awards

B.S., *Magna Cum Laude*, Bloomsburg University, 2007

Matthew J. Balotta | Of Counsel

Matt Balotta is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on securities fraud litigation. Balotta earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Pittsburgh and his Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School. During law school, Balotta was a summer associate with the Firm and interned at the National Consumer Law Center. He also participated in the Employment Law and Delivery of Legal Services Clinics and served on the General Board of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review.

Education

B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 2005; J.D., Harvard Law School, 2015

Honors / Awards

B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, University of Pittsburgh, 2005

Randi D. Bandman | Of Counsel

Randi Bandman is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office. Throughout her career, she has represented and advised hundreds of clients, including pension funds, managers, banks, and hedge funds, such as the Directors Guild of America, Screen Actors Guild, Writers Guild of America, and Teamster funds. Bandman's cases have yielded billions of dollars of recoveries. Notable cases include the AOL Time Warner, Inc. merger (\$629 million), *In re Enron Corp. Sec. Litig.* (\$7.2 billion), Private Equity litigation (*Dahl v. Bain Cap. Partners, LLC*) (\$590.5 million), *In re WorldCom Sec. Litig.* (\$657 million), and *In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig.* (\$650 million).

Bandman is currently representing plaintiffs in the Foreign Exchange Litigation pending in the Southern District of New York which alleges collusive conduct by the world's largest banks to fix prices in the \$5.3 trillion a day foreign exchange market and in which billions of dollars have been recovered to date for injured plaintiffs. Bandman is part of the Robbins Geller Co-Lead Counsel team representing the class in the "High Frequency Trading" case, which accuses stock exchanges of giving unfair advantages to high-speed traders versus all other investors, resulting in billions of dollars being diverted. Bandman was instrumental in the landmark state settlement with the tobacco companies for \$12.5 billion. Bandman also led an investigation with congressional representatives on behalf of artists into allegations of "pay for play" tactics, represented Emmy winning writers with respect to their claims involving a long-running television series, represented a Hall of Fame sports figure, and negotiated agreements in connection with a major motion picture. Recently, Bandman was chosen to serve on the Law Firm Advisory Board of the Association of Media & Entertainment Counsel, an organization made up of thousands of attorneys from studios, networks, guilds, talent agencies, and top media companies, dealing with protecting content distributed through a variety of formats worldwide.

Education

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles; J.D., University of Southern California

Mary K. Blasy | Of Counsel

Mary Blasy is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the Firm's Melville and Washington, D.C. offices. Her practice focuses on the investigation, commencement, and prosecution of securities fraud class actions and shareholder derivative suits. Blasy has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for investors in securities fraud class actions against Reliance Acceptance Corp. (\$66 million); Sprint Corp. (\$50 million); Titan Corporation (\$15+ million); Martha Stewart Omni-Media, Inc. (\$30 million); and Coca-Cola Co. (\$137.5 million). Blasy has also been responsible for prosecuting numerous complex shareholder derivative actions against corporate malefactors to address violations of the nation's securities, environmental, and labor laws, obtaining corporate governance enhancements valued by the market in the billions of dollars.

In 2014, the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Second Department of the Supreme Court of the State of New York appointed Blasy to serve as a member of the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission, which until December 2018 reviewed the qualifications of candidates seeking public election to New York State Supreme Courts in the 10th Judicial District. She also served on the *Law360* Securities Editorial Advisory Board from 2015 to 2016.

Education

B.A., California State University, Sacramento, 1996; J.D., UCLA School of Law, 2000

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016-2020, 2023; *Law360* Securities Editorial Advisory Board, 2015-2016; Member, Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission, 2014-2018

M. Lamontt Bowens | Of Counsel

Lamontt Bowens is Of Counsel to Robbins Geller in the Firm's Washington, D.C. office. He is a member of the Firm's client outreach team where his focus is working with institutional investor clients regarding the Firm's Portfolio Monitoring Program. He also practices complex securities, antitrust, and consumer fraud litigation.

Bowens began his career with Robbins Geller working in the mailroom. After his first year of law school, he worked as a summer associate with the Firm. Following his second year of law school, Bowens completed a summer internship in the office of the San Diego County Public Defender, where he worked at the direction of his supervising attorneys representing indigent clients. During law school, Bowens served as vice president of the Black Law Students Association. He also earned a CALI Award for excellence in Torts II and taught law to high school students for a semester, through his law school's Street Law program. In his last year of law school, Bowens returned to Robbins Geller as a law clerk before becoming an attorney. Bowens completed his law school course work for graduation a semester early.

Education

B.S., University of Phoenix, 2004; J.D., Golden Gate University School of Law, 2010

William K. Cavanagh, Jr. | Of Counsel

Bill Cavanagh is Of Counsel in the Firm's Washington, D.C. office. Cavanagh concentrates his practice in employee benefits law and works with the Firm's Institutional Outreach Team. Prior to joining Robbins Geller, Cavanagh was employed by Ullico for the past nine years, most recently as President of Ullico Casualty Group. The Ullico Casualty Group is the leading provider of fiduciary liability insurance for trustees in both the private as well as the public sector. Prior to that he was President of the Ullico Investment Company.

Preceding Cavanagh's time at Ullico, he was a partner at the labor and employee benefits firm Cavanagh and O'Hara in Springfield, Illinois for 28 years. In that capacity, Cavanagh represented public pension funds, jointly trustee Taft-Hartley, health, welfare, pension, and joint apprenticeship funds advising on fiduciary and compliance issues both at the Board level as well as in administrative hearings, federal district courts, and the United States Courts of Appeals. During the course of his practice, Cavanagh had extensive trial experience in state and the relevant federal district courts. Additionally, Cavanagh served as co-counsel on a number of cases representing trustees seeking to recover plan assets lost as a result of fraud in the marketplace.

Education

B.A., Georgetown University, 1974; J.D., John Marshall Law School, 1978

Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell

Christopher Collins | Of Counsel

Christopher Collins is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office and his practice focuses on antitrust and consumer protection. Collins served as co-lead counsel in *Wholesale Elec. Antitrust Cases I & II*, charging an antitrust conspiracy by wholesale electricity suppliers and traders of electricity in California's newly deregulated wholesale electricity market wherein plaintiffs secured a global settlement for California consumers, businesses, and local governments valued at more than \$1.1 billion. He was also involved in California's tobacco litigation, which resulted in the \$25.5 billion recovery for California and its local entities. Collins is currently counsel on the California Energy Manipulation antitrust litigation, the Memberworks upsell litigation, as well as a number of consumer actions alleging false and misleading advertising and unfair business practices against major corporations. He formerly served as a Deputy District Attorney for Imperial County where he was in charge of the Domestic Violence Unit.

Education

B.A., Sonoma State University, 1988; J.D., Thomas Jefferson School of Law, 1995

Vicki Multer Diamond | Of Counsel

Vicki Multer Diamond is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the Firm's Melville office. She has over 25 years of experience as an investigator and attorney. Her practice at the Firm focuses on the initiation, investigation, and prosecution of securities fraud class actions. Diamond played a significant role in the factual investigations and successful oppositions to the defendants' motions to dismiss in a number of cases, including *Tableau*, *One Main*, *Valeant*, and *Orbital ATK*.

Diamond has served as an investigative consultant to several prominent law firms, corporations, and investment firms. Before joining the Firm, she was an Assistant District Attorney in Brooklyn, New York, where she served as a senior Trial Attorney in the Felony Trial Bureau, and was special counsel to the Special Commissioner of Investigations for the New York City schools, where she investigated and prosecuted crime and corruption within the New York City school system.

Education

B.A., State University of New York at Binghamton, 1990; J.D., Hofstra University School of Law, 1993

Honors / Awards

Member, *Hofstra Property Law Journal*, Hofstra University School of Law

Michael J. Dowd | Of Counsel

Mike Dowd was a founding partner of the Firm. He has practiced in the area of securities litigation for 20 years, prosecuting dozens of complex securities cases and obtaining significant recoveries for investors in cases such as *American Realty* (\$1.025 billion), *UnitedHealth* (\$925 million), *WorldCom* (\$657 million), *AOL Time Warner* (\$629 million), *Qwest* (\$445 million), and *Pfizer* (\$400 million).

Dowd served as lead trial counsel in *Jaffe v. Household International* in the Northern District of Illinois, a securities class action that obtained a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs. Dowd also served as the lead trial lawyer in *In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig.*, which was tried in the District of New Jersey and settled after only two weeks of trial for \$100 million. Dowd served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of California from 1987-1991, and again from 1994-1998, where he handled dozens of jury trials and was awarded the Director's Award for Superior Performance.

Education

B.A., Fordham University, 1981; J.D., University of Michigan School of Law, 1984

Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Director's Award for Superior Performance, United States Attorney's Office; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2015-2025; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2016-2019, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2024; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2022; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers*®, 2015-2021; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2010-2020; Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers*®, 2020; Hall of Fame, *Lawdragon*, 2018; Litigator of the Year, *Our City San Diego*, 2017; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2014-2016; Litigator of the Week, *The American Lawyer*, 2015; Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation* 2013; Directorship 100, NACD Directorship, 2012; Attorney of the Year, *California Lawyer*, 2010; Top 100 Lawyers, *Daily Journal*, 2009; B.A., *Magna Cum Laude*, Fordham University, 1981

Christopher T. Gilroy | Of Counsel

Christopher Gilroy is Of Counsel in the Firm's Manhattan office. His practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Since joining the Firm, Gilroy has played a significant role in the following litigations: *Landmen Partners, Inc. v. The Blackstone Grp., L.P.* (\$85 million recovery on the eve of trial); *In re OSG Sec. Litig.* (\$34 million recovery, representing 87% of the maximum Section 11 damages); *City of Austin Police Ret. Sys. v. Kinross Gold Corp.* (\$33 million recovery); *Citiline Holdings, Inc. v. iStar Fin. Inc.* (\$29 million recovery); *City of Pontiac Gen. Emps. Ret. Sys. v. Lockheed Martin Corp.* (\$19.5 million recovery); *Carpenters Pension Tr. Fund of St. Louis v. Barclays PLC* (\$14 million recovery); *Beaver Cnty. Emps' Ret. Fund v. Tile Shop Holdings, Inc.* (\$9.5 million recovery); *IBEW Local 90 Pension Fund v. Deutsche Bank AG* (confidential settlement); *In re Ply Gem Holdings, Inc., Sec. Litig.* (\$25.9 million recovery); *In re BRF S.A. Sec. Litig.* (\$40 million recovery pending final approval); and *In re SandRidge Energy, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (successfully obtaining class certification in an ongoing litigation). Gilroy also performed an exhaustive factual investigation in *In re Satcon Tech. Corp.*, on behalf of Satcon's Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee, resulting in a seven-figure settlement in an action alleging breaches of fiduciary duties against former Satcon directors and officers.

Education

B.A., City University of New York at Queens College, 2005; J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 2010

Honors / Awards

Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2019-2021; B.A., *Cum Laude*, City University of New York at Queens College, 2005

Richard W. Gonnello | Of Counsel

Richard Gonnello is Of Counsel in the Firm's Manhattan office. He has two decades of experience litigating complex securities actions.

Gonnello has successfully represented institutional and individual investors. He has obtained substantial recoveries in numerous securities class actions, including *In re Royal Ahold Sec. Litig.* (D. Md.) (\$1.1 billion) and *In re Tremont Sec. Law, State Law & Ins. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$100 million). Gonnello has also obtained favorable recoveries for institutional investors pursuing direct opt-out claims, including cases against Qwest Communications International, Inc. (\$175 million) and Tyco International Ltd (\$21 million).

Gonnello has co-authored the following articles appearing in the *New York Law Journal*: "Staehr Hikes Burden of Proof to Place Investor on Inquiry Notice" and "Potential Securities Fraud: 'Storm Warnings' Clarified."

Education

B.A., Rutgers University, 1995; J.D., UCLA School of Law, 1998

Honors / Awards

B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, Rutgers University, 1995

Mitchell D. Gravo | Of Counsel

Mitchell Gravo is Of Counsel to the Firm and is a member of the Firm's institutional investor client services group. With more than 30 years of experience as a practicing attorney, he serves as liaison to the Firm's institutional investor clients throughout the United States and Canada, advising them on securities litigation matters.

Gravo's clients include Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau, UST Public Affairs, Inc., International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Alaska Seafood International, Distilled Spirits Council of America, RIM Architects, Anchorage Police Department Employees Association, Fred Meyer, and the Automobile Manufacturer's Association. Prior to joining the Firm, he served as an intern with the Municipality of Anchorage, and then served as a law clerk to Superior Court Judge J. Justin Ripley.

Education

B.A., Ohio State University; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law

Bailie L. Heikkinen | Of Counsel

Bailie Heikkinen is Of Counsel in the Firm's Boca Raton office. Her practice focuses on complex class actions, including securities, corporate governance, and consumer fraud litigation.

Heikkinen has been an integral member of the litigation teams responsible for securing monetary recoveries on behalf of shareholders that collectively exceed \$100 million. Notable cases include: *Medoff v. CVS Caremark Corp.*, No. 1:09-cv-00554 (D.R.I.); *City of Lakeland Emps. Pension Plan v. Baxter Int'l Inc.*, No. 1:10-cv-06016 (N.D. Ill.); *Wong v. Accretive Health, Inc.*, No. 1:12-cv-03102 (N.D. Ill.); and *Local 731 I.B. of T. Excavators & Pavers Pension Tr. Fund v. Swanson*, No. 1:09-cv-00799 (D. Del.).

Education

B.A., University of Florida, 2004; J.D., South Texas College of Law, 2007

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers®*, 2023-2025; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014, 2018

Dennis J. Herman | Of Counsel

Dennis Herman is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Francisco office where he focuses his practice on securities class actions. He has led or been significantly involved in the prosecution of numerous securities fraud claims that have resulted in substantial recoveries for investors, including settled actions against Massey Energy (\$265 million), Coca-Cola (\$137 million), VeriSign (\$78 million), Psychiatric Solutions, Inc. (\$65 million), St. Jude Medical, Inc. (\$50 million), NorthWestern (\$40 million), BancorpSouth (\$29.5 million), America Service Group (\$15 million), Specialty Laboratories (\$12 million), Stellant (\$12 million), and Threshold Pharmaceuticals (\$10 million).

Education

B.S., Syracuse University, 1982; J.D., Stanford Law School, 1992

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2018-2025; Northern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers*®, 2018-2021; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2017-2018; Order of the Coif, Stanford Law School; Urban A. Sontheimer Award (graduating second in his class), Stanford Law School; Award-winning Investigative Newspaper Reporter and Editor in California and Connecticut

Helen J. Hodges | Of Counsel

Helen Hodges is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office. She specializes in securities fraud litigation. Hodges has been involved in numerous securities class actions, including: *Dynegy*, which was settled for \$474 million; *Thurber v. Mattel*, which was settled for \$122 million; *Nat'l Health Labs*, which was settled for \$64 million; and *Knapp v. Gomez*, Civ. No. 87-0067-H(M) (S.D. Cal.), in which a plaintiffs' verdict was returned in a Rule 10b-5 class action. Additionally, beginning in 2001, Hodges focused on the prosecution of *Enron*, where a record \$7.2 billion recovery was obtained for investors.

Education

B.S., Oklahoma State University, 1979; J.D., University of Oklahoma, 1983

Honors / Awards

Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell; Hall of Fame, Oklahoma State University, 2022; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2022; served on the Oklahoma State University Foundation Board of Trustees, 2013-2021; Philanthropist of the Year, Women for OSU at Oklahoma State University, 2020; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2007

David J. Hoffa | Of Counsel

David Hoffa is Of Counsel in the Firm's Washington D.C. office. He has served as a liaison to over 110 institutional investors in portfolio monitoring, securities litigation, and claims filing matters. His practice focuses on providing a variety of legal and consulting services to U.S. state and municipal employee retirement systems and single and multi-employer U.S. Taft-Hartley benefit funds. In addition to serving as a leader on the Firm's Israel Institutional Investor Outreach Team, Hoffa also serves as a member of the Firm's lead plaintiff advisory team, and advises public and multi-employer pension funds around the country on issues related to fiduciary responsibility, legislative and regulatory updates, and "best practices" in the corporate governance of publicly traded companies.

Early in his legal career, Hoffa worked for a law firm based in Birmingham, Michigan, where he appeared regularly in Michigan state court in litigation pertaining to business, construction, and employment related matters. Hoffa has also appeared before the Michigan Court of Appeals on several occasions.

Education

B.A., Michigan State University, 1993; J.D., Michigan State University College of Law, 2000

Andrew W. Hutton | Of Counsel

Drew Hutton is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego and New York offices. Hutton has prosecuted a variety of securities actions, achieving high-profile recoveries and results. Representative cases against corporations and their auditors include *In re AOL Time Warner Sec. Litig.* (\$2.5 billion) and *In re Williams Cos. Sec. Litig.* (\$311 million). Representative cases against corporations and their executives include *In re Broadcom Sec. Litig.* (\$150 million) and *In re Clarent Corp. Sec. Litig.* (class plaintiff's 10b-5 jury verdict against former CEO). Hutton is also active in shareholder derivative litigation, achieving monetary recoveries and governance changes, including *In re Affiliated Computer Servs. Derivative Litig.* (\$30 million), *In re KB Home S'holder Derivative Litig.* (\$30 million), and *In re KeyCorp Derivative Litig.* (modified CEO stock options and governance). Hutton has also litigated securities cases in bankruptcy court (*In re WorldCom, Inc.* – \$15 million for individual claimant) and a complex options case before FINRA (eight-figure settlement for individual investor). Hutton is also experienced in complex, multi-district consumer litigation. Representative nationwide insurance cases include *In re Prudential Sales Pracs. Litig.* (\$4 billion), *In re Metro. Life Ins. Co. Sales Pracs. Litig.* (\$2 billion), and *In re Conseco Life Ins. Co. Cost of Ins. Litig.* (\$200 million). Representative nationwide consumer lending cases include a \$30 million class settlement of Truth-in-Lending claims against American Express and a \$24 million class settlement of RICO and RESPA claims against Community Bank of Northern Virginia (now PNC Bank).

Hutton is the founder of Hutton Law Group, a plaintiffs' litigation practice currently representing retirees, individual investors, and businesses. Before founding Hutton Law and joining Robbins Geller, Hutton was a public company accountant, Certified Public Accountant, and broker of stocks, options, and insurance products. Hutton has also served as an expert litigation consultant in both financial and corporate governance capacities. Hutton is often responsible for working with experts retained by the Firm in litigation and has conducted dozens of depositions of financial professionals, including audit partners, CFOs, directors, bankers, actuaries, and opposing experts.

Education

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1983; J.D., Loyola Law School, 1994

Nancy M. Juda | Of Counsel

Nancy Juda is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the Firm's Washington, D.C. office. Her practice focuses on advising Taft-Hartley pension and welfare funds on issues related to corporate fraud in the United States securities markets. Juda's experience as an ERISA attorney provides her with unique insight into the challenges faced by pension fund trustees as they endeavor to protect and preserve their funds' assets.

Prior to joining Robbins Geller, Juda was employed by the United Mine Workers of America Health & Retirement Funds, where she began her practice in the area of employee benefits law. She was also associated with a union-side labor law firm in Washington, D.C., where she represented the trustees of Taft-Hartley pension and welfare funds on qualification, compliance, fiduciary, and transactional issues under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code.

Using her extensive experience representing employee benefit funds, Juda advises trustees regarding their options for seeking redress for losses due to securities fraud. She currently advises trustees of funds providing benefits for members of unions affiliated with North America's Building Trades of the AFL-CIO. Juda also represents funds in ERISA class actions involving breach of fiduciary claims.

Education

B.A., St. Lawrence University, 1988; J.D., American University, 1992

Francis P. Karam | Of Counsel

Frank Karam is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the Firm's Melville office. Karam is a trial lawyer with 30 years of experience. His practice focuses on complex class action litigation involving shareholders' rights and securities fraud. He also represents a number of landowners and royalty owners in litigation against large energy companies. He has tried complex cases involving investment fraud and commercial fraud, both on the plaintiff and defense side, and has argued numerous appeals in state and federal courts. Throughout his career, Karam has tried more than 100 cases to verdict.

Karam has served as a partner at several prominent plaintiffs' securities firms. From 1984 to 1990, Karam was an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx, New York, where he served as a senior Trial Attorney in the Homicide Bureau. He entered private practice in 1990, concentrating on trial and appellate work in state and federal courts.

Education

A.B., College of the Holy Cross; J.D., Tulane University School of Law

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2019-2023; "Who's Who" for Securities Lawyers, *Corporate Governance Magazine*, 2015

Arthur C. Leahy | Of Counsel

Art Leahy is a founding partner in the Firm's San Diego office and a member of the Firm's Management Committee. He has over 20 years of experience successfully litigating securities actions and derivative cases. Leahy has recovered well over two billion dollars for the Firm's clients and has negotiated comprehensive pro-investor corporate governance reforms at several large public companies. Most recently, Leahy helped secure a \$272 million recovery on behalf of mortgage-backed securities investors in *NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co.* In the *Goldman Sachs* case, he helped achieve favorable decisions in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of investors of Goldman Sachs mortgage-backed securities and again in the Supreme Court, which denied Goldman Sachs' petition for certiorari, or review, of the Second Circuit's reinstatement of the plaintiff's case. He was also part of the Firm's trial team in the AT&T securities litigation, which AT&T and its former officers paid \$100 million to settle after two weeks of trial. Prior to joining the Firm, he served as a judicial extern for the Honorable J. Clifford Wallace of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Alan C. Kay of the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii.

Education

B.A., Point Loma Nazarene University, 1987; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 1990

Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2024-2025; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2022; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2021; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016-2017; J.D., *Cum Laude*, University of San Diego School of Law, 1990; Managing Editor, *San Diego Law Review*, University of San Diego School of Law

Avital O. Malina | Of Counsel

Avital Malina is Of Counsel in the Firm's Melville office, where her practice focuses on complex securities litigation.

Malina has been recognized as a Rising Star by *Super Lawyers Magazine* for the New York Metro area numerous times. Before joining the Firm, she was an associate in the New York office of a large international law firm, where her practice focused on complex commercial litigations.

Education

B.A., Barnard College, 2005, J.D., Fordham University School of Law, 2009

Honors / Awards

Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2021; B.A., *Magna Cum Laude*, Barnard College, 2005

Jerry E. Martin | Of Counsel

Jerry Martin is Of Counsel in the Firm's Nashville office. He specializes in representing individuals who wish to blow the whistle to expose fraud and abuse committed by federal contractors, health care providers, tax cheats, or those who violate the securities laws. Martin was a member of the litigation team that obtained a \$65 million recovery in *Garden City Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Psychiatric Solutions, Inc.*, the fourth-largest securities recovery ever in the Middle District of Tennessee and one of the largest in more than a decade.

Before joining the Firm, Martin served as the presidentially appointed United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee from May 2010 to April 2013. As U.S. Attorney, he made prosecuting financial, tax, and health care fraud a top priority. During his tenure, Martin co-chaired the Attorney General's Advisory Committee's Health Care Fraud Working Group. Martin has been recognized as a national leader in combatting fraud and has addressed numerous groups and associations, such as Taxpayers Against Fraud and the National Association of Attorneys General, and was a keynote speaker at the American Bar Association's Annual Health Care Fraud Conference.

Education

B.A., Dartmouth College, 1996; J.D., Stanford University, 1999

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016-2019

Ruby Menon | Of Counsel

Ruby Menon is Of Counsel to the Firm and is a member of the Firm's legal, advisory, and business development group. She also serves as the liaison to the Firm's many institutional investor clients in the United States and abroad.

Menon began her legal career as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, gaining extensive training in trials and litigation. Later, for over 12 years, she served as the Chief Legal Counsel to two large multi-employer retirement plans, developing her expertise in many areas of employee benefits and pension administration, including legislative initiatives and regulatory affairs, investments, tax, fiduciary compliance, and plan administration. During her career as Chief Legal Counsel, Menon was a frequent instructor for several certificate and training programs and seminars for pension fund trustees, administrators, and other key decision makers of pension and employee benefits plans. She is a member of various legal and professional organizations in the United States and abroad.

Menon currently serves as a co-chair on the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys Membership Committee and as a board member on the Corporate Advisory Committee of the National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR). She has previously served as an advisory board member for the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute and as a committee member on the International Pension Employee & Benefits Lawyers Association. Menon also organized and participated in the ACAP Shareholder sessions in Singapore and Hong Kong.

Education

B.A., Indiana University, 1985; J.D., Indiana University School of Law, 1988

Honors / Awards

Global Plaintiff Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024

Sara B. Polychron | Of Counsel

Sara Polychron is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office, where her practice focuses on complex securities litigation. She is part of the litigation team prosecuting actions against investment banks and the leading credit rating agencies for their role in the structuring and rating of residential mortgage-backed securities and their subsequent collapse.

Sara earned her Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from the University of Minnesota, where she studied Sociology with an emphasis in Criminology and Law. As an undergraduate she interned with the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, where she advocated for victims of domestic violence and assisted in sentencing negotiations in Juvenile Court. Sara received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Diego School of Law, where she was the recipient of two academic scholarships. While in law school, she interned with the Center for Public Interest Law and was a contributing author and assistant editor to the California Regulatory Law Reporter. She also worked as a legal research assistant at the law school and clerked for two San Diego law firms.

Education

B.A., University of Minnesota, 1999; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2005

Svenna Prado | Of Counsel

Svenna Prado is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office, where she focuses on various aspects of international securities and consumer litigation. She was part of the litigation teams that secured settlements against German defendant IKB, as well as Deutsche Bank and Deutsche Bank/West LB for their role in structuring residential mortgage-backed securities and their subsequent collapse. Before joining the Firm, Prado was Head of the Legal Department for a leading international staffing agency in Germany where she focused on all aspects of employment litigation and corporate governance. After she moved to the United States, Prado worked with an internationally oriented German law firm as Counsel to corporate clients establishing subsidiaries in the United States and Germany. As a law student, Prado worked directly for several years for one of the appointed Trustees winding up Eastern German operations under receivership in the aftermath of the German reunification. Utilizing her experience in this area of law, Prado later helped many clients secure successful outcomes in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

Education

J.D., University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany, 1996; Qualification for Judicial Office, Upper Regional Court Nuremberg, Germany, 1998; New York University, "U.S. Law and Methodologies," 2001

Harini P. Raghupathi | Of Counsel

Harini Raghupathi is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office. She is a member of the Firm's Appellate Practice Group.

Before joining the Firm, Harini represented victims of serious injury in federal and state appellate courts. Her practice areas included mass torts, consumer protection, and civil rights. Additionally, for over a decade, Harini served as a federal public defender specializing in appeals. In that role, she obtained multiple published reversals on behalf of her clients.

In 2012, *The Recorder* named Harini an "Attorney of the Year" for her successful appeal in *United States v. Leal-Del Carmen*, 697 F.3d 964 (9th Cir. 2012). Harini serves as the Chair of the Ninth Circuit Advisory Committee on Rules of Practice. She is also a member of the San Diego Appellate Inn of Court and a volunteer-mentor with The Appellate Project.

Education

B.S., Stanford University, 2004; J.D., University of California, Berkeley School of Law, 2007

Honors / Awards

Attorney of the Year, *The Recorder*, 2012

Andrew T. Rees | Of Counsel

Andrew Rees is Of Counsel in the Firm's Boca Raton office. His practice focuses on complex class actions, including securities, corporate governance and consumer fraud litigation. He was on the litigation team that successfully obtained a \$146.25 million recovery in *Nieman v. Duke Energy Corp.*, which is the largest recovery in North Carolina for a case involving securities fraud and one of the five largest recoveries in the Fourth Circuit.

Before joining the Firm, Rees worked as an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Hogan & Hartson LLP, where he practiced in the area of commercial transactions, including financings, stock purchases, asset acquisitions and mergers.

Education

B.A., Pennsylvania State University, 1997; J.D., William and Mary School of Law, 2002

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2024-2025

Jack Reise | Of Counsel

Jack Reise is Of Counsel in the Firm's Boca Raton office. Devoted to protecting the rights of those who have been harmed by corporate misconduct, his practice focuses on class action litigation (including securities fraud, shareholder derivative actions, consumer protection, antitrust, and unfair and deceptive insurance practices). Reise also dedicates a substantial portion of his practice to representing shareholders in actions brought under the federal securities laws. He is currently serving as lead counsel in more than a dozen cases nationwide. Most recently, Reise and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a \$1.21 billion settlement in *In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (D.N.J.), a case that *Vanity Fair* reported as "the corporate scandal of its era" that had raised "fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations." This is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest ever. As lead counsel, Reise has also represented investors in a series of cases involving mutual funds charged with improperly valuating their net assets, which settled for a total of more than \$50 million. Other notable actions include: *In re NewPower Holdings, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$41 million settlement); *In re ADT Inc. S'holder Litig.* (Fla. Cir. Ct., 15th Jud. Cir.) (\$30 million settlement); *In re Red Hat, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (E.D.N.C.) (\$20 million settlement); and *In re AFC Enters., Inc. Sec. Litig.* (N.D. Ga.) (\$17.2 million settlement).

Education

B.A., Binghamton University, 1992; J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 1995

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2022; American Jurisprudence Book Award in Contracts; J.D., *Cum Laude*, University of Miami School of Law, 1995; *University of Miami Inter-American Law Review*, University of Miami School of Law

Stephanie Schroder | Of Counsel

Stephanie Schroder is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office. Schroder advises institutional investors, including public and multi-employer pension funds, on issues related to corporate fraud in the United States and worldwide financial markets. Schroder has been with the Firm since its formation in 2004, and has over 20 years of securities litigation experience.

Schroder has represented institutional investors in securities fraud litigation that has resulted in collective recoveries of over \$2 billion. Most recently, Schroder was part of the Robbins Geller team that obtained a \$1.21 billion settlement in *In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, a case that *Vanity Fair* reported as "the corporate scandal of its era" that had raised "fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations." This is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest securities class action settlement ever. Additional prominent cases include: *In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig.* (\$100 million recovery at trial); *In re FirstEnergy Corp. Sec. Litig.* (\$89.5 million recovery); *Rasner v. Sturm (FirstWorld Communications)*; and *In re Advanced Lighting Sec. Litig.* Schroder also specializes in derivative litigation for breaches of fiduciary duties by corporate officers and directors. Significant litigation includes *In re OM Grp. S'holder Litig.* and *In re Chiquita S'holder Litig.* Schroder previously represented clients that suffered losses from the Madoff fraud in the *Austin Capital* and *Meridian Capital* litigations, which were also successfully resolved. In addition, Schroder is a frequent lecturer on securities fraud, shareholder litigation, and options for institutional investors seeking to recover losses caused by securities and accounting fraud.

Education

B.A., University of Kentucky, 1997; J.D., University of Kentucky College of Law, 2000

Kevin S. Sciarani | Of Counsel

Kevin Sciarani is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the San Diego office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Sciarani earned Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of California, San Diego. He graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law with a Juris Doctor degree, where he served as a Senior Articles Editor on the *Hastings Law Journal*.

During law school, Sciarani interned for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Antitrust Section of the California Department of Justice. In his final semester, he served as an extern to the Honorable Susan Illston of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Sciarani also received recognition for his *pro bono* assistance to tenants living in foreclosed properties due to the subprime mortgage crisis.

Education

B.S., B.A., University of California, San Diego, 2005; J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2014

Honors / Awards

J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, Order of the Coif, University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2014; CALI Excellence Award, Senior Articles Editor, Hastings Law Journal, University of California, Hastings College of the Law

Leonard B. Simon | Of Counsel

Leonard Simon is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office. His practice has been devoted to litigation in the federal courts, including both the prosecution and the defense of major class actions and other complex litigation in the securities and antitrust fields. Simon has also handled a substantial number of complex appellate matters, arguing cases in the United States Supreme Court, several federal Courts of Appeals, and several California appellate courts. He has also represented large, publicly traded corporations. Simon served as plaintiffs' co-lead counsel in *In re Am. Cont'l Corp./Lincoln Sav. & Loan Sec. Litig.*, MDL No. 834 (D. Ariz.) (settled for \$240 million), and *In re NASDAQ Market-Makers Antitrust Litig.*, MDL No. 1023 (S.D.N.Y.) (settled for more than \$1 billion). He was also in a leadership role in several of the state court antitrust cases against Microsoft, and the state court antitrust cases challenging electric prices in California. He was centrally involved in the prosecution of *In re Washington Pub. Power Supply Sys. Sec. Litig.*, MDL No. 551 (D. Ariz.), the largest securities class action ever litigated.

Simon is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Duke University, the University of San Diego, and the University of Southern California Law Schools. He has lectured extensively on securities, antitrust, and complex litigation in programs sponsored by the American Bar Association Section of Litigation, the Practising Law Institute, and ALI-ABA, and at the UCLA Law School, the University of San Diego Law School, and the Stanford Business School. He is an Editor of *California Federal Court Practice* and has authored a law review article on the PSLRA.

Education

B.A., Union College, 1970; J.D., Duke University School of Law, 1973

Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2016-2022; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2008-2016; J.D., Order of the Coif and with Distinction, Duke University School of Law, 1973

Laura S. Stein | Of Counsel

Laura Stein is Of Counsel in the Firm's Philadelphia office. Since 1995, she has practiced in the areas of securities class action litigation, complex litigation, and legislative law. Stein has served as one of the Firm's and the nation's top asset recovery experts with a focus on minimizing losses suffered by shareholders due to corporate fraud and breaches of fiduciary duty. She also seeks to deter future violations of federal and state securities laws by reinforcing the standards of good corporate governance. Stein works with over 500 institutional investors across the nation and abroad, and her clients have served as lead plaintiff in successful cases where billions of dollars were recovered for defrauded investors against such companies as: AOL Time Warner, TYCO, Cardinal Health, AT&T, Hanover Compressor, 1st Bancorp, Enron, Dynegy, Inc., Honeywell International, Bridgestone, LendingClub, Orbital ATK, and Walmart, to name a few. Many of the cases led by Stein's clients have accomplished groundbreaking corporate governance achievements, including obtaining shareholder-nominated directors. She is a frequent presenter and educator on securities fraud monitoring, litigation, and corporate governance.

Education

B.A., University of Pennsylvania, 1992; J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1995

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2024

John J. Stoia, Jr. | Of Counsel

John Stoia is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the Firm's San Diego office. He is one of the founding partners and former managing partner of the Firm. He focuses his practice on insurance fraud, consumer fraud, and securities fraud class actions. Stoia has been responsible for over \$10 billion in recoveries on behalf of victims of insurance fraud due to deceptive sales practices such as "vanishing premiums" and "churning." He has worked on dozens of nationwide complex securities class actions, including *In re Am. Cont'l Corp./Lincoln Sav. & Loan Sec. Litig.*, which arose out of the collapse of Lincoln Savings & Loan and Charles Keating's empire. Stoia was a member of the plaintiffs' trial team that obtained verdicts against Keating and his co-defendants in excess of \$3 billion and settlements of over \$240 million.

He also represented numerous large institutional investors who suffered hundreds of millions of dollars in losses as a result of major financial scandals, including AOL Time Warner and WorldCom. Currently, Stoia is lead counsel in numerous cases against online discount voucher companies for violations of both federal and state laws including violation of state gift card statutes.

Education

B.S., University of Tulsa, 1983; J.D., University of Tulsa, 1986; LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center, 1987

Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2022; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2007-2017; Litigator of the Month, *The National Law Journal*, July 2000; LL.M. Top of Class, Georgetown University Law Center

Christopher J. Supple | Of Counsel

Chris Supple is Senior Counsel to Robbins Geller, having joined the Firm after spending the past decade (2011-2021) as Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel at MassPRIM (the Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Management Board). While at MassPRIM, Supple also served for the last half-decade as Chair and Co-Chair of the Securities Litigation Committee of NAPPA (the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys). Supple is very familiar with, and experienced in, the role that institutional investors play in private securities litigation, having successfully directed MassPRIM's securities litigation activity in dozens of actions that recovered more than a billion dollars for investors, including *Schering-Plough* (\$473 million), *Massey Energy* (\$265 million), and *Fannie Mae* (\$170 million).

Supple's 30-plus years of experience in law and investments also includes over five years as a federal prosecutor, six years in senior leadership positions for two Massachusetts Governors, and over ten years in private law practice where his clients included MassPRIM and also its sibling Health Care Security/State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund. Supple began his career (after a federal court clerkship) as a litigating attorney assigned to securities cases at the Boston law firm of Hale and Dorr (now called WilmerHale). Supple has litigated in state and federal courts throughout the nation, and has successfully tried over 25 cases to jury verdict, tried dozens of cases to judges sitting without juries, argued hundreds of evidentiary and non-evidentiary motions, and settled dozens of cases by negotiated agreement. Supple holds the Investment Foundations™ Certificate awarded by the CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) Institute, and for nearly a decade was an adjunct law professor teaching a course in Federal Criminal Prosecution.

Education

B.A., The College of the Holy Cross, 1985; J.D., Duke University School of Law, 1988

Honors / Awards

J.D., with Honors, Duke University School of Law, 1988

Lindsey H. Taylor | Of Counsel

Lindsey H. Taylor is Of Counsel in the Firm's Boca Raton office, where his practice concentrates on consumer fraud and antitrust litigation.

At Robbins Geller, Taylor is part of the team representing plaintiffs in *In re American Medical Collection Agency, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litig.*, No. 2:19-md-02904 (D.N.J.), *In re American Financial Resources, Inc. Data Breach Litig.*, No. 2:22-cv-01757 (D.N.J.), and *In re Google Digital Advertising Antitrust Litig.*, No. 1:21-md-03010 (S.D.N.Y.). Before joining Robbins Geller, Taylor briefed and argued on behalf of the plaintiff in *Hanover 3201 Realty, LLC v. Vill. Supermarkets, Inc.*, 806 F.3d 162 (3d Cir. 2015), which established in the Third Circuit the standards when a non-competitor, non-consumer plaintiff had antitrust standing and differing standards for single and serial petitioning under the *Noerr-Pennington* doctrine. He was also part of the team that obtained favorable settlements in *James v. Global Tel*Link Corp.*, No. 2:13-04989 (D.N.J.), on behalf of the families of prisoners held on New Jersey prisons and jails for unconscionable pricing for prison telephone calls, and in *In re Liquid Aluminum Sulfate Antitrust Litig.*, No. 2:16-md-02687 (D.N.J.), on behalf of direct purchasers of liquid aluminum sulfate, which is used for water treatment.

Since 1998, Taylor has been the author of the chapter "Responding to the Complaint" in *New Jersey Federal Civil Procedure*, published annually by New Jersey Law Journal Books. He also served on the New Jersey District VC Ethics Committee from 2002 to 2006.

Education

B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1983; J.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, 1986

Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent Martindale Hubbell; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2019-2025; New Jersey Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2005, 2008-2011, 2014-2017, 2019-2022; B.A., with Honors, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1983

Michael A. Troncoso | Of Counsel

Michael Troncoso is Of Counsel to Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP. His practice focuses on securities fraud class action litigation and other affirmative litigation. Prior to joining the Firm, Troncoso served as a prosecutor, senior in-house counsel, and legal and policy advisor across numerous sectors. He served as chief counsel and chief of public policy to then-California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris, overseeing the office's priority litigation, enforcement, and legislative matters. In this role, he served as lead counsel for the State of California in securing the National Mortgage Settlement, the largest consumer financial protection settlement in state history that brought \$20 billion in loan relief and direct payments to California homeowners. He led the state's Mortgage Fraud Task Force and its investigations of securities law violations arising from the issuance of residential mortgage-backed securities. His team recovered nearly \$1 billion in RMBS-related losses for California public pension funds.

Earlier in his career, Troncoso served for nearly six years as a trial attorney and assistant chief attorney for policy in the San Francisco District Attorney's office, where he tried multiple criminal cases to jury verdict and led the office's mortgage and investment fraud team, where he was responsible for investigating and prosecuting complex financial crimes from initial report through charging and trial.

Troncoso most recently served as Vice President at the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, a philanthropic organization, where he led bipartisan policy and advocacy efforts nationwide. He also served in the University of California's Office of General Counsel as managing counsel for health affairs and technology law and chief campus counsel, where he oversaw various litigation, regulatory, and data protection matters.

Education

B.A., University of California at Berkeley, 1999; J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2002

Honors / Awards

Top 40 Under 40, *Daily Journal*, 2012

David C. Walton | Of Counsel

David Walton was a founding partner of the Firm. For over 25 years, he has prosecuted class actions and private actions on behalf of defrauded investors, particularly in the area of accounting fraud. He has investigated and participated in the litigation of highly complex accounting scandals within some of America's largest corporations, including Enron (\$7.2 billion), HealthSouth (\$671 million), WorldCom (\$657 million), AOL Time Warner (\$629 million), Countrywide (\$500 million), and Dynegy (\$474 million), as well as numerous companies implicated in stock option backdating.

Walton is a member of the Bar of California, a Certified Public Accountant (California 1992), and is fluent in Spanish. In 2003-2004, he served as a member of the California Board of Accountancy, which is responsible for regulating the accounting profession in California.

Education

B.A., University of Utah, 1988; J.D., University of Southern California Law Center, 1993

Honors / Awards

Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2019; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2016; California Board of Accountancy, Member, 2003-2004; *Southern California Law Review*, Member, University of Southern California Law Center; Hale Moot Court Honors Program, University of Southern California Law Center

Bruce Gamble | Special Counsel

Bruce Gamble is Special Counsel to the Firm in the Firm's Washington D.C. office and is a member of the Firm's institutional investor client services group. He serves as liaison with the Firm's institutional investor clients in the United States and abroad, advising them on securities litigation matters. Gamble formerly served as Of Counsel to the Firm, providing a broad array of highly specialized legal and consulting services to public retirement plans. Before working with Robbins Geller, Gamble was General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer for the District of Columbia Retirement Board, where he served as chief legal advisor to the Board of Trustees and staff. Gamble's experience also includes serving as Chief Executive Officer of two national trade associations and several senior level staff positions on Capitol Hill.

Education

B.S., University of Louisville, 1979; J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1989

Honors / Awards

Executive Board Member, National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, 2000-2006; American Banker selection as one of the most promising U.S. bank executives under 40 years of age, 1992

R. Steven Aronica | Forensic Accountant

Steven Aronica is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in the States of New York and Georgia and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Institute of Internal Auditors, and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Aronica has been instrumental in the prosecution of numerous financial and accounting fraud civil litigation claims against companies that include Lucent Technologies, Tyco, Oxford Health Plans, Computer Associates, Aetna, WorldCom, Vivendi, AOL Time Warner, Ikon, Doral Financial, First BanCorp, Acclaim Entertainment, Pall Corporation, iStar Financial, Hibernia Foods, NBTY, Tommy Hilfiger, Lockheed Martin, the Blackstone Group, and Motorola. In addition, he assisted in the prosecution of numerous civil claims against the major United States public accounting firms.

Aronica has been employed in the practice of financial accounting for more than 30 years, including public accounting, where he was responsible for providing clients with a wide range of accounting and auditing services; the investment bank Drexel Burnham Lambert, Inc., where he held positions with accounting and financial reporting responsibilities; and at the SEC, where he held various positions in the divisions of Corporation Finance and Enforcement and participated in the prosecution of both criminal and civil fraud claims.

Education

B.B.A., University of Georgia, 1979

Andrew J. Rudolph | Forensic Accountant

Andrew Rudolph is the Director of the Firm's Forensic Accounting Department, which provides in-house forensic accounting expertise in connection with securities fraud litigation against national and foreign companies. He has directed hundreds of financial statement fraud investigations, which were instrumental in recovering billions of dollars for defrauded investors. Prominent cases include *Qwest*, *HealthSouth*, *WorldCom*, *Boeing*, *Honeywell*, *Vivendi*, *Aurora Foods*, *Informix*, *Platinum Software*, *AOL Time Warner*, and *UnitedHealth*.

Rudolph is a Certified Fraud Examiner and a Certified Public Accountant licensed to practice in California. He is an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, California's Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. His 20 years of public accounting, consulting, and forensic accounting experience includes financial fraud investigation, auditor malpractice, auditing of public and private companies, business litigation consulting, due diligence investigations, and taxation.

Education

B.A., Central Connecticut State University, 1985

Christopher Yurcek | Forensic Accountant

Christopher Yurcek is the Assistant Director of the Firm's Forensic Accounting Department, which provides in-house forensic accounting and litigation expertise in connection with major securities fraud litigation. He has directed the Firm's forensic accounting efforts on numerous high-profile cases, including *In re Enron Corp. Sec. Litig.* and *Jaffe v. Household Int'l, Inc.*, which obtained a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs. Other prominent cases include *HealthSouth*, *UnitedHealth*, *Vesta*, *Informix*, *Mattel*, *Coca-Cola*, and *Media Vision*.

Yurcek has over 20 years of accounting, auditing, and consulting experience in areas including financial statement audit, forensic accounting and fraud investigation, auditor malpractice, turn-around consulting, business litigation, and business valuation. He is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in California, holds a Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) Credential from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and is a member of the California Society of CPAs and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

Education

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1985

Exhibit 10

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

BOSTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM,

Plaintiff,

v.

UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

Case No.: 3:19-cv-06361-RS

**DECLARATION OF MARK C. MOLUMPY ON BEHALF OF
COTCHETT, PITRE & MCCARTHY, LLP IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AN
AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES**

I, Mark C. Molumphy, declare as follows, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746:

1. I am a partner of the law firm of Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP ("CPM"). I submit this declaration in support of my firm's application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses in

1 connection with services rendered in the above-entitled action (the “Action”) from the inception of
2 my firm’s involvement in the Action through September 20, 2024.

3 2. My firm, which served as additional counsel in the Action and as individual plaintiff’s
4 counsel to Class Representatives Salvatore Toronto on behalf of Ellie Marie Toronto ESA, has been
5 involved throughout the course of the litigation since the filing of the *Messinger v. Uber Technologies,*
6 *Inc.* case in the Northern District of California. The *Messinger* Action was consolidated into the
7 above captioned Action, which is described in the accompanying Declaration of Alfred L. Fatale III
8 in Support of (I) Class Representatives’ Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and
9 Plan of Allocation; and (II) Class Counsel’s Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Payment of
10 Expenses, filed herewith. My firm also worked with Bottini & Bottini, Inc., which referred Mr.
11 Toronto to my firm and participated in Class discovery in the Action.

12 3. Over the last almost four years, my firm has been actively involved in this Action,
13 participating in motion practice, discovery, expert discovery, and numerous additional aspects of the
14 litigation. For example, CPM contributed to motion practice by briefing issues in the class
15 certification motion and preparing numerous discovery motions. CPM also participated in a
16 significant amount of discovery, including defending Mr. Toronto’s deposition, taking the deposition
17 of five fact and 30(b)(6) witnesses, and taking and defending expert depositions relating to the issue
18 of the Individual Defendants’ due diligence defense. CPM was also actively involved in document
19 review and third-party discovery. CPM further contributed to Plaintiffs’ strategy discussions and
20 mediations by focusing on specifically assigned factual issues relating to the Individual Defendants’
21 due diligence defense.

22 4. The information in this declaration regarding my firm’s time and expenses is taken
23 from time and expense records prepared and maintained by my firm in the ordinary course of business.
24 These records (and backup documentation where necessary) were reviewed by me and others at my
25 firm, under my direction, to confirm both the accuracy of the entries as well as the necessity for and
26 reasonableness of the time and expenses committed to the Action. As a result of this review and the
27 adjustments made, I believe that the time reflected in the firm’s lodestar calculation and the expenses
28 for which payment is sought are reasonable in amount and were necessary for the effective and

1 efficient prosecution and resolution of the Action. In addition, I believe that the expenses are all of a
2 type that would normally be paid by a fee-paying client in the private legal marketplace.

3 5. After this review, the number of hours spent on the litigation by my firm is 7,247.30.
4 The lodestar amount for attorney and professional support staff time based on the firm's current
5 hourly rates is \$4,235,170.00. A summary of the lodestar is provided in Exhibit A, and a breakdown
6 of the work by task code is provided in Exhibit B. The schedules were prepared from daily time
7 records regularly prepared and maintained by my firm, which are available at the request of the Court.
8 Time expended in preparing this application for fees and payment of expenses has not been included.
9 The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A are consistent with the hourly rates submitted by the firm in
10 other contingent securities class action litigations. The firm's rates are set based on periodic analysis
11 of rates used by firms performing comparable work both on the plaintiff and defense sides. For
12 personnel who are no longer employed by the firm, the "current rate" used for the lodestar calculation
13 is the rate for that person in his or her final year of employment with the firm.

14 6. As detailed in Exhibit C, my firm has incurred a total of \$220,870.29 in expenses in
15 connection with the prosecution of the Action. The expenses are reflected in the books and records
16 of my firm. These books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records, and other
17 source materials and are an accurate record of the expenses incurred.

18 7. The following is additional information regarding certain of these expenses:

19 (a) Court, Witness & Service Fees: \$340.85. These expenses have been paid to
20 the court in connection with attorney admissions and court filings.

21 (b) Work-Related Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$10,838.43. In connection
22 with the prosecution of this case, the firm has paid for work-related transportation expenses, meals,
23 and travel expenses related to, among other things, traveling for depositions.

24 (c) Online Legal & Factual Research: \$3,505.73. These expenses relate to the use
25 of electronic databases, such as PACER, Westlaw, and LexisNexis. These databases were used to
26 obtain access to financial data, factual information, and legal research.

27 (d) Deposition Transcript: \$1,728.75. This is the cost of a copy of the deposition
28 transcript of Class Representative Salvatore Toronto.

1 (e) Joint Litigation Expense Fund: \$195,250.00. My firm contributed
2 \$195,250.00 to the Joint Litigation Expense Fund maintained by Class Counsel Labaton Keller
3 Sucharow LLP, which was established to manage the major expenses in the litigation. This fund is
4 explained in the declaration submitted by Labaton. My firm seeks reimbursement for its contributions
5 to the fund.

6 8. With respect to the standing of my firm, attached hereto as Exhibit D is a brief
7 biography of my firm as well as biographies of the firm's partners and attorneys.

8 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 2nd
9 day of October, 2024.

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Exhibit A

*Uber Securities Litigation***EXHIBIT A****LODESTAR REPORT**

FIRM: COTCHETT, PITRE & MCCARTHY LLP

REPORTING PERIOD: INCEPTION THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

PROFESSIONAL	POSITION	CURRENT RATE	HOURS	LODESTAR
Allegra A. Kahn	LC	\$ 200.00	9.00	\$ 1,800.00
Alma D. Gutierrez	PL	\$ 275.00	75.30	\$ 20,707.50
Brooke Norton	PL	\$ 275.00	127.30	\$ 35,007.50
Elle Lewis	A	\$ 600.00	2,005.60	\$ 1,203,360.00
Emma Sousa	PL	\$ 275.00	10.50	\$ 2,887.50
Gia Jung	A	\$ 600.00	219.90	\$ 131,940.00
John Rabanal	PL	\$ 275.00	12.00	\$ 3,300.00
Mark Molumphy	P	\$ 925.00	1,302.00	\$ 1,204,350.00
Michaela Frates	PL	\$ 275.00	1,395.50	\$ 383,762.50
Sebastien B. Nguyen	A	\$ 425.00	6.50	\$ 2,762.50
Tyson Redenbarger	P	\$ 675.00	1,317.50	\$ 889,312.50
Vasti Montiel	A	\$ 600.00	390.60	\$ 234,360.00
Zephaniah Koh	PL	\$ 275.00	9.00	\$ 2,475.00
Zyres Agudelo	PL	\$ 325.00	366.60	\$ 119,145.00
TOTALS			7,247.30	\$ \$4,235,170.00

Partner (P)
 Associate (A)
 Paralegal (PL)
 Law Clerk (LC)

Exhibit B

*Uber Securities Litigation***EXHIBIT B****REPORT OF TIME BY TASK CATEGORIES**

FIRM: COTCHETT, PITRE & MCCARTHY LLP
 REPORTING PERIOD: INCEPTION THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

Categories:

- (1) Factual Investigation and Financial Research
 (2) Draft Initial/Amended Complaint
 (3) Discovery, Document Review and Fact Depositions
 (4) Case Management
 (5) Motions and Legal Research

- (6) Court Appearances and Preparation
 (7) Experts/Consultants
 (8) Litigation Strategy/Analysis
 (9) Mediation/Settlement
 (10) Class Certification

- (11) Trial Preparation
 (12) Appeal
 (13) Client/Shareholder Communication

Name	Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total Hours	Current Rate	Lodestar
Allegra A. Kahn	LC	-	-	-	-	6.00	-	2.00	1.00	-	-	-	-	-	9.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,800.00
Alina D. Gutierrez	PL	12.50	-	30.80	24.50	-	7.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75.30	\$ 275.00	\$ 20,707.50
Brooke Norton	PL	7.20	-	63.80	14.30	8.30	23.00	1.50	-	1.70	6.70	-	0.80	-	127.30	\$ 275.00	\$ 35,007.50
Elle Lewis	A	-	-	2,004.60	-	-	-	-	1.00	-	-	-	-	-	2,005.60	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,203,360.00
Emma Sousa	PL	-	-	10.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.50	\$ 275.00	\$ 2,887.50
Gia Jung	A	-	-	151.30	-	22.10	-	9.00	36.00	1.50	-	-	-	-	219.90	\$ 600.00	\$ 131,940.00
John Rabanal	PL	-	-	-	12.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 3,300.00
Mark Molumphy	P	41.30	31.90	617.80	1.20	50.40	4.40	187.50	163.00	157.20	34.80	-	12.50	-	1,302.00	\$ 925.00	\$ 1,204,350.00
Michaela Frates	PL	-	-	1,325.60	21.80	32.40	-	3.50	-	5.70	-	-	-	6.50	1,395.50	\$ 275.00	\$ 383,762.50
Sebastien B. Nguyen	A	-	-	-	-	4.50	-	-	-	2.00	-	-	-	-	6.50	\$ 425.00	\$ 2,762.50
Tyson Redenburger	P	-	2.50	834.40	10.10	104.40	8.60	163.90	110.40	60.70	20.50	-	1.40	0.60	1,317.50	\$ 675.00	\$ 889,312.50
Vasti Montiel	A	-	-	387.90	-	-	-	-	2.70	-	-	-	-	-	390.60	\$ 600.00	\$ 234,360.00
Zephaniah Koh	PL	-	-	9.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 2,475.00
Zyres Agudelo	PL	18.30	-	182.10	46.30	10.00	3.20	104.50	-	-	-	-	2.20	-	366.60	\$ 325.00	\$ 119,145.00
TOTALS:		79.30	34.40	5,617.80	130.20	238.10	46.70	471.90	314.10	226.80	64.00	-	16.90	7.10	7,247.30		\$ 4,235,170.00

(P) Partner
 (OC) Of Counsel
 (A) Associate
 (SA) Staff Attorney
 (LC) Law Clerk
 (I) Investigator
 (PL) Paralegal
 (RA) Research Analyst
 (CA) Contract Attorney

Exhibit C

*Uber Securities Litigation***EXHIBIT C****EXPENSE REPORT**

FIRM: COTCHETT, PITRE & McCARTHY LLP

REPORTING PERIOD: INCEPTION THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

CATEGORY	TOTAL AMOUNT
Court / Witness / Service Fees	\$340.85
Long Distance Telephone / Fax/ Conference Calls	\$533.14
Postage / Overnight Delivery Services	\$253.39
Online Legal & Factual Research	\$3,505.73
Deposition Transcript – Salvatore Toronto	\$1,728.75
Work-Related Transportation / Hotels / Meals	\$10,838.43
Duplicating: In-House BW: (42,100 copies at \$0.20 per page)	\$8,420.00
Contribution to Joint Litigation Expense Fund	\$195,250.00
TOTAL	\$220,870.29

Exhibit D

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FIRM RESUME

WHO WE ARE

Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP, based on the San Francisco Peninsula for over 45 years, engages exclusively in litigation and trials. The firm's dedication to prosecuting or defending socially just actions has earned it a national reputation. With offices in Burlingame, Los Angeles, New York and Seattle, the core of the firm is its people and their dedication to principles of law, work ethic and commitment to justice.

Most clients are referred by other lawyers who know of the firm's abilities and reputation in the legal community. We are trial lawyers dedicated to achieving justice.

WHAT WE DO

SECURITIES AND DERIVATIVE CASES

Pampena v. Musk

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM serves as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of a certified class of Twitter shareholders in an action against Elon Musk for allegedly manipulating the market for Twitter stock in his attempt to renegotiate his purchase of the company. The suit alleges that Musk's false statements and tweets delayed closing and induced shareholders to sell their Twitter shares at artificially low prices.

In re Wells Fargo & Co. Derivative Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM serves as Co-Lead Counsel represents investors in a shareholder derivative action against Wells Fargo's officers and directors relating to their oversight of the bank's operations, alleging that defendants' conduct resulted in racial discrimination in Wells Fargo's lending and hiring practices and violations of federal securities laws.

In re Uber Technologies, Inc. Securities Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM serves as counsel for investors in a certified class action against Uber Technologies, Inc., Uber officers and directors, and the investment banking firms that acted as underwriters for Uber's initial public offering in May 2019, alleging that Uber's registration statement and prospectus contained misleading information about Uber's condition.

In re Micro Focus International PLC Securities Litigation

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel for a certified class of investors in the merger between Micro Focus and a subsidiary of Hewlett Packard Enterprise. CPM alleged Micro Focus made false statements and failed to disclose material information about the merger and, after years of litigation, negotiated a \$107 million settlement – one of the largest IPO recoveries in the country. (Settled 2023).

In re Eventbrite, Inc. Securities Litigation

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel for a certified class of shareholders of Eventbrite, Inc. who invested in Eventbrite's September 2018 initial public offering. Eventbrite operates an event ticketing platform and manages certain events. The complaint alleged that Eventbrite misrepresented or failed to disclose information relating to the integration of an acquired company in the IPO documents sent to investors. (Settled 2022).

In re Wells Fargo & Company Derivative Litigation

San Francisco Superior Court

CPM served as Lead Counsel for the Derivative Plaintiffs in the California State action against Wells Fargo's current and former officers and directors based illegal sales practices revealed in late 2016. (Settled 2019).

Won et al. v. Neumann et al.

San Francisco County Superior Court

CPM represented investors who alleged that directors of the company, including former CEO Adam Neumann mismanaged the company such that its valuation was reduced by over 80% percent. The plaintiffs alleged that directors permitted Neuman to engage in egregious self-dealing and this conduct, among others, led to cancellation of the company's anticipated public offering. (Settled 2022).

Wong, et al. v. Restoration Robotics, et al.

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM represented investors who purchased Restoration Robotics stock in its October 2017 initial public offering. Restoration Robotics is a medical technology company that developed technology to assist doctors with follicular unit extraction surgery, a type of hair restoration procedure. The action alleged the company failed to disclose issues with the commercial viability of the technology that, once disclosed, resulted in a drop in the share value. (Settled 2023).

In re Wells Fargo & Company Auto Insurance Derivative Litigation

San Francisco Superior Court

CPM served as Lead Counsel for the Derivative Plaintiffs in the California State action against Wells Fargo's current and former officers and directors related to alleged overcharging of automobile and home loans in 2017. (Settled 2019).

In re LendingClub Securities Litigation

San Mateo Superior Court/USDC, Northern District of California

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel for a certified class of shareholders alleging that LendingClub and certain officers failed to disclose material information at the time of its initial public offering. CPM helped negotiate a settlement of related state and federal class actions that provided \$125 million to investors. (Settled 2018).

Chicago Laborers Pension Fund, et al. v. Alibaba Group Holding Limited, et al.

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM served as Co-Lead counsel in the securities class action brought against Alibaba for alleged violations of §§11, 12(a)(2) and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933 by reason of material misrepresentations and omissions in the Registration Statement and Prospectus for Alibaba's September 2014 initial public offering. (Settled 2019).

In re ProNAi Therapeutics, Inc. Securities Litigation

San Mateo Superior Court

CPM served as Lead Counsel representing a class of shareholders alleging that ProNAi failed to disclose material information at the time of its initial public offering relating to its developmental drug. (Settled 2019).

In re Oportun Securities Litigation

San Mateo Superior Court

CPM served as Lead Counsel representing a class of Oportun's common shareholders alleging that their ownership interests were unfairly diluted by a series of insider financing rounds led by Oportun's largest preferred shareholders, including venture capital funds that had representatives on Oportun's Board of Directors. (Settled 2018).

In re Medical Capital Securities Litigation

USDC, Central District of California

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel for noteholders who invested in Medical Capital, a receivable company that turned out to be a Ponzi scheme. After Plaintiffs prevailed on several motions to dismiss, Bank of New York Mellon agreed to pay \$114 million to resolve the actions. Shortly thereafter, and on the eve of trial, Wells Fargo agreed to pay \$105 million dollars to resolve the action. The combined \$219 million recovery represents one of the largest recoveries against indenture trustees in United States history and the largest Ponzi recovery in California history. (Settled 2013).

In re Intuitive Derivative Litigation

San Mateo Superior Court

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel in a shareholder derivative action against certain current and former officers and directors of Intuitive, which sold a robotic surgical system, alleging that Intuitive failed to disclose ongoing issues with regulatory bodies and patient injuries from the system at the same time executives were reaping insider trading profits from personal trades. (Settled 2017).

In re PG&E Derivative Litigation (San Bruno Gas Explosion)

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel representing PG&E shareholders following the gas pipeline explosion that devastated an entire neighborhood in San Bruno. The explosion, and resulting fire, killed eight people, injured dozens more and destroyed or damaged several dozen homes. PG&E ultimately was held criminally liable for its conduct, and paid tens of millions of dollars in fines and settlements. Through the derivative action, CPM secured a \$90 million settlement from PG&E's officers and directors, one of the largest monetary settlements in United States history, and extensive reforms to PG&E's safety and risk management practices overseen by management along with ongoing reports to the Court. (Settled 2017).

Justice John Trotter (Ret.), Trustee of the PG&E Fire Victim Trust

San Francisco County Superior Court

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel representing Plaintiff Justice John Trotter (Ret.), Trustee of the PG&E Fire Victims Trust against former Officers and Directors of PG&E for its mismanagement of electrical operations which lead to tens of billions of dollars in property damage for the North Bay Fires of 2017 and 2018 Camp Fire. (Settled 2022).

In re Alphabet Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation (Sexual Harassment Practices)

Santa Clara County Superior Court

CPM served as counsel in consolidated shareholder derivative action, alleging that Alphabet's management failed to monitor and prevent sexual harassment of employees by top Google executives and, instead, approved lucrative compensation to Google executives and then allowed them to quietly "resign" after they were credibly accused of sexual harassment and other misconduct. Even after public outrage when the conduct was disclosed and the walkout of nearly 20,000 Google employees, Alphabet failed to seek recourse. (Settled 2022).

Lehman Brothers Litigation

USDC, Southern District of New York

CPM served as Liaison Counsel and represented San Mateo County, Monterey County, the cities of Auburn, San Buenaventura, Burbank, and Zenith Insurance Company in a securities action relating to their investment losses in Lehman Brothers. CPM, on behalf of its clients, was the only firm to obtain monetary recoveries from the individual defendants themselves and one of the first to pursue claims against Ernst & Young, LLP. (Settled 2014).

In re Homestore.com, Inc. Securities Litigation

USDC, Central District of California

CPM served as Lead Counsel in a securities fraud class action representing CALSTRS against Homestore.com, Inc., its senior officers and directors, its auditors, and other companies who engaged in fraudulent "roundtripping" transactions, increasing revenues by false accounting methods. In 2004 the court approved a settlement in which Homestore agreed to reform its corporate policies and pay approximately \$93 million in stock and cash. In 2011, CPM obtained a jury verdict against a Homestore executive for securities fraud. (Jury Verdict, 2011).

HL Leasing Ponzi Scheme

Fresno County Superior Court

CPM served as Lead Counsel for investors and obtained a jury verdict for \$46.5 million against the top two senior officers of HL Leasing, Inc. for their involvement in a Ponzi scheme. The jury verdict came three days after the court had entered a directed verdict for \$114 million against HL Leasing, Inc., Heritage Pacific Leasing and Air Fred, LLC for a Ponzi scheme in which over 1200 victims lost approximately \$137 million. (Jury Verdict 2011).

Monterey County/ San Buenaventura / WaMu

USDC, Western District of Washington

CPM represented Monterey County and the City of San Buenaventura relating to their investment losses in Washington Mutual. Defendants allegedly deceived investors relating to their

underwriting and exposure to subprime losses and engaged in misleading accounting practices. (Settled 2011).

Pay By Touch Litigation

San Francisco County Superior Court

CPM represented investors, including the Getty family trusts, in a securities action against UBS Securities and former executives of Pay By Touch alleging fraud and negligent misrepresentation. (Settled 2011).

California State Teachers' Retirement System v. Qwest Communications

San Francisco County Superior Court

CPM represented CalSTRS in a securities action against Qwest Communications International, Inc., its securities underwriters, its senior officers and directors, and its auditor, Arthur Andersen arising out of the fraud executed by Qwest's senior officers. The litigation strategy resulted in a \$46.5 million settlement for CalSTRS alone, compared to the entire \$400 million class settlement. CalSTRS' individual settlement is approximately 11.6% of the total class settlement. CalSTRS also recovered over 50% of its actual damages, compared to a 6% class recovery. This is an exceptional settlement in securities litigation and became the subject of securities panel discussions. (Settled 2007).

California State Teachers' Retirement System v. AOL Time Warner

Los Angeles County Superior Court

CPM represented CalSTRS in a securities action against AOL Time Warner, its securities underwriters, its senior officers and directors and its auditor, Ernst & Young ("E&Y") alleging violations of state and federal securities law. CalSTRS was able to recover \$107.4 million in settlement, representing 80% of its losses and over 7 times what it would have recovered if it had remained a member of the Class. Our firm's participation in the CalSTRS/AOL Time Warner litigation was also at the cutting edge of California securities law development. We obtained a ruling from the Los Angeles Superior Court holding that the Supreme Court ruling in *Dura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. Broudo*, 544 U.S. 336 (2005) did not apply to actions brought under the California securities laws. We also were one of the first firms to litigate the issue of reliance as it relates to index investing, an issue of significant importance to all pension funds. This litigation demonstrates our firm's commitment to fighting to ensure that federal and state securities laws are able to protect injured investors and preserve the integrity of America's securities markets. (Settled 2007).

The Regents of the University of California v. Salomon Smith Barney, Inc., et al.

USDC, Southern District of New York

CPM represented the Regents of the University of California in an individual securities action WorldCom, Inc., its underwriters and its officers and directors, including Bernard Ebbers, relating to a massive multibillion accounting fraud which resulted in the bankruptcy of one of the largest telecommunications companies in the United States. Regents had invested in WorldCom securities prior to the Class Period and would have recovered nothing from the settlement. This was one of the first cases to successfully bring a holder's claim under California's blue-sky laws, as recognized by the California Supreme Court in *Small v. Fritz* (2003) 30 Cal.4th 167. (Settled 2006).

In re Oracle Derivative Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel for investors in a shareholder derivative complaint on behalf of Oracle Corporation against certain members of its Board of Directors and certain senior officers for breach of fiduciary duty and abuse of control relating to the over-billing of the US government for software products. (Settled 2013).

In re Novellus Systems, Inc. Litigation

Santa Clara County Superior Court

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel in a class action representing the Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System against Novellus' Board of Directors for alleged breaches of their fiduciary duties arising from a merger with Lam Research Corporation. CPM alleged that the merger was for inadequate consideration and was arrived at through an unfair process that did not adequately safeguard the interest of Novellus shareholders. (Settled 2012).

In re Mutual Funds Investment Litigation

USDC, District of Maryland

CPM served as Lead Counsel in a securities fraud class action filed against Janus mutual funds for allowing select investors to make substantial profits at the expense of other investors. The suits were filed in September 2003 and accuse the funds of allowing "market timing" and "late trading" by its largest customers resulting in millions of dollars of losses to other shareholders. (Settled 2010).

In re Genentech/Roche Shareholder Litigation

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel in a class action alleging several defendants breached their fiduciary duty relating to a proposed buy-out offer of Genentech by its largest and controlling shareholder, Roche Holdings. (Settled 2009).

Merrill Lynch Class Action

USDC, Southern District of New York

CPM represented former First Republic Bank shareholders in a securities class action against Merrill Lynch & Co., which is accused of hiding billions of dollars of losses related to subprime mortgages while the companies' merger was pending. Defendants allegedly misled First Republic shareholders about its finances as they considered Merrill's \$1.8 billion takeover of the company. (Settled 2009).

In re Apple Computer Inc. Derivative Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM served as Lead Counsel in a derivative action on behalf of Apple relating to backdating of stock options granted to various executives. The action alleged violations of federal and California state securities statutes and resulted in Settlement of cash and novel corporate governance reform. (Settled 2008).

Madoff Litigation

New York State Supreme Court

CPM represented investors in a securities action naming individuals and entities who are alleged to be liable in the \$65 billion Ponzi Scheme perpetrated by Bernard Madoff. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants, JP Morgan, and the Bank of New York as well as accounting firm KPMG LLP and their international counterparts, KPMG UK and KPMG International were primary players responsible for the fraud. Partners Joseph Cotchett and Nancy Fineman were the first and only attorneys to interview Bernard Madoff in prison.

American Continental Corp./Lincoln Sav. & Loan

794 F. Supp. 1424, UDSC, District Court of Arizona

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel for shareholder and bondholder victims of Charles Keating in a securities class action, and related insurance coverage litigation, including lengthy jury trial. (Largest jury verdict against an individual defendant in American history – \$3.5 billion against Keating and others.) (Jury Verdict).

Technical Equities Litigation

Abelson v. National Union

Santa Clara County Superior Court

CPM represented hundreds of individual plaintiffs in a fraud litigation, and subsequent insurance coverage and insurance bad faith litigation, and included three lengthy jury trials and three court trials. (Largest verdict in California for 1991).

Bily v. Arthur Young & Co.

3 Cal. 4th 370 (1992)

CPM represented shareholders in a professional negligence action against Arthur Young & Co. for materially misleading financial statements. Seminal case in California discussing auditor liability to shareholders.

In re Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (Freddie Mac) Securities Litigation

USDC, Southern District of New York

CPM was Lead Counsel in securities class action against Freddie Mac executives alleging that they misrepresented material facts regarding Freddie Mac's business prior to government conservatorship. The losses suffered by the Class of preferred shareholders exceed \$6 billion. (Settled).

Diversified Lending Group

Los Angeles County Superior Court

CPM represents investors in a securities action involving a multi-hundred million dollar fraudulent investment scheme perpetrated by Diversified Lending Group, Inc., Applied Equities, Inc. Bruce Friedman, and Diane Cano. (Settled).

In re Informix Derivative Litigation

Smurthwaite v. White

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM was Lead Counsel in consolidated shareholder derivative actions against corporate officers, directors and accountants relating to accounting fraud. (Settled 2000).

In re Sybase Derivative Litigation

Alameda County Superior Court

Krim v. Kertzman

Alameda County Superior Court

CPM was Lead Counsel in consolidated shareholder derivative actions against corporate officers and directors. (Settled 2000).

CBT Group Litigation

Durrett v. McCabe

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM represented holders of American Depository Shares in a derivative litigation against officers and directors of CBT Group PLC for accounting fraud and insider trading. (Settled 2000).

Orange County Securities Litigation

Smith v. Merrill Lynch

Orange County Superior Court

CPM represented debt securities holders of Orange County and its investment pool participants in a securities class action. (Settled 1997).

Acclaim Securities Litigation

Campbell v. Petermeier, et al.

Alameda County Superior Court

Campbell v. Acclaim Entertainment, Inc., et al.

USDC, Eastern District of New York

CPM represented investors in a securities class action arising from a stock swap merger. (Settled 1997).

In re Pilgrim Securities Litigation

USDC, Central District of California

CPM represented investors in a mutual fund fraud class action. (Settled 1997).

West Valley Litigation

Knight v. Rayden

Santa Clara County Superior Court

CPM represented real estate limited partnership investors in a securities class action. (Settled 1996).

In re Oak Technologies Securities Litigation

Santa Clara County Superior Court

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel for investors in a securities class action for insider trading and abuse of control. (Settled).

In re HomeFed Securities Litigation

USDC, Southern District of California

CPM represented bankrupt S&L as plaintiff in action against former S&L officers, directors and accountants for mismanagement and breach of fiduciary duty. (Settled).

Giorgetti v. BankAmerica Corp.

San Francisco County Superior Court

CPM represented shareholders in a class action for failure to pay control premium in connection with merger between Bank of America and NationsBank Corp. (Settled).

Harmsen v. Smith

693 F. 2d 932 (9th Cir. 1982)

586 F. 2d 156 (9th Cir. 1978)

542 F. 2d 496 (9th Cir. 1976)

CPM represented shareholders of United States National Bank, San Diego in a securities class action against C. Arnholt Smith and other officers, directors, and insiders. Multi-million dollar jury verdicts upheld on appeal. The first securities class action tried on both liability and damages to a jury.

J. David Dominelli Litigation

Rogers & Wells v. Superior Court

175 Cal. App. 3d 545 (1986)

CPM represented hundreds of clients in investor fraud litigation in San Diego County Superior Court including a lengthy jury trial.

Franchi v. Pera (Ubiquiti)

San Mateo Superior Court

CPM is Lead Counsel for the Derivative Plaintiffs in this action against Ubiquiti's current and former officers and directors based on Ubiquiti's Board deceit, fraud and insider selling. (Settled 2019).

CONSUMER AND PRIVACY CASES

In re Apple Inc. Device Performance Litigation

United States District Court, Northern District of California

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel representing a nationwide class of Apple customers who alleged that Apple issued software updates that slowed down the performance of certain iPhones. CPM negotiated a settlement after years of litigation that provided a settlement fund of \$310 to \$500 million to class members, the largest all-cash recovery in a computer intrusion case in history.

In re Zoom Video Communications, Inc. Privacy Litigation

United States District Court, Northern District of California

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel representing a nationwide class of Zoom customers who alleged privacy and security issues with the Zoom Meeting Application (“App”). The lawsuit alleged that Zoom (i) shared certain information with third parties, (ii) should have done more to prevent unwanted meeting disruptions by third parties, and (iii) advertised its Zoom Meetings App as being encrypted “end-to-end” when Plaintiffs contend it was not at that time. On April 21, 2021, the Northern District of California granted final approval of the class settlement of \$85 million.

In re Robinhood Outage Litigation

United States District Court, Northern District of California

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel representing a nationwide putative class of consumers who were impacted by major outages of Robinhood’s stock trading platform during key fluctuations in the stock market. The plaintiffs alleged that Robinhood was negligent in the development and maintenance of the Robinhood application, and that the company failed to implement an adequate business continuity plan as required by financial regulators. CPM negotiated a \$9.9 million settlement, returning virtually all of the lost funds back to customers.

In re: Lenovo Adware Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel in the Lenovo Adware Litigation related to surreptitiously installed malware on Lenovo computers. The complaint alleges that the adware violates privacy laws by intercepting users’ behavioral data, including browsing history and electronic communications. (Settled 2019).

In re: Lumber Liquidators Chinese-Manufactured Flooring Products Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation

USDC, Eastern District of Virginia

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel in the Lumber Liquidators case filed in the Eastern District of Virginia. The class action was filed against Lumber Liquidators alleging that their Chinese-manufactured laminate wood flooring products emit unsafe and dangerous levels of formaldehyde.

Credit Counseling Industry Suit names Chase, Money Management International and Others
USDC, Central District of California

CPM filed a consumer fraud case against JP Morgan Chase & Co., Chase Manhattan Bank USA, Money Management International (also known as Consumer Credit Counseling Service) and Money Management By Mail, Inc. for fraudulent “debt counseling” and debt collections in the subprime credit industry.

Anastasiya Komarova v. MBNA America Bank, N.A.; National Credit Acceptance, Inc.
San Francisco Superior Court

In a rare jury trial against a credit card collection agency, a San Francisco jury ruled in favor of a young woman who was the victim of an abusive campaign to force her to repay a debt she never incurred. Anne Marie Murphy and Justin T. Berger, two Associates at CPM represented Anastasiya Komarova, who was awarded \$600,000 from National Credit Acceptance, Inc. in 2008. Komarova had been subjected to nearly a year of hostile telephone calls to her work place and a spurious arbitration proceeding, all over a bogus credit card debt and despite the fact that she repeatedly told the agency she never had an account with the credit card company in question. In issuing its verdict, the San Francisco Superior Court jury described National Credit Acceptance’s conduct as “outrageous.” The verdict is believed to be one of the largest verdicts in the country by a sole plaintiff alleging credit abuse.

Hidden Wireless Telephone Fees
San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM filed a class action lawsuit against AT&T Wireless, Sprint and Cingular Wireless for illegally charging subscribers for services, including “local number portability” fees, even though the services are not available. The case went to the Court of Appeal and is now back in the Superior Court.

In re: Hewlett-Packard Inkjet Printer Litigation
USDC, Northern District of California

CPM represented consumers who have been deceived by inaccurate low-on-ink warnings on Hewlett-Packard Inkjet Printers. The low-on-ink warnings appear even when there is a substantial amount of ink remaining in the ink cartridges, thereby misleading consumers into unnecessarily buying expensive ink cartridges.

Rich v. Hewlett-Packard
USDC, Northern District of California

CPM represented consumers in a class action lawsuit against Hewlett-Packard, which has designed its printers to use color ink even when printing in black and white. Hewlett-Packard does not disclose this design to consumers, who are forced to buy expensive color ink cartridges even when they only print simple black and white documents.

Citigroup
San Francisco County Superior Court

CPM filed a consolidated class action on behalf of mortgage “packing” and “flipping” victims. Nationwide class certification for settlement purposes, and final approval of settlement, 2003.

Ameriquest

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM filed a “Bait and Switch” class action on behalf of mortgage borrowers. Class certified for all purposes in 2003. (Settled 2005).

Northern Trust Bank of California

Los Angeles County Superior Court

CPM filed a class action on behalf of beneficiaries of fixed-fee trusts charged excess trustee fees over a 21-year period. Class certification for settlement purposes and final approval of settlement, 2005.

Old Republic

Wisper v. Old Republic Title Co.

Verges v. Old Republic Title Co.

San Francisco County Superior Court

CPM was Lead and liaison counsel in consolidated consumer class action against title company for unfair business practices regarding fee overcharges and “cost avoidance” relationships with banks. Class certified for all purposes. Verdict of \$14 million in 2001.

Household Lending

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM filed a nationwide class action on behalf of predatory lending victims. Class certification for all purposes, 2003. Final approval of settlement, 2004.

Fairbanks Capital Corp.

USDC, District of Massachusetts

CPM filed a nationwide class action against mortgage loan servicing company for charging various improper fees, costs, and charges. Class certification for settlement purposes and final approval of settlement, 2004.

Massachusetts General Life Ins. Co.

Santa Clara County Superior Court

CPM filed a “vanishing premium” class action on behalf of life insurance policyholders. Class certified for all purposes, 1999.

Commonwealth Life Ins. Co.

Alameda County Superior Court

CPM filed a consumer fraud class action against provider of reverse mortgages to elderly consumers. Class certified on Business and Professional Code Violation for all purposes.

Transamerica HomeFirst, Inc.

San Mateo County Superior Court

69 Cal. App. 4th 577 (1999)

CPM filed a consumer fraud class action against provider of reverse mortgages to elderly consumers. Class certified on Business and Professional Code Violations for all purposes.

Stewart Title Co. of California

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM represented 115 individual plaintiffs in 81 consolidated cases arising from pyramid scheme fraud relating to fractionalized deeds of trust.

In re Louisiana-Pacific Corp. Inner-Seal OSB Trade Practices

Agius v. Louisiana-Pacific Corp.

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM filed a nationwide product defect/Lanham Act class action on behalf of owners and operators of building and homes with defective and improperly certified oriented strand board wood sheathing. (Settled 1998).

Executive Life

Los Angeles County Superior Court

CPM filed an action by Insurance Commissioner on behalf of failed insurance company (Filed April 1991); also filed as a class action. (Settled 1995).

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

USDC Southern District of California

CPM filed a class action on behalf of franchisees for unfair business practices. (Settled 1996).

First Capital Holdings

San Diego County Superior Court

CPM filed a class action on behalf of policy holders of failed insurance company. (Settled 1993).

Fidelity Federal Bank

USDC, Central District of California (1993)

824 F. Supp. 909

9th Circuit Court of Appeals (1996)

91 F. 3d 75

CPM filed a class action on behalf of adjustable-rate mortgage borrowers.

In re: Diet Drugs (Phentermine, Fenfluramine, Dexfenfluramine) Products Liability
Los Angeles County Superior Court

USDC, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

CPM filed a consumer fraud and product liability individual actions on behalf of approximately 100 individuals.

Prop. 103 Calfarm Ins. Co. v. Deukmejian

48 Cal. 3d 805 (1989)

CPM filed a lawsuit on behalf of Ralph Nader and his organization regarding Proposition 103 (rate controls on insurance carriers).

PUBLIC ENTITY CASES***People of the State of California v. Atlantic Richfield, et al. (“Lead Paint Litigation”)*****Santa Clara County Superior Court**

CPM represented the People of the State of California alongside ten California Cities and Counties in a public nuisance action in the Complex Department of Santa Clara County Superior Court. The six defendants included the largest historical manufacturers of lead-based paint and lead pigments in the country. The case was initially filed in March of 2000, and was finally brought to trial in the summer of 2013. The Lead Paint Litigation is considered one of the largest representative public nuisance actions in the country ultimately resulting in a judgment for the People in the amount of \$1.15 Billion.

LIBOR-Based Financial Instruments Antitrust Litigation**USDC, Southern District of New York**

CPM represents the Counties of San Mateo and San Diego, the Cities of Richmond and Riverside, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and other public entities who invested in financial instruments that were tied to the London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR. LIBOR is the world’s benchmark rate used for setting interest rates on a wide range of financial instruments, from car and home loans to municipal derivatives. LIBOR is set daily based on the borrowing costs reported by members of the British Bankers’ Association. The complaints allege that the member banks conspired to suppress LIBOR, both to reduce the amounts they were required to pay on LIBOR-linked transactions, and to increase their perceived strength in the market. Plaintiffs invested significant sums in financial instruments, such as interest rate swaps and corporate securities, the rates of return of which were tied to LIBOR, and earned less on those investments as a result of the alleged suppression of LIBOR.

Municipal Derivative Investment Antitrust Litigation**USDC, Southern District of New York**

Along with co-counsel, CPM represents Los Angeles and numerous public entities who purchased Guaranteed Investment Contracts (“GICs”) and other derivative investments. GICs and derivative investments are purchased from financial institutions, insurance companies, and others through a competitive bidding process overseen by brokers. They are purchased when public entities issue tax-exempt municipal bonds to raise funds to finance public works projects and have funds that are not immediately needed for the project. CPM’s investigation has uncovered, and the complaints allege, that the competitive bidding process is a sham as securities sellers and brokers in the derivative investment market have engaged in a conspiracy to allocate the market and rig the bidding process in violation of antitrust law and common law.

Municipal Bond Insurance Antitrust Litigation**San Francisco County Superior Court**

CPM represents Los Angeles and numerous public entities who issued tax-exempt municipal bonds to raise funds to finance public works projects and were compelled to purchase insurance for those bond issuances. When a public entity issues bonds, its credit rating determines the interest it will pay to bond holders. To reduce the interest rate, public entities have had to purchase bond insurance to improve their credit worthiness (despite an historical default rate of less than 0.1 percent). CPM’s investigation has uncovered and the complaints allege that the bond insurance

companies violated antitrust law and common law by conspiring to maintain a dual credit rating system that discriminates against public entities (versus private corporations), causing public entities to pay unusually high premiums to purchase unnecessary bond insurance, and failure of the bond insurance companies to disclose they made risky investments in the subprime market that has led to the downgrading of the bond insurers' own credit ratings.

San Francisco Unified School District

Sacramento County Superior Court

CPM filed a consumer fraud and negligence case against a Fortune 250 energy company in a scheme to defraud the district in connection with an energy contract to upgrade schools and help the district save energy costs. (Settled in June of 2004 for \$43.1 million)

National Gas Anti-Trust Cases I, II, III, & IV

San Diego Superior Court

CPM represented eleven public entities and others for the reporting of false information by non-core natural gas retailers to published price indices to manipulate the natural gas market during the California energy crisis. CPM successfully prosecuted this case, concluding in approximately \$124 Million in settlements.

In re Commercial Tissue Products Public Entity Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litigation

County of San Mateo v. Kimberly-Clark Corp.

San Francisco County Superior Court

CPM served as the Public Entity Co-Liaison Counsel and filed an antitrust class action on behalf of public entity consumers of commercial sanitary paper products for an alleged price-fixing conspiracy among producers. This case settled for approximately \$2,250,000.

Judicial Counsel of California

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM successfully defended the Chief Justice of the State of California and the Judicial Counsel of California in an action brought by the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) to invalidate California's Ethics Standards for Neutral Arbitrators by demonstrating that the 11th Amendment bars federal actions against these state actors.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

United States Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

CPM represented the California State Senate, the California State Assembly, and the City of Oakland in an action against FERC. Petitioned the Court to issue a writ of mandamus to compel FERC to take action to ensure just and reasonable rates for energy in California and the Western states.

Central Sprinkler County of Santa Clara v. Central Sprinkler Corp. Santa Clara County Superior Court Hart v. Central Sprinkler Corp.

Los Angeles County Superior Court

CPM filed a consumer class action against the manufacturer of automatic fire suppression sprinklers for product defects and consumer fraud. (Class certified and settlement finally

approved, 1999). 193 Cal. App. 3d 802 (1987). Class action for antitrust and unfair business practices.

ANTITRUST CASES

Auto Parts Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Eastern District of Michigan

CPM is co-lead counsel on behalf of consumers against manufacturers of auto parts, including bearings, fuel senders, heater control panels, safety systems, instrument control clusters and wire harnesses, for a world-wide conspiracy to fix prices for those parts for use in cars and trucks.

Webkinz Litigation, Nuts for Candy v. Ganz Inc., et al.

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM was lead counsel representing a proposed class of persons or entities in the United States who ordered Webkinz from Ganz Inc. on the condition that they also order products from Ganz's "core line" of products. The complaint alleged that Ganz conditioned the purchase of its popular Webkinz plush line toy with a minimum \$1,000 purchase of non-Webkinz "core" line products in violation of federal antitrust laws. On September 17, 2012, Hon. Richard Seeborg of the Northern District of California approved a class action settlement on behalf of a class of small business retailers against Ganz Inc. for alleged antitrust violations where customers were required to purchase unwanted products as a condition to purchasing Ganz's popular Webkinz Toy. (Settled, 2012).

In re Transpacific Passenger Air Transportation Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM is the court-appointed Co-Lead counsel for a proposed class of purchasers who paid fuel surcharges illegally charged by defendants on long-haul passenger flights for transpacific routes. Plaintiffs have settled with Japan Airlines for \$10 million.

In re: Plasma Derivative Protein Therapies Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM is lead counsel for indirect purchasers in this antitrust class action alleging price-fixing in the market for the life-saving blood products albumin and immunoglobulin.

Freight Forwarders Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Eastern District of New York

CPM is Co-Lead Counsel for Direct Purchasers of Freight Forwarding services in the United States and filed a complaint alleging that the major providers of Freight Forwarding conspired to fix the prices of such services in violation of U.S. federal antitrust law (15 U.S.C. § 1). The action has already led to multiple settlements for the benefit of the class.

In re Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM is an Executive Committee Member and represents a class of direct purchaser plaintiffs against manufacturers of cathode ray terminals ("CRT") whose prices were artificially raised,

maintained or stabilized at a supra-competitive level by defendants and their co-conspirators. Settlements amounting to \$79.5 million have been reached with four of the defendants.

In re Static Random Access Memory (SRAM) Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

The Court appointed CPM as sole Lead Counsel for direct purchaser plaintiffs of Static Random Access Memory (“SRAM”) chips. CPM successfully secured a \$77 million settlement on behalf of plaintiffs. Important legal rulings were reached on cutting edge issues such as the extent to which the United States antitrust laws apply to foreign conduct, standing of class representatives and the proper showing for class certification. (Settled 2011).

In re Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM served as chair of the Discovery Committee in a multidistrict litigation arising from the price-fixing of DRAM, a form of computer memory. Shortly before the scheduled trial, class counsel reached settlements with the last remaining defendants, bringing the total value of the class settlements to over \$325 million.

In re Lithium Batteries Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

The Court appointed CPM as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of direct purchasers of lithium-ion rechargeable batteries that defendants allegedly conspired to fix the price on.

Municipal Derivative Investment Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Southern District of New York

Along with co-counsel, CPM represents Los Angeles and numerous public entities who purchased Guaranteed Investment Contracts (“GICs”) and other derivative investments. GICs and derivative investments are purchased from financial institutions, insurance companies, and others through a competitive bidding process overseen by brokers. They are purchased when public entities issue tax-exempt municipal bonds to raise funds to finance public works projects and have funds that are not immediately needed for the project. CPM’s investigation has uncovered, and the complaints allege, that the competitive bidding process is a sham as securities sellers and brokers in the derivative investment market have engaged in a conspiracy to allocate the market and rig the bidding process in violation of antitrust law and common law.

In re Digital Music Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Southern District of New York

CPM was appointed to the Steering Committee in this class action brought on behalf of all persons who paid inflated prices for music sold as digital files.

E&J Gallo Winery v. EnCana Energy Services, et al.

USDC, Eastern District of California

CPM successfully represented E. & J. Gallo Winery in an antitrust action against natural gas companies for manipulating energy prices, which led to the 2000-2001 California energy crisis, in which energy companies not only gouged the State of California and its residents of billions of dollars but led to rolling blackouts throughout California. E. & J. Gallo Winery is one of the

largest natural gas users in the State of California and it suffered millions of dollars in losses. CPM's aggressive prosecution of this case resulted in the case settling on the eve of trial for a substantial sum. CPM's efforts led to the landmark Ninth Circuit opinion on the filed rate doctrine at *E. & J. Gallo Winery v. EnCana Corporation*, 503 F.3d 1027 (9th Cir. 2007).

Kopies, Inc, et al. v. Eastman Kodak Co.

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM was appointed Co-Lead counsel, and successfully prosecuted an antitrust class action on behalf of copier service firms against parts manufacturer for illegal tying of products and services. CPM successfully reached a \$45 million settlement with Kodak on behalf of plaintiffs.

Municipal Bond Insurance Antitrust Litigation

San Francisco County Superior Court

CPM represented Los Angeles and numerous public entities who issued tax-exempt municipal bonds to raise funds to finance public works projects and were compelled to purchase insurance for those bond issuances. When a public entity issues bonds, its credit rating determines the interest it will pay to bond holders. To reduce the interest rate, public entities have had to purchase bond insurance to improve their credit worthiness (despite an historical default rate of less than 0.1 percent). CPM's investigation has uncovered and the complaints allege that the bond insurance companies violated antitrust law and common law by conspiring to maintain a dual credit rating system that discriminates against public entities (versus private corporations), causing public entities to pay unusually high premiums to purchase unnecessary bond insurance, and failure of the bond insurance companies to disclose they made risky investments in the subprime market that has led to the downgrading of the bond insurers' own credit ratings.

In re International Air Transportation Surcharge Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel or a class of purchasers who paid fuel surcharges illegally charged by defendants on long-haul passenger flights for transatlantic routes. Plaintiffs secured settlements on behalf of the class with Defendants Virgin Atlantic Airways, LTD and British Airways Plc worth approximately \$204 million. (Settled 2009).

In re Optical Disk Drive (ODD) Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM was a member of the executive committee in this multidistrict litigation alleging a conspiracy that manufacturers of optical disk drives ("ODD") fixed prices of ODD's sold directly to plaintiffs in the United States. Plaintiffs have reached a \$26 million settlement with the HLDS defendants.

Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Eastern District of New York

CPM, along with co-counsel, was the court-appointed lead counsel for a proposed class of U.S. indirect purchasers of international air freight services. The case alleges that the providers of international air freight services conspired to fix the prices of such services, including fuel surcharges. The case names almost forty international air freight carriers as defendants. The claims of the United States indirect purchasers is brought under the antitrust laws and consumer

protection laws of various U.S. states. The Court granted approval to a settlement with defendants Deutsche Lufthansa AG, Lufthansa Cargo AG, and Swiss International Air Lines, Ltd. (Settled 2009).

Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc.

Livingston v. Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc.

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM filed an antitrust class action under Sherman Act by purchasers of Toyota vehicles for secret rebates. (Settled 1997).

Hip And Knee Implant Marketing Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM, with co-counsel, has filed two complaints on behalf of proposed classes of persons who underwent hip or knee implant surgery. The complaints allege that the major manufacturers of hip and knee implants have engaged in a pervasive kickback scheme, using phony consulting agreements with orthopedic surgeons, to improperly funnel money to doctors and hospitals in return for choosing the manufacturer's device during surgeries. This scheme artificially raised the costs of hip or knee implants paid for by members of the proposed class in violation of state antitrust and consumer protection laws.

In re Commercial Tissue Products Public Entity Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litigation

County of San Mateo v. Kimberly-Clark Corp.

San Francisco County Superior Court

CPM filed an antitrust class action on behalf of class of public entity consumers of commercial sanitary paper products against alleged price-fixing conspiracy among producers. (Appointed co-lead counsel for public entity class, 1998).

Dry Creek Corporation v. El Paso Corporation

San Diego County Superior Court

CPM filed an antitrust action against El Paso for withholding natural gas from California in order to drive up prices, which was successfully resolved on behalf of the Plaintiff.

In re Hydrogen Peroxide Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

CPM filed an antitrust class action for conspiracy to fix prices of hydrogen peroxide manufactured and sold by defendants who were engaged in an alleged price-fixing conspiracy.

In re Intel Corporation Microprocessor Antitrust Litigation

USDC, District Court of Delaware

CPM represents entities against Intel Corporation for antitrust violations relating to monopolization. CPM has been active in assisting lead counsel with discovery.

National Gas Anti-Trust Cases I, II, III, & IV

San Diego Superior Court

CPM represented eleven public entities and others for the reporting of false information by non-core natural gas retailers to published price indices to manipulate the natural gas market during the

California energy crisis. CPM successfully prosecuted this case, concluding in approximately \$124 Million in settlements.

Bathroom Fittings Cases

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM was a member of the Executive Committee in an antitrust class action for a conspiracy to fix prices of Bathroom Fitting manufactured by defendants participating in an alleged price-fixing conspiracy.

Magazine Paper

San Francisco County Superior Court

CPM filed an antitrust class action for price-fixing conspiracy against magazine paper products International Paper Co., MeadWestvaco Corporation, Norse Skog, Stora Enso, Sappi Limited, S.D. Warren Company and others.

Foundry Resins

USDC, Southern District of Ohio

CPM filed an antitrust class action for conspiracy to fix prices of resins manufactured by Ashland Inc., Ashland Specialty Chemical Company, Borden Chemical Inc., Delta HA, Inc., HA International LLC.

In re Automotive Refinishing Paint Cases

Alameda County Superior Court

CPM was appointed Co-Liaison Counsel in an antitrust class action for conspiracy to fix the price of auto paint by manufacturers engaged in an alleged price-fixing conspiracy. The class was certified in 2004.

In re Methionine Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM was appointed Co-Lead Counsel in this antitrust class action against several methionine manufacturers involved in a conspiracy to fix the prices of and allocate the markets for methionine. This case settled for \$107 million.

In re Citric Acid Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel in an antitrust class action against the five largest sellers of citric acid in the United States, who conspired to raise and fix the price of citric acid at artificially high levels. Co-Lead counsel successfully certified the class in October 1996. Co-Lead Counsel also reached approximately \$86.5 million in combined settlements with defendants Archer Daniels Midland Co., Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., Jungbunzlauer, Inc., Haarmann & Reimer Corp., and Cerestar Bioproducts B.V.

In re Beer Antitrust Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM was appointed Co-Lead counsel in an antitrust class action on behalf of specialty beer brewers against Anheuser-Busch, Inc. for attempt to monopolize U.S. beer industry by denying access to distribution channels.

PRODUCT LIABILITY CASES

In re: Toyota Motor Corp. Unintended Acceleration Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation

USDC, Central District of California

CPM was Co-Lead counsel in a class action against Toyota Motor Corporation and its U.S. sales and marketing arms, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and Toyota Motor North America, Inc. United States District Judge James V. Selna appointed Frank M. Pitre as Co-Lead Counsel for the Economic Loss Committee in the Toyota sudden unintended acceleration litigation. The MDL involves more than 200 lawsuits divided into two groups: those seeking losses on behalf of consumers and others who have lost value on their Toyotas, and those seeking damages for people who have been injured or killed in a Toyota. (Settled, 2012 - \$1.3 billion).

Bextra and Celebrex Marketing Sales Practices and Product Liability Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM was co-lead trial counsel in the In Re: Bextra and Celebrex Mktg., Sales Practices & Product Liability Litigation, which culminated in Pfizer agreeing to pay \$894 million to settle consolidated injury and class action cases related to its pain killers Bextra & Celebrex.

Vioxx Product Liability Litigation

USDC, Northern District of New York

CPM represents a number of individuals who suffered medical injuries such as heart attacks and strokes after taking the prescription drug Vioxx. The drug was withdrawn from the market by its manufacturer and distributor, Merck & Co., Inc., after evidence emerged linking the drug to heart attacks, strokes, sudden cardiac death, and other serious cardiovascular risks.

Sharper Image Corporation v. Consumers Union of United States

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM was successful in defending under California's Anti-SLAPP statute of product disparagement claim brought by Sharper Image relating to reviews of Sharper Image's Ionic Breeze air cleaner published in Consumer Reports.

Isuzu Motors Ltd. v. Consumers Union of the United States, Inc.

USDC, Central District of California

CPM represented defendant publisher of Consumer Reports in defamation/product disparagement litigation brought by auto manufacturer against non-profit consumer testing organization. Jury verdict for Consumers Union after a two-month jury trial.

Suzuki Motor Corp. Japan v. Consumers Union of the United States, Inc.

USDC, Central District of California

CPM represented defendant publisher of Consumer Reports in defamation/product disparagement litigation brought by auto manufacturer against nonprofit consumer testing organization. Summary judgment in favor of defendants was granted in May 2000.

Diet Drug Litigation

Los Angeles County Superior Court

USDC, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

CPM represented approximately 100 individuals in consumer fraud and product liability individual actions.

Rhonda Albom, et al. v. Ford Motor Company/Firestone Tires

Los Angeles Superior Court

CPM represented a young child and her mother who were injured when their Ford Explorer veered out of control and rolled over in Half Moon Bay, California. The case was one of several against Ford Motor Company and Firestone Tires consolidated before the Superior Court of Los Angeles.

Swine Flu Immunization Products Litigation

Adleson v. United States

USDC, Northern District of California (1981)

523 F. Supp. 459

USDC, District of Columbia (1980)

89 F.R.D. 695

MDL actions for product liability.

Bausch & Lomb Contact Lens Solution Product Liability Litigation

USDC, District of South Carolina

CPM represents individuals who sustained serious eye injuries as a result of the use of the contact lens solution ReNu with MoistureLoc. The product was withdrawn from the market by its manufacturer and distributor, Bausch & Lomb, after it was associated with fungal keratitis (a rare type of eye infection).

Dephlia Davis, et al. v. Actavis Group, et al.

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM represented individuals who were injured or killed after injecting the drug Digitek, which was formulated and distributed by the manufacturers and suppliers at a level more than double the FDA prescribed maximum.

Trawick v. Parker-Hammifin, et al.

Monterey County Superior Court

CPM successfully prosecuted a product liability claim against the manufacturer and supplier of a defective rubber hose coupling installed on a forklift which failed and killed a construction foreman at the Monterey Plaza Hotel.

Austin Hills, et al. v. S & G Ragsdale Equipment Co., LLC, et al.

Napa County Superior Court

CPM represented the Hills family in a product liability/negligence claim against the parties responsible for the defective operation of a truck/trailer hitch system which caused a 5 ton trailer with drilling equipment to disengage, then swerve into the opposing lane of traffic killing Erika Hills, a resident of Napa.

Munoz, et al. v. Bayer Corporation, et al.

San Joaquin County Superior Court

CPM successfully represented multiple individuals who were killed or injured after ingesting the drug Baycol, which was promoted by Bayer Pharmaceutical without alerting users of a severe muscle adverse reaction known as rhabdomyolysis.

In re Cable News Network and Time Magazine “Operation Tailwind” Litigation,

Sheppard v. Cable News Network, Inc.

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM represented Vietnam veterans in an action against Time and CNN who falsely reported to have committed war crimes in Laos.

QUI TAM CASES

Medical Laboratories Medi-Cal Fraud Case

Sacramento County Superior Court

CPM represented a whistleblower, Chris Riedel, who owns a lab company, Hunter Laboratories of Campbell, California. The California Attorney General’s office joined the case in late 2008. The lawsuit alleged that, despite state law requiring that California’s Medi-Cal program receive the lowest price for lab services, Quest Diagnostics, the largest lab in California, and LabCorp, the second largest, routinely billed California prices far above what it was charging others. The case was settled in 2011, recovering \$301 million in taxpayer money from the lab defendants, including \$241 million from Quest Diagnostics, Inc. The \$241 million settlement is the largest False Claims Act recovery in California history, and the largest single-state False Claims Act settlement ever in United States history.

California ex rel. Richardson v. Ischemia Research & Education Foundation

San Francisco Superior Court

CPM filed a Qui Tam California False Claims Act case against research foundation for failure to pay direct and overhead costs in clinical drug studies to its host university. (Settled, 1997)

United States v. Columbia HCA

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM filed a Qui Tam False Claims Act litigation against healthcare provider for false billing.

United States v. Tenet Healthcare Corporation

USDC, Central District of California

CPM filed a Qui tam False Claims Act litigation against healthcare provider for false claims for payment.

BUSINESS CASES

Humboldt Creamery Litigation

Humboldt County Superior Court

CPM is representing the Liquidating Trustee of Humboldt Creamery, LLC in a lawsuit filed against the company's former Chief Executive Officer, Richard Ghilarducci, its Chief Financial Officer, Ralph A. (Tony) Titus and its independent auditor, Frank X. Gloeggler alleging financial fraud. Defendants are alleged to have manipulated financial data by creating different sets of financial statements for different purposes and inflating revenue.

Siller v. Siller Brothers, Inc.

Sutter County Superior Court

CPM successfully represented a minority shareholder in a dissolution proceeding and trial establishing a value for his corporate interest at more than double that of the court appointed appraisers.

Olympus v. Taisei Construction

Santa Clara County Superior Court

CPM represented the owner of the prestigious Calistoga Ranch Resort in an action for fraudulent overbilling against Taisei Construction.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TOXIC CASES

Earth Island Institute v. Crystal Geyser Water Co. et al.,

USDC, Northern District of California

San Mateo Superior Court

CPM represents Earth Island, a Berkeley-based nonprofit institution, seeking to hold major consumer goods companies accountable for their contribution to plastic pollution in California shores and waterways. Earth Island alleges that, among other conduct, the defendants misled consumers about the recyclability of their products' plastic packaging.

Lawsuit Against Caltrans to Protect Ancient Redwoods

USDC, Northern District of California

San Francisco County Superior Court

CPM filed an environmental action against Caltrans challenging Caltrans' approval of a controversial highway widening and realignment project alleging that they violated the California Environmental Quality Act in approving the project.

Cosco Busan Oil Spill

Tarantino, et al. v. Hanjin Shipping Co., Ltd., et al.

San Francisco County Superior Court

Loretz, et al. v. Regal Stone, Ltd., et al.

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM served as Co-Lead Counsel for settlement and litigation classes of San Francisco Bay fishermen economically injured by the November 7, 2007 Cosco Busan oil spill. (Partially Settled, 2010).

Californians for Native Salmon Litigation

221 Cal. App. 3d 1419 (1990)

Representative action regarding approval of timber harvest plans.

Avila Beach Environmental Litigation

Poist v. Unocal Corporation

San Luis Obispo County Superior Court

CPM represents owners of interest in timeshares in cost-side towns in an environmental toxic class action arising out of petroleum contamination and remediation efforts.

Cambria Community Services District/Chevron Litigation

San Luis Obispo County Superior Court

CPM represented Cambria Community Services District against Chevron for a leak which contaminated the town's drinking water supplies with MTBE. The firm was successful in securing a settlement for Cambria which permitted it to insure that alternate water sources were available for the community.

Santa Maria Valley Litigation

Story, et al. v. Unocal Corporation, et al.

Santa Barbara County Superior Court

Span, et al. v. Unocal Corporation, et al.

Santa Barbara County Superior Court

Adelhelm, et al. v. Unocal Corporation, et al.

Santa Barbara County Superior Court

Chabot, et al. v. Unocal Corporation, et al.

Santa Barbara County Superior Court

CPM represented homeowners and families living in Santa Maria, California, an old oil field which was the setting of the film *There Will be Blood*. When production in the oil field tapered off, residential communities were constructed atop the old oil fields – and on top of the waste which the oil companies left behind. The firm has been successful in providing remedies to these families, who have been able to leave behind their polluted homes and communities and restart their lives.

Burbank Litigation

USDC, Central District of California

CPM represented homeowners for nuisance arising from environmental remediation efforts at site of massive toxic contamination.

Voisinnet Litigation

Voisinnet, et al. v. Unocal, et al.

San Luis Obispo County Superior Court

CPM represented home developers for nuisance and fraud arising out of petroleum contamination.

Bridgestone/Firestone Litigation

Dower, et al. v. Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire, LLC, et al.

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM represented homeowners for toxic groundwater contamination released from the Crazy Horse Sanitary Landfill in Salinas, California.

AVIATION CASES

Asiana Flight 214 Crash

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM is currently representing several passengers who were aboard Asiana Airlines Flight 214 that crashed and caught fire while landing at San Francisco International Airport on July 6, 2013.

Tesla Plane Crash Litigation

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM is representing victims of the February 17, 2010, crash of the Cessna 310R aircraft that took off from the Palo Alto Municipal Airport and collided with power lines, then crashed into multiple homes, narrowly missing a day care center. All three people killed in the plane crash were Tesla engineers.

Alaska Airlines Litigation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM represented the survivors of one of the victims of the crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 on January 31, 2000, off the coast of California.

Singapore Airlines Litigation

Thomas v. Singapore Airlines

USDC, Central District of California

CPM represented victims of the October 31, 2000, crash of a Singapore Airlines passenger jet in Taiwan in which 83 people were killed and dozens injured.

Montoya v. Bell Helicopter

USDC, Northern District of Texas

CPM represented the wife and children of the executive and against the helicopter manufacturer and the French company, which supplied the component parts. This case involved pursuit of a claim for product liability in the design of the engine shroud incorporated into a Bell helicopter, which crashed in the jungle of New Guinea killing a Chevron executive.

PSA Flight 1771 Litigation

Los Angeles County Superior Court

CPM represented victims of the December 7, 1989, air crash of a PSA jetliner near San Luis Obispo. The case was unique due to the focus on breaches of security by the airline and airport security, which permitted a disgruntled former airline employee to by-pass security with a gun later used to kill the pilot and crew during flight.

CONSTRUCTION CASES

Delgado vs. City of Millbrae, et al.

Santa Clara County Superior Court

CPM served as co-lead counsel in a successful 5-year battle against various engineers and contractors responsible for a hillside failure during the winter storms of 2001–2002.

ELDER ABUSE CASES

San Mateo County Public Guardian (Muhek) v. Miller

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM filed an action on behalf of a senior citizen against caregiver who took life savings.

Santa Clara Public Guardian (McCulla) v. Walia

Santa Clara County Superior Court

CPM filed an action against the companies, real estate brokers and others as a result of \$1.4 million in fraudulent loans to a senior citizen.

Alameda Public Guardian (Bowie) v. First Alliance Mortgage

Alameda County Superior Court

CPM filed an action against lenders for allowing loans to be placed on senior citizen's home by a third party.

Melder v. Pacific Grove Convalescent Hospital

Monterey County Superior Court

CPM filed an action against a nursing home for alleged inappropriate sexual behavior by an employee.

Rodriguez v. Res-Care, Inc. et al.

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM filed an elder abuse case against ResCare on behalf of a victim who suffered second and third degree burns when she was put in a shower for 20 minutes with scalding, 130 to 135-degree temperature water. The suit also seeks punitive damages and funding for future care. The case was settled in 2008.

Gogol v. Mills-Peninsula Health Services d/b/a Mills-Peninsula Skilled Nursing

San Mateo Superior Court

In July 2012, CPM won a \$1,844,400 jury verdict after a two-week trial on behalf of an 86-year-old resident of San Mateo County who was injured in a nursing home. The jury also made a finding of clear and convincing evidence of recklessness, oppression, fraud, or malice for an additional award of attorneys' fees and punitive damages. Ms. Gogol was recovering from a hip replacement at the defendant's nursing home when she was dropped, breaking her recently replaced hip. She was placed back in bed without the injury being reported. Due to her cognitive impairment, she had no memory of how her injury occurred. She received treatment only after a family member discovered her injuries. The case was settled before the punitive damage phase of the trial.

Pauline B. Reade v. Fetuu Tupofutuna, et al.

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM and The Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County provided *pro bono* representation to a 89 year old elderly widow, Pauline Reade, who was bilked out of nearly \$600,000. Ms. Reade faced foreclosure on her Pacifica home after a scam contractor tricked her into signing loan documents with various banks and mortgage entities. The action was filed to stop the sale against various individuals and entities involved in the loan transaction, including, RBS Financial Products, Inc., Deutsche Bank National Trust Co., GMAC Mortgage, LLC, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Executive Trustee Services, Paul Financial, Fetuu Tupoufutuna and Mohammed Ali George.

Snyder v. Menon et al.

Marin County Superior Court

Action against lender, title company and individuals for fraud and elder abuse based upon the fraudulent inflation of the purchase price of a property the Plaintiffs sought to purchase.

Shekhter v. Greengables Villa Care Home et al

Alameda County Superior Court

Action for elder abuse against adult care facility for neglect and physical abuse in connection with the care of 94-year-old woman.

Platon v. A&C Health Care Services

Santa Clara County Superior Court

Action for elder abuse and negligence against adult care facility for neglect and physical abuse of 91-year-old resident.

Foroudian v. Wilson et al.

San Mateo County Superior Court

Action for fraud and elder abuse against title company, hard money lenders, plaintiffs' son and his ex-girlfriend for fraud and elder abuse resulting in Foroudians incurring \$2M in debt for the benefit of defendants. The Plaintiffs recovered their funds.

Shook v. LaFarre

San Mateo Superior Court

CPM represented a family in a dispute about the estate of long time San Francisco resident Rudolph R. Cook. CPM alleged that the defendant Cyrus LaFarre, a neighbor of Mr. Cook's, had duped Mr. Cook into amending his estate plan and giving his money to Mr. LaFarre. After Mr. Cook passed away, the family learned that Mr. LaFarre claimed that he had been left the majority of Mr. Cook's estate and had been named as the trustee of Mr. Cook's trust. The amendment to Mr. Cook's long-term estate plan purported to give most of Mr. Cook's \$2M estate to the defendant. The jury unanimously determined that Mr. LaFarre had committed financial elder abuse and breach of fiduciary duty.

Richter et al. v. CC-Palo Alto, Inc.**USDC, Northern District of California**

CPM is pursuing a class action and creditor derivative case on behalf of the 500 residents of the Vi-Palo Alto, a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC). Among CPM's clients (the proposed class representatives) are a retired Nobel Prize winner, doctor, World War II journalist and a unique collection of accomplished South Bay senior citizens. The facility is located on Stanford land. The lawsuit is believed to be the first of its kind in the Bay Area challenging a CCRC's financial practices. The complaint alleges that \$190 million dollars was "up-streamed" from the Palo Alto facility to its corporate parent in Chicago, thus leaving the senior citizen residents financially vulnerable. Those funds were to be returned to the senior citizens when they moved out or returned to their families when they passed away. The complaint alleges that the Chicago company has refused to return the money to Palo Alto.

Kofman v. Alexy Pitt et al.**San Mateo Superior Court**

On February 14, 2017 CPM obtained a \$1,295,579 dollar judgment on behalf of an elderly Bay Area resident who was the victim of financial elder abuse.

EMPLOYMENT CASES**WAGE AND HOUR CASES*****Cynthia Sotelo, et al. v. MediaNews Group, Inc., et al.*****Alameda County Superior Court**

CPM represented a class of Hispanic newspaper carriers whose labor is exploited by the ANG Newspaper Group, a conglomerate news-media company. The class seeks damages for violations of the California Labor Code and Unfair Competition Laws.

In re: Wachovia Securities, LLC, Wage and Hour Litigation**USDC, Central District of California**

CPM has been designated co-lead plaintiffs' counsel by a federal judge in a collection of lawsuits against Wachovia Securities, LLC, on behalf of over 10,000 current and former stockbrokers who were not paid in accordance with state and federal law.

In re: AXA Wage and Hour Litigation**USDC, Northern District of California**

CPM has been appointed co-Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel by a federal judge in a collection of lawsuits against the AXA family of insurance companies, on behalf of over 7,000 current and former financial sales representatives who were not paid in accordance with state and federal law.

LaParne, et al. v. Monex, et al.**USDC, Central District of California**

CPM represents current and former sales representatives in a federal lawsuit against Monex, a commodities trading company based in Southern California, for failure to pay overtime, failure to provide meal and rest breaks, and other violations of state and federal law.

Shephard v. Lowe's HIW, Inc.**USDC Northern District of California**

Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, along with Block & Leviton filed a lawsuit against Lowe's HIW, Inc. ("Lowe's") on June 15, 2012 alleging that Lowe's misclassified all California installers as independent contractors in violation of California law. The Honorable Jeffrey S. White granted Plaintiff's Motion for Class Certification in August 2013, certifying the class of California installers and appointing Block & Leviton and Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy as class counsel. The Firms successfully achieved a \$6.5 million settlement on behalf of the class of California installers, which was preliminarily approved on June 25, 2014 and is awaiting final approval.

Avery v. Integrated Healthcare Holdings, Inc.**Orange County Superior Court**

CPM served as co-lead counsel in a class action lawsuit filed against the IHHI chain of hospitals in Southern California. CPM represented registered nurses and respiratory therapists who were not paid overtime wages in accordance with state law. The case settled for \$14.5M in 2013, and the court granted final approval of the settlement in August 2014.

Los Angeles Times / Zell**USDC, Northern District of Illinois**

CPM represents current and former journalists of the Los Angeles Times in a lawsuit filed against Sam Zell, the Tribune Company and others for a breach of their fiduciary duties, violating ERISA, improper valuation and misuse of employee pension fund assets and conflicts of interest. Other allegations include that Tribune Company employees, who technically own the company through the Tribune ESOP, have been and continue to be damaged by the go-private transaction and by the subsequent mismanagement and self-dealings of Tribune executives, including Sam Zell, the result of which has been to diminish the value and the products of the employee-owned company.

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Shrager v. Advanced Equities Inc. (“AEI”) et al.

San Francisco County Superior Court

CPM represented an employee of a broker dealer in state court litigation over harassment and compensation claims.

Sullivan v. Advanced Equities Inc. (“AEI”)

FINRA Arbitration

CPM successfully represented an employee in FINRA arbitration. The FINRA panel found that the employer had falsely accused the employee of violations of company policy and had fraudulently induced the employee to join the company, and awarded both compensatory and punitive damages. This is one of many examples of cases CPM has handled before FINRA.

PUBLIC INTEREST / HUMAN RIGHTS CASES

Lawsuit Filed Regarding Confiscated Armenian Lands

USDC, Central District of Los Angeles

CPM filed a class action on behalf of Armenians seeking compensation for confiscated properties and belongings as a result of the Genocide of 1915-1923. The lawsuit targets the Central Bank of Turkey and the Ziraat Bank as financial instruments of the Turkish Government. Defendants are alleged to selling and deriving income from real estate and personal property that was owned by hundreds of thousands of Armenians who were killed during the Genocide.

WWII Filipino Veterans Compensation

De Fernandez et al. v. US Dep’t of Veterans Affairs, et al.

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM filed a class action on behalf of United States WWII Filipino Veterans, and their service organizations, challenging decisions by the VA to deny benefits to such veterans according to criteria that are arbitrary, capricious, and impossible to satisfy.

State Buildings Litigation

Epstein et al. v. Schwarzenegger et al.

San Francisco Superior Court

CPM represented taxpayers against the Schwarzenegger Administration to stop the sale of California’s public buildings, which would have cost California’s taxpayers billions of dollars. CPM was successful in obtaining an emergency temporary stay of the sale from the Court of Appeal. While the stay was in place Governor Brown took office and cancel the sale.

Surfrider Foundation v. Martins Beach 1 LLC et al.

San Mateo Superior Court

CPM successfully represented Surfrider Foundation to restore public access to Martin’s Beach. The Complaint alleged that the owners of Martin’s Beach, who purchased the property in 2008, unlawfully erected a barrier preventing access to Martin’s Beach road, without a permit required by the California Coastal Act.

FIRST AMENDMENT CASES

Sharper Image Corporation v. Consumers Union of United States

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM successfully defended under California's Anti-SLAPP statute of product disparagement claim brought by Sharper Image relating to reviews of Sharper Image's Ionic Breeze air cleaner published in Consumer Reports.

Kendall-Jackson Winery v. E.J. Gallo Winery

USDC Northern District of California

9th Circuit Court of Appeals (1998)

150 F. 3d 1042

CPM represented defendant in trade dress and unfair business practice litigation. (Judgment and verdict for defendant after jury trial).

Isuzu Motors Ltd. v. Consumers Union of the United States, Inc.

USDC, Central District of California

CPM represented defendant publisher of Consumer Reports in defamation/product disparagement litigation brought by auto manufacturer against non-profit consumer testing organization. Jury verdict for Consumers Union after a two-month jury trial.

Suzuki Motor Corp. Japan v. Consumers Union of the United States, Inc.

USDC, Central District of California

CPM represented defendant publisher of Consumer Reports in defamation/product disparagement litigation brought by auto manufacturer against nonprofit consumer testing organization. Summary judgment in favor of defendants was granted in May, 2000.

In re Cable News Network and Time Magazine "Operation Tailwind" Litigation

Sheppard v. Cable News Network, Inc.

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM represented Vietnam veterans against Time and CNN who falsely reported to have committed war crimes in Laos.

MASS TORT/PERSONAL INJURY CASES

San Bruno Pipeline Explosion

San Mateo County Superior Court

CPM filed multiple actions on behalf of victims of the PG&E pipeline explosion which occurred in San Bruno. The natural gas-fed fire killed eight people and injured dozens more, and destroyed or damaged several dozen homes.

Murillo, et al. v. National Railroad Passenger Corporation, et al.

Contra Costa County Superior Court

CPM successfully represented the family of an elderly couple who were killed by an Amtrak train while their car was trapped at a dangerously designed grade railroad crossing in Crockett,

California in an action against the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”), Union Pacific Railroad Company and the State of California Department of Transportation.

Manlapaz, et al. v. Bills Trucking, et al.

Santa Clara County Superior Court

CPM represented the family of a woman who was killed after being crushed by a semi-truck with two dirt hauling trailers while she was crossing the street near a construction site in Mountain View, California.

Gonzalez v. Oil Can Henry’s International

Monterey County Superior Court

CPM successfully represented a four-year-old child who suffered brain damage after being struck and run over by a driver at an oil change service shop which failed to properly control vehicle and pedestrian safety in conjunction with its promotion of quick service.

Balcony Collapse

San Francisco County Superior Court

CPM represented 13 victims of personal injuries and wrongful death arising out of Franklin Street balcony collapse in 1996.

In re MGM Grand Hotel Fire Litigation

570 F. Supp. 913 USDC, District of Nevada

MDL consolidated litigation by personal injury wrongful death claims in the mammoth fire that destroyed the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Carnaham v. State of California

Fresno County Superior Court

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Hyman v. Nahi

Orange County Superior Court

CPM represented victims of balcony collapse against landlord and termite company in a case involving slum landlord conditions.

Walton v. Samuels

Los Angeles County Superior Court

CPM filed an action for lung injury victims arising out of a four-alarm apartment fire in a major disaster in Los Angeles.

Malhotra v. Nathan

San Francisco County Superior Court

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In re Diet Drug Litigation

Los Angeles County Superior Court

In re Diet Drugs (Phentermine, Fenfluramine, Dexfenfluramine) Products Liability Litigation

USDC, Eastern Division of Pennsylvania

CPM filed consumer fraud and product liability individual actions on behalf of approximately 100 individuals.

Adleson v. United States

USDC, Northern District of California

523 F. Supp. 459 (1981)

MDL actions for product liability of the Swine Flu Immunization Program out of Washington, D.C.

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INSURANCE CASES

Dupell v. Massachusetts General Life Ins. Co.

Santa Clara County Superior

CPM filed “vanishing premium” class action on behalf of life insurance policyholders. Class certified for all purposes, 1999.

Prop. 103 Litigation

Calfarm Ins. Co. v. Deukmejian

48 Cal. 3d 805 (1989)

Litigation regarding Proposition 103 (rate controls on insurance carriers) on behalf of Public Citizen.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CASES

Kendall-Jackson Winery v. E&J Gallo Winery

USDC, Northern District of California

150 F. 3d 1042 (9th Cir. 1998)

CPM represented defendant in trade dress and unfair business practice litigation. (Judgment and verdict for defendant after jury trial.)

MP3.Com Copyright Cases

USDC, Southern District of New York

CPM filed multiple cases alleging that MP3.Com committed copyright infringement. Issues of infringement and damages.

Dolores Huerta et al v. Corbis Corporation

USDC, Northern District of California

CPM represented defendant Huerta, muralists Susan Kelk Cervantes and Juana Alicia, and the United Farm Workers Union of America against Internet retailer Corbis for the illegal sale of copyrighted and trademarked images.

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JOSEPH W. COTCHETT

As stated by the National Law Journal, Joseph W. Cotchett is considered by plaintiffs and defense attorneys alike to be one of the foremost trial lawyers in the country. He has been named one of the 100 most influential lawyers in the nation for the past 15 years.

As reported in the San Francisco / Los Angeles Daily Journal, he is “considered one of the best trial strategists in the state” who built a career out of representing the underdog against powerful interests. He is a fearless litigator and once tried two cases at the same time (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) and won them both in San Diego Superior Court in 1984. His clients range from corporate giants to groups like Consumers Union – but the issue must be correct for Cotchett. In 2003, the San Francisco Chronicle rated him as one of the best in the Bay Area, saying, ***“The Burlingame attorney has had a star career that’s not only talked about in legal circles but has made headlines around the country. Known mostly as a plaintiffs’ lawyer, many of his cases are filed on behalf of fraud victims and have a widows-and-orphan flavor to them.”*** Cotchett consistently has been named one of the most influential lawyers in California and has been named by the legal press as one of the top 10 trial attorneys in the state and has been listed in every edition of Best Lawyers in America since its inception.

During his 45-plus year legal career, he has tried more than 100 cases to verdict, and settled hundreds more, winning numerous jury verdicts, ranging from multi-million dollar malicious prosecution jury verdicts to several defense verdicts in complex civil cases. He successfully negotiated a multi-million dollar settlement in a qui tam suit on behalf of the University of California and hundreds of millions of dollars in antitrust, securities and major fraud cases.

In the 1980s, Cotchett won mammoth judgments and settlements for investors in white-collar fraud cases, with jury verdicts of more than \$200 million arising out of the collapse of the Technical Equities Corp. in San Jose. He is known nationally as the lead trial lawyer for 23,000 plaintiffs in the Lincoln Savings & Loan Association/American Continental Corp. downfall in 1990 involving Charles Keating and others. He won one of the then largest jury verdicts, \$3.3 billion. He obtained nearly \$300 million in settlements from lawyers, accountants and other professionals caught up in the scandal in a jury trial in Tucson, Arizona.

He has represented both the National Football League and teams since the early 1980s in various legal actions. As counsel for E. & J. Gallo Winery, he won a defense jury verdict in a celebrated trade dress infringement case involving a wine produced by Gallo and the firm regularly represents Gallo in numerous matters.

In recent years, Cotchett has taken on major corporate entities and Wall Street. He and the firm are involved in litigation resulting from nearly every major corporate scandal including Enron, Worldcom, Global Crossing, Homestore.com, Qwest, Montana Power Company, Lehman, Bank

of America, Goldman Sachs, and numerous others on behalf of private investors and public pensions. The firm has represented the California Public Employees' Retirement System, California State Teachers' Retirement System, and the University of California Board of Regents, along with numerous political subdivisions of the state, such as counties, cities and districts.

In 2000, he served as trial counsel for Consumers Union, successfully defending the watchdog consumer group in a product disparagement and defamation suit. Isuzu Motors of Japan had sued Consumers Union for disparagement to the 1995-96 Trooper, claiming millions in damages. Following an eight-week trial, a jury ruled in favor of Consumers Union. Trial Lawyers for Public Justice honored Cotchett as "Trial Lawyer of the Year Finalist" in 2000 in honor of his "outstanding contribution to the public interest" through his work for Consumers Union. Also in 2000, Consumer Attorneys of California gave Cotchett its "Presidential Award of Merit." In 2004, he was the lead trial counsel for Consumers Union in a product defamation suit. The suit was dismissed in what was considered a major victory for the free press and the First Amendment.

Cotchett is involved in extensive pro bono work. In one such case, he brought a lawsuit against the United States Navy on behalf of 8,600 Amerasian children in the Philippines who were left in villages after the closing of the Subic Bay Naval Base. The case ended in a settlement giving direct U.S. aid to the children fathered by U.S. servicemen and a television documentary on the subject. He regularly takes on pro bono causes including environmental and public policy matters and the firm represents and advises several Native American groups.

In 2002, Cotchett successfully represented the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court and the individual judges and members of the Judicial Council, in litigation brought against them by the New York Stock Exchange and the National Association of Securities Dealers. The two Wall Street forces had filed suit against the Judicial Council challenging the State of California on establishing guidelines for arbitrators who hear complaints from investors in the state.

Cotchett received his B.S. in Engineering from California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo in June 1960, being named an Outstanding Graduate, and his J.D. from Hastings College of Law at the University of California in June 1964. In June 2002, Cotchett received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Cal Poly and The California State University Board of Trustees. In May 2006, Cotchett received an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Notre Dame de Namur University. In May 2011, Cotchett received an Honorary Doctor of Letters from the University of San Francisco. In each case, he was the graduation speaker honored by the Universities.

Following California Polytech, he served in the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps, followed by years as a Special Forces paratrooper and JAG Corps officer, in the active reserves, and retired in 1991 with the rank of Colonel. He is a member of many veteran and airborne associations having served on active duty 1960-1961. From 2001 to 2005, he served on the board of the Army War College Foundation in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The Foundation supports the prestigious Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, the graduate school for the senior commanders of all branches of the service, including officers from foreign allies.

He has been an active member of national, state and local bar associations, including the California, New York and District of Columbia bars. He is a Fellow of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers and The International Society of Barristers and an Advocate in the American Board

of Trial Advocates. He also is a Fellow and former board member of The International Academy of Trial Lawyers. A former Master of the American Inns of Court, he serves on various advisory boards for professional organizations.

He also has served on the Advisory Board of the Witkin Institute, the mission of which is to further B.E. Witkin's commitment to advancing the understanding of California law and improving the administration of justice.

He is the author of numerous articles and a contributing author to numerous magazines. His books include California Products Liability Actions, Matthew Bender; California Courtroom Evidence, LexisNexis; Federal Courtroom Evidence, LexisNexis; Persuasive Opening Statements and Closing Arguments, California Continuing Education of the Bar (1988); The Ethics Gap, Parker & Son Publications (1991); California Courtroom Evidence Foundations, Parker Publications (1993); and numerous law review articles. He is a prolific author of op-ed pieces and articles on public policy, environmental issues and public integrity. In 2002, he co-authored and published the book *The Coast Time Forgot*, a historic guide to the San Mateo County coast.

Cotchett serves on the Federal Judicial Advisory Committee that submits and reviews federal judicial nominations in California to President Obama. The committee was authorized by the Obama Administration and California's two Democratic senators, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. Cotchett is Chair of the Boxer Committee for the Central District of California (Los Angeles) and advises statewide. Cotchett also serves on a Judicial Advisory Committee to Governor Jerry Brown on state judicial appointments.

Cotchett has lectured at numerous law schools including Harvard Law School, the University of Southern California, Georgetown Law Center, Stanford, Boalt, and his alma mater U.C. Hastings. His subjects include complex cases, evidence, trial practice and professional ethics. He also is a keynote public speaker and lecturer on contemporary subjects of law.

He has been honored by the State Bar of California by serving on the Board of Governors from 1972 to 1975. Cotchett served on the California Judicial Council from 1976 to 1980; the Board of Directors, Hastings College of Law, University of California for twelve years; California Commission on the Future of the Courts; the California Select Committee on Judicial Retirement, the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster, the latter three appointed by the Chief Justice of California.

His civic work includes past memberships on the board of directors of the San Mateo County Heart Association; San Mateo Boys & Girls Club (Past President); Peninsula Association of Retarded Children and Adults; Bay Meadows Foundation; Disability Rights Advocates; and numerous Bay Area organizations. He formerly served as a member of the board of Public Citizen in Washington, D.C. and served on the board of Earth Justice.

In 1996, he was awarded the Anti-Defamation League's Distinguished Jurisprudence Award. The award was established to recognize individuals in the legal community who have exhibited humanitarian concerns, and whose everyday actions exemplify the principals on which the Anti-Defamation League was founded.

In 1999, Cotchett was inducted by the State Bar of California to the Litigation Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame. This award is given to professionals who have excelled as trial lawyers and whose careers exemplify the highest values and professional attainment.

In 2000, the University of California, Hastings College of Law opened the Cotchett Center for Advocacy recognizing Cotchett as one of its outstanding graduates. Chief Justice Ronald M. George of the California Supreme Court and Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court honored Cotchett as speakers at the Founder's Day dedication of the center. In November of 2006, Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, California dedicated the Joseph W. Cotchett Business Lab for students.

In March of 2000, Cotchett was named to the California State Parks Commission by Governor Gray Davis. The commission establishes general policies for the guidance of the Parks Department in the administration, protection and development of the 260 state parks in the system. He served as Chairperson in 2002-2003.

In 2003, Cotchett was honored by Disability Rights Advocates for his nearly 40 years of civil rights work. At a San Francisco dinner in October attended by lawyers, judges and community leaders, this was how Cotchett was described:

Joe Cotchett has been a champion for justice since his college days. As an engineering student in North Carolina, Joe challenged segregation by drinking from segregated water fountains and riding in the back of buses. Later, as a student at Cal Poly, in 1958 Joe successfully established the first integrated fraternity, which prompted the other fraternities on campus to follow suit. Joe's legal career has involved representing the underdog and doing extensive pro bono work. His civil rights commitment has been leveraged over and over by his financial support of legal fellowships. He has given a 'kick-start' to the public interest careers of the new law graduates at Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, Public Citizen, Southern Poverty Law Center and Disability Rights Advocates. Through these fellowships, Joe has helped to ensure social change through law. Joe guided DRA as a board and litigation committee member from its infancy years into the defender of disability rights it has become today.

In 2004, continuing a distinguished history of community and civic involvement, Cotchett endowed a \$7 million fund to support science and mathematics teacher education at California State Polytechnic University to serve inner city and rural minority children. To honor Cotchett, the university renamed its landmark Clock Tower building the "Cotchett Education Building." The gift supports science and mathematics teacher education initiatives at Cal Poly through the University Center of Teacher Education and the College of Science and Mathematics.

In 2011, Cotchett was inducted into the prestigious American Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame for his work nationwide in civil rights, and litigation on behalf of the under-privileged in our society. In 2011, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Judicial Council of California and named the Antitrust Lawyer of the Year by the State Bar. In April of 2011, he was honored by the California League of Conservation Voters with the Environmental Leadership Award and honored by the Consumer Watchdog with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Cotchett and his family members are active in numerous Bay Area charitable organizations involving animals, children, women and minorities. They established the Cotchett Family Foundation that aids individuals and groups in need of assistance.

FRANK M. PITRE

Frank M. Pitre, a San Francisco native, earned his B.S., Cum Laude, in Business Administration and his J.D. from the University of San Francisco. While at USF, Pitre served a legal externship with the California Supreme Court.

Considered as one of the outstanding trial lawyers in areas of personal injury/wrongful death, consumer fraud, mass torts and commercial torts, Mr. Pitre has won millions of dollars for victims of injustice.

His skill as a trial lawyer has earned him recognition among his peers who have elected him as a member of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers, American Board of Trial Advocates (Advocate), International Academy of Trial Lawyers, International Society of Barristers, and the National Board of Trial Advocacy. In 2018, he was honored by Consumer Watchdog with its Lifetime Achievement Award for his successful advocacy on behalf of consumers over more than three decades.

Since January 2018, he has served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of the victims of the North Bay Wildfires to prosecute claims against PG&E for its mismanagement of electrical operations leading to 43 deaths, 100,000 people displaced, over 245,000 acres burned and more than 14,700 homes and structures destroyed. *In Re: California North Bay Fire Cases, JCCP Action No. 4955*. Concurrently, he served as a member of the Plaintiffs Executive Committee in statewide mass tort actions prosecuted against PG&E arising out of the Butte Wildfire. *In Re: Butte Fire Cases, JCCP Action No. 4853*.

Prior to that, he acted as Co-Lead Counsel, and secured one of the top 10 largest Shareholder Derivative Settlements in U.S. history against Officers and Directors of PG&E arising out of the San Bruno Fire & Explosion. *Salman, et al. v. Darbee, et al., JCCP Action No. 4648*.

He was selected by Federal District Court Judge Charles R. Breyer as one of twenty lawyers, among 150 attorney applicants nationwide, to serve as a member of the Plaintiffs Steering Committee to prosecute claims on behalf of a nationwide class of consumers against Volkswagen, Porsche and Audi over their diesel emissions scandal. The cases were pending in the Northern District of California in *MDL 2672: In Re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*.

Mr. Pitre presently serves as one of ten members of the Plaintiffs Executive Committee selected by Federal District Court Judge Jesse Furman to lead litigation pending in the Southern District of New York on behalf of a nationwide class of consumers against General Motors for safety related defects in over 27 million vehicles. The cases are currently pending in *MDL 2543: In Re General Motors Ignition Switch Litigation*.

Mr. Pitre also serves as a member of the Plaintiffs Executive Committee in the prosecution of cases against Boeing arising from the Ethiopian Airlines crash of a 737 Max 8 in Addis Ababa on March 10, 2019, which killed 149 passengers and 8 crew members. *19-cv-02170: In Re Ethiopian Airlines Flight ET 302 Crash*. He also serves as a member of The Plaintiffs Steering Committee in claims on behalf of numerous victims who lost their homes and loved ones in the Thomas/Woolsey Wildfires in Southern California. *JCCP Action No. 4965: In Re Southern California Fire Cases*. In addition, he serves as a member of The Steering Committee in the prosecution of over 1,400 clients against So. Cal Gas arising out of the Porter Ranch gas storage facility failure. *In Re: Southern California Gas Leak Cases, JCCP Action No. 4861*.

Mr. Pitre served as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel spearheading the coordination of dozens of cases filed on behalf of injured passengers against Asiana Airlines and Boeing, arising from the crash of Asiana Airlines Flight 214 in San Francisco on July 6, 2013. *In Re: Air Crash At San Francisco, California On July 6, 2013*.

In November 2013, Mr. Pitre was honored by the Consumer Attorneys of California as Consumer Attorney of the Year for his efforts in coordinating, prosecuting, and resolving over 200 claims of injury, death and property destruction against PG&E. *In Re: San Bruno Fire Cases: JCCP Action No. 4648*.

Earlier that same year, Mr. Pitre served as Co-Lead Counsel for Economic Loss Class Plaintiffs in the Toyota Unintended Acceleration Marketing & Sales Practices Cases which successfully resulted in securing final approval of a \$1.5 billion settlement on behalf of class members. *In Re: Toyota Unintended Acceleration Marketing Sales Practices & Product Liability Litigation, MDL 2151JVS*.

In 2011, Mr. Pitre recovered the largest individual wrongful death verdict in San Diego County history, when a jury awarded \$17.4 million to the wife and three children of a high-ranking U.S. Naval Officer who was killed while riding his bike in a collision with an American Medical Response transport van. *Mazurek, et al. v. American Medical Response, et al., San Diego Superior Court Action No. 10-83975 May 20, 2011*. As a result, he was named a finalist for the 2011 Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Consumer Attorneys of California.

In 2009, Mr. Pitre was recognized by the National Law Journal's "Plaintiff's Hot List" for his work as co-lead trial counsel in the *In Re: Bextra and Celebrex Mktg., Sales Practices & Product Liability Litigation (MDL 1699)*, which culminated in Pfizer agreeing to pay \$894 million to settle consolidated injury and class action cases related to its painkillers Bextra & Celebrex.

In 2006, Mr. Pitre obtained one of the largest verdicts in Sutter County history when he obtained over \$45 million on behalf on an elderly minority shareholder who had been frozen out of participation in a lucrative family timber harvesting business. *Siller v. Siller, Sutter County Superior Court Action No. CVCS01-1083*.

Mr. Pitre served as liaison counsel and a member of the Plaintiffs Steering Committee in the Alaska Air Flight 261 air crash. In addition, he was a member of the Plaintiffs Executive Committee arising out of the Singapore Airlines Flight 006 air crash in Taiwan. Immediately prior to his

committee appointments in *Alaska Air* and *Singapore Airlines*, he served as a member of the Plaintiffs Management Committee in the *California Diet Drug Litigation*, where thousands of individuals were victimized by the diet pill combination Fen-Phen, which was condemned by the FDA for causing adverse health effects.

Mr. Pitre's numerous jury trials include a multi-million-dollar wrongful death verdict in Orange County Superior Court in Santa Ana, California, against the State Department of Transportation, a highway contractor, and a trucking company. The verdict, one of the then-largest of its kind for Orange County, was affirmed on appeal, and as a result Pitre was a finalist for CAOC's Trial Lawyer of the Year award (2004).

Mr. Pitre served as co-lead trial counsel for Consumers Union, obtaining a defense verdict in favor of Consumers Union in a product disparagement case where the plaintiff, Isuzu Motors of Japan, sought damages of multi- million dollars. His work in defense of Consumers Union earned him recognition as a finalist for the 2000 Trial Lawyer of the Year Award.

Mr. Pitre won a multi-million-dollar verdict for the victims of a high-profile San Francisco balcony collapse. He also secured a significant verdict for compensatory and punitive damages before a San Francisco jury which found the defendant to have wrongfully deprived the plaintiff of her partnership interest in a successful business. In addition, he served as co-lead trial counsel with Joseph W. Cotchett for E. & J. Gallo, winning a landmark trade dress infringement case for the winery.

Mr. Pitre's notable federal class action cases include *Livingston v. Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc.*, involving a nationwide antitrust class action under the Sherman Act by purchasers of more than three million Toyota vehicles. Mr. Pitre's experience in mass tort cases began in 1987 with the *PSA Air Crash Cases*, representing numerous plaintiffs in wrongful death actions following the crash of PSA Flight 1771; he served as a member of the Plaintiffs Steering Committee, and later as plaintiffs co-lead trial counsel for the six-week jury trial which established the defendants' liability. The success of the *PSA Air Crash Cases* led to his appointment as a member of the Plaintiffs Steering Committee in *Carnahan et al. v. State of California*, which successfully resolved hundreds of claims for personal injuries and damages against more than 100 defendants.

Mr. Pitre is a past president of Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC), the 3,000-member group of lawyers dedicated to protecting and seeking justice for consumers. He has also served as a past president of the San Francisco Chapter of ABOTA, and presently serves as Treasurer of Cal-ABOTA.

Mr. Pitre is the author of numerous articles, including "Abuse of Process," California Tort Damages, California Continuing Education of the Bar, 1988; and "Tort Trends," The Docket, San Mateo County Bar Association, 1989-1994. He is co-author of "Jury Instructions: A Practical Approach to their Use," Civil Litigation Reporter, March, 1984; "Arguing Punitive Damages," Civil Litigation Reporter, California Continuing Education of the Bar, 1991; "Effective Opening Statements," California Litigation, Journal of The Litigation Section, California State Bar, 1991; "Jury Trial Tips: Witnesses," California Litigation, Journal of The Litigation Section, California State Bar, 1991; and "Winning Through a More Effective Direct Examination," California

Litigation, Journal of the Litigation Section, California State Bar, 1991. Since 1998, he has served as the author of “California Personal Injury Proof,” published by the California Continuing Education of the Bar.

Mr. Pitre has served on the faculty of the Hastings College of Advocacy and the University of San Francisco Trial Advocacy Program. He also has served as the Co-Chair and presenter at several Masters In Trial programs sponsored by the ABOTA Foundation.

NIAL P. McCARTHY

Niall P. McCarthy, a Partner at Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP, is a graduate of the University of California at Davis and Santa Clara University School of Law. He has practiced with the firm since 1992.

McCarthy has repeatedly been selected as one of the top plaintiff attorneys in California and the United States by multiple publications, including the Daily Journal, the National Law Journal, Lawdragon Magazine and Super Lawyers Magazine. He has received a California Lawyer Magazine Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award. From 2004 to 2014 he was selected as a Northern California “Super Lawyer” by San Francisco Magazine. McCarthy has been named a Top 100 attorney by the Daily Journal and Super Lawyers Magazine. He has the highest possible rating, AV, from Martindale-Hubbell. In 2013, McCarthy was awarded the Trial Lawyer of the Year Award by the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association. He has also been elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

McCarthy has represented qui tam Relators in False Claims Act cases in state and federal courts. McCarthy handled the Hunter Laboratories Litigation in which he negotiated the then largest False Claims recovery in California history, \$301 million. In the mid 1990s, he was the lead attorney in a groundbreaking case brought under the California False Claims Act on behalf of the University of California San Francisco with respect to direct and overhead costs to the university. McCarthy has extensive experience pursuing false claims cases arising out of health care fraud and other industries against the government. He coauthored the articles “Qui Tam Litigation, A Primer for the General Litigator,” “Answering the Call: Attacking Healthcare Fraud with the False Claims Act,” “Recent Developments in False Claims and Healthcare Litigation,” and “False Claims Act Fundamentals.” He has worked with the Department of Justice and Attorneys General offices throughout the United States on False Claims cases.

McCarthy has handled many consumer fraud class actions. He has acted as Co-Lead National Class Counsel in actions against some of the largest banks and credit card companies in the country, which returned hundreds of millions of dollars to consumers. He is the author of “Home Equity Loss in California Through Predatory Lending,” “Combating Predatory Lending in California,” and has spoken in many forums on consumer fraud.

McCarthy also has practiced extensively in the area of elder abuse, including obtaining multi-million dollar recoveries on behalf of senior citizens in actions involving reverse mortgages. He has been retained by San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, Alameda County and Santa Cruz County to prosecute financial elder abuse cases. In addition, he has handled many notable cases against nursing homes, including well-publicized actions for the families of three victims who died

at a San Mateo County nursing home during a heat wave, and an action on behalf of a developmentally disabled person who was severely burned while left unattended in a nursing home shower.

He authored “The Elder Abuse Statute: California’s Underutilized Law,” “Elder Abuse: Recent Legal and Legislative Developments,” “Financial Elder Abuse in Real Estate Transactions Under the 2000 Revisions to the Elder Abuse Act” and “Elder Abuse Claims Not Subject to MICRA.” He is a frequent speaker on elder abuse and has been featured in California Lawyer with respect to his work for seniors.

McCarthy has received many legal service awards including the Marvin Lewis Award for the Consumer Attorneys of California for guidance, loyalty and dedication, the William Nagle, Jr. Memorial Award from the San Mateo County Bar Association for innovations in the law and for professionalism, the Community Service Award from Santa Clara University School of Law for his work on behalf of consumers, the Bar Association of San Francisco’s Award of Merit, the Access to Justice Award from the Lawyer’s Club of San Francisco, the California Supreme Court Chief Justice’s Award for Exemplary Service and Leadership, the Stanley Mosk Defender of Justice Award and the State Bar of California Presidential Award for Access to Justice.

McCarthy’s other notable cases include compelling an insurance company to pay for a lifesaving bone marrow transplant for a cancer patient, and obtaining a punitive damage jury verdict in a case which unveiled a multi-state health insurance fraud. McCarthy obtained a defense award on a multi-million dollar fraud claim against his clients, and obtained a million-dollar recovery for the same clients on a cross-complaint in a year-long arbitration arising out of a failed healthcare industry merger. As co-lead counsel, he tried an action on behalf of the victims of a balcony collapse in San Francisco which resulted in a \$12 million verdict. He served as lead class counsel obtaining a \$15 million dollar verdict against Old Republic Title Co. after a trial in San Francisco Superior Court. He also obtained a substantial verdict against the government in a high profile FTCA case after a trial in federal court. He obtained a punitive damage jury verdict after trying an elder abuse case against a nursing home. In 2014, he won a unanimous jury verdict in a hotly contested financial elder abuse trial involving the misappropriation of a senior citizen’s life savings. McCarthy has tried a variety of cases in state and federal court, including class actions. He has also won multiple FINRA arbitrations.

McCarthy is a past president of the Consumer Attorneys of California and the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers. He was chairman of the Business Litigation Section of the San Mateo County Bar Association. He is currently a co-chair of the Open Courts Coalition, a diverse group of attorneys from all practice areas in California whose goal is to restore court funding. McCarthy has been an MCLE panelist on many topics including courtroom conduct, complex litigation, financial fraud, financial and physical elder abuse, the fundamentals of business litigation, Business and Professions Code 17200, predatory lending, qui tam actions, discovery for trial, trial of class actions, the Consumer Legal Remedies Act and taking effective depositions. He also is active in various Peninsula community activities, including having served as chairman of the Board of Directors of Community Gatepath, a nonprofit organization which benefits children and adults with disabilities. McCarthy received ABC 7/KGO TV’s “Profiles of Excellence” Award for his work on behalf of Community Gatepath.

MARK C. MOLUMPHY

Mark C. Molumphy, a partner at Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, is native of the Bay Area, born in San Mateo, California. Mr. Molumphy joined Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy in 1993, practicing civil litigation with an emphasis on complex business disputes, corporate governance, securities, privacy and products liability.

Mr. Molumphy was recently named one of the Top 100 Attorneys in California by the Daily Journal, and has been widely honored for his legal, pro bono and volunteer work, including the Community Service Award by the Jack Berman Advocacy Center of the American Jewish Congress for his work on the landmark 101 California Shooting Litigation.

Molumphy's experience in corporate governance litigation is extensive, including *Smith v. Merrill Lynch* (Orange County Bond Litigation), *Estate of Jim Garrison v. Warner Bros. Inc.*, *Campbell v. Acclaim Entertainment, Inc.*, *In re Pilgrim Securities Litigation* and the Central Bank Litigation. Mr. Molumphy served as lead counsel in the groundbreaking Apple stock option backdating litigation after executives were caught post-dating their option grants to maximize profits, the Informix securities litigation involving the restatement of revenues in excess of \$300 million, and on the Sybase, CBT, Rational Software, and HP derivative cases, resulting in millions of dollars recovered for the companies and their shareholders. Mr. Molumphy also negotiated multi-million-dollar settlements on behalf of former shareholders of Bay Meadows Racetrack and mutual fund shareholders of Janus.

He served as lead counsel for a nationwide class of elderly investors of Medical Capital, successfully convinced the federal court to reject an SEC-brokered settlement that would have paid back pennies on the dollar and, on the eve of trial, secured the largest Ponzi-scheme recovery in California history. Mr. Molumphy represented numerous cities and counties in California related to their investment losses in Lehman Brothers, Washington Mutual and AIG, amongst others.

Mr. Molumphy, along with partner Frank Pitre, served as co-lead counsel on behalf of PG&E shareholders in derivative litigation arising out of the San Bruno gas explosion and fire. After years of litigation, Mr. Molumphy helped defeat motions to dismiss the case based on a litany of affirmative defenses, established theories of liability based on the D&O's breach of fiduciary duties of oversight and disclosure, and helped negotiate one of the largest settlements in history, including both a substantial monetary recovery and implementation of novel governance reforms. Mr. Molumphy later represented the Fire Victims Trust and successfully obtained a historic settlement against PG&E directors and officers for governance failures prior to the North Bay and Camp fires in 2017 and 2018.

Mr. Molumphy also served as counsel in securities actions against California companies, including *In re Uber Technologies Inc. Securities Litigation* (San Francisco Sup. Ct.) CGC 19-579544 – relating to its initial public offering – and *Won v. The We Company, et al. (WeWork)* (San Francisco Sup. Ct.) CGC 19-581021 – relating to WeWork's multi-billion dollar failed initial public offering.

Molumphy recently served as Co-Lead Counsel in high-stakes actions involving corporate governance failures by California companies, including *In re Zoom Video Communications Inc.*

Privacy Litigation, Master File No. 5:20-cv-02155-LHK and *In re Robinhood Financial Services Litigation*, No. 3:20-cv-01626-JD (N.D. Cal.).

During the last few years, Mr. Molumphy obtained a slew of significant recoveries in California relating to corporate governance breakdowns related to risk management and disclosure obligations to customers and shareholders.

For example, in *In re Apple Inc. Device Performance Litigation*, Mr. Molumphy served as co-lead counsel in a massive, nationwide class action alleging that Apple caused iPhone customers to install an operating system software update that secretly slowed down or “throttled” the performance of their iPhones. Mr. Molumphy coordinated the review of millions of documents and depositions of Apple employees, and the action was settled in early 2020. Judge Davila granted final of the settlement by which Apple will pay at least \$310 million and up to \$500 million to Apple iPhone consumers.

In *In re Yahoo! Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, Mr. Molumphy served as co-lead counsel and successfully negotiated a \$29 million settlement in 2019, the first ever monetary recovery obtained in a shareholder derivative action based on the failure to detect and disclose data breaches. The action followed the two largest security breaches in United States history, impacting literally billions of users of Yahoo’s computer network, but not revealed to the public until years later and just prior to Yahoo’s merger with Verizon. After a full-blown evidentiary hearing on a motion for preliminary injunction, the Santa Clara Superior Court required amendments to the proxy and, shortly thereafter, defendants settled the derivative claims for \$29 million.

In *Chicago Laborers Pension Fund, et al. v. Alibaba Group Holding Limited*, Mr. Molumphy served as co-lead counsel for a class of investors in Alibaba’s \$25 billion initial public offering, the largest in United States history. Based in China, Alibaba has become an e-commerce platform and one of the biggest corporations in the world. However, after deciding to go public using the United States financial markets, Alibaba failed to disclose that it was meeting with China’s regulators just weeks prior to its initial public offering and told to reforms its platforms because products sold on Alibaba websites were fake or infringed trademarks. The action was brought in San Mateo Superior Court, where Alibaba maintained its US headquarters. In May 2019, after extensive motion practice and multi-national discovery, including depositions of Alibaba employees based in China, the Court approved a \$75 million settlement for the class, one of the largest IPO settlements in California history.

In *In re LendingClub Securities Litigation*, Mr. Molumphy was co-lead counsel in a class action for shareholders of LendingClub, a San Francisco company that developed an online, peer-to-peer lending platform. However, LendingClub failed to disclose internal issues the company was having with its data security and failed to obtain consent to information-sharing policy as required by law. The case was one of the first to pursue claims based on online marketplace lenders and the types of disclosures necessary for consumers to make informed choices about loan offers. Mr. Molumphy successfully fought back efforts to stay the action, won a motion to certify the class in California state court, and then coordinated efforts with a related class action filed in the Northern District of California, before District Judge William Alsup. After the state and federal parties

participated in coordinated discovery and settlement negotiations, the federal and state actions ultimately settled for \$125 million in 2018, and the settlement was approved by both the federal and California state courts.

Mr. Molumphy is also currently counsel for *Earth Island Institute v. Crystal Geyser Water Company, et al.*, an environmental action against the nation's largest plastic bottlers – including Coca-Cola, PepsiCo and Nestle – seeking to hold them accountable under California public nuisance law for the impact of their products' plastic pollution on California's waterways and coasts.

Mr. Molumphy is active in community affairs and served for years on the Board of Directors and as a volunteer for the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, which provides free legal services to low-income children, families and seniors. The Parca Auxiliary also honored Mr. Molumphy and Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy with "Parca's Angel Award," in recognition of the law firm's contributions to Parca Organization, a private nonprofit association that serves people with developmental disabilities and their families in the Bay Area.

ROBERT B. HUTCHINSON

Robert Hutchinson heads up the Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy Los Angeles office. Mr. Hutchinson is a veteran trial lawyer having tried over 30 jury trials in Federal and State courts and numerous complex arbitrations and court trials. In 2000 he won a \$ 4.9 million verdict for a client who lost his right leg above the knee, believed to be the largest verdict to that time for that type of injury in the State of California.

Mr. Hutchinson successfully argued the case of *Vanhorn v. Torti* (2008) 45 Cal 4th 322 before the California Supreme Court and secured a multi-million dollar settlement for client.

Mr. Hutchinson specializes in Personal Injury trial practice, emphasis in product liability, Consumer Protection, Securities Fraud and Consumer Class Actions.

NANCI E. NISHIMURA

Nanci E. Nishimura is a partner at Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP where she practices civil litigation focusing on antitrust, business litigation and consumer class actions. Ms. Nishimura received a B.A. in Psychology and M.A. in International Relations from the University of Southern California. Following a career in the United States and Japan as a business development and marketing consultant, she received her J.D. from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She worked at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, the International Trade Commission and served as a Legislative Analyst to Senator Daniel Inouye.

Ms. Nishimura's experience in civil and criminal appellate litigation includes First and Fourth Amendment and civil rights. She wrote the brief on the merits and appeared before the United States Supreme Court in *Hanlon v. Berger*, 526 U.S. 808 (1999). She co-authored, "An Invasion of Privacy: The Media's Involvement in Law Enforcement Activities," 19 Loy. L.A. Ent. L.J. 313 (1999). Published cases, among others, include *Berger v. CNN Inc.*, 188 F.3d 1155 (9th Cir. 1999);

Ayeni v. Mottola, 35 F.3d 680 (2d Cir. 1994), cert. denied, 514 US 1062 (1995), aff'g *Ayeni v. CBS Inc.*, 848 F. Supp. 362 (E.D.N.Y. 1994); *Brunette v. Humane Society of Ventura County*, 294 F.3d 1205 (9th Cir. 2002); *Aquila, Inc. v. Superior Court*, 148 Cal. App. 4th 556 (2007); *Regents of University of California v. Superior Court*, 165 Cal. App. 4th 672 (2008).

She was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the 11-member Commission on Judicial Performance (2011-2015); formerly served on the State Bar Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission (JNE) for the 2005-2008 term; on the Board of Governors and first Vice President for the California Women Lawyers (District 3). She is also a member of the San Mateo and Los Angeles County Bar Associations, Consumer Attorneys of California, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and the American Bar Foundation. She is a frequent lecturer for California Women Lawyers, and past member of the LACBA Litigation Section Trial Practice Inn of Court.

Ms. Nishimura is on the Board of Trustees of the California Science Center Foundation, a joint state-private facility created to promote science education throughout California, and past president of the Board of Directors of The MUSES of the California Science Center Foundation. She is a frequent speaker to promote science and math education in California. In addition, she is on the Board of Trustees of the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco; the Rotary Club of San Mateo; and the creator of Storytime for Children with Abby Rabbit, an interactive reading and development program for children.

ANNE MARIE MURPHY

Anne Marie Murphy is a Partner at Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy LLP, where she practices civil litigation focusing on complex commercial litigation, class actions, consumers' rights and elder abuse (including both financial abuse and nursing home abuse).

Ms. Murphy received her Bachelor of Arts in Science & Technology from Vassar College. She received her J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center. While attending Georgetown, she worked as a Legislative Assistant in the U.S. Senate.

After graduating from law school, she practiced law in San Francisco, handling a caseload ranging from complex commercial litigation to regulatory approvals of mergers and acquisitions of regulated utilities. She also worked on a pro bono basis for the AIDS Legal Referral Panel.

In *Komarova v. National Credit Acceptance, Inc.* Ms. Murphy, along with Justin T. Berger of Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy LLP, obtained a jury verdict against a credit card collection agency following a two-week trial in January 2008. The jury found for the plaintiff both on her intentional infliction of emotional distress and California Fair Debt Collection Practices Act claims, resulting in both a compensatory and punitive damages award. On appeal, several important issues of first impression were decided in the Plaintiff's favor, as reflected in the published decision: *Komarova v. National Credit Acceptance, Inc.*, 175 Cal. App. 4th 324 (Cal. App. 1st Dist. 2009).

Ms. Murphy has practiced extensively in the area of elder abuse, handling many notable cases against nursing homes. Ms. Murphy has also acted as co-lead counsel in a number of consumer class actions which have returned millions of dollars to consumers across the country. Ms. Murphy has tried a number of cases to verdict.

Ms. Murphy is a member of Consumer Attorneys of California, the American Association for Justice, the San Mateo County Bar Association, the San Mateo Trial Lawyers Association, and is a lifetime member of California Women Lawyers.

Ms. Murphy serves on the Board of Directors of Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC) and has been Co-Chair of the Donald L. Galine Tahoe Seminar since 2010. She also Co-Chaired CAOC's Class Action Seminar for several years. Ms. Murphy was elected to the CAOC Board of Governors in 2009 and again in 2010. In 2010, Ms. Murphy was appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of CAOC, she was then elected to the Board of Directors in 2011 and every year following. Ms. Murphy is the former Chair of the CAOC Women's Caucus.

In 2010, Ms. Murphy was appointed as a Commissioner on the California Commission on Access to Justice. The Commission plays a vital role in bringing together the three branches of government, judges, lawyers, and civic and business leaders to find long-term solutions to the chronic lack of legal assistance available to low-income and vulnerable Californians. Ms. Murphy continues to serve on the Commission.

Ms. Murphy previously served on the Board of Directors of the State Bar of California, California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA) (2009 -2011); as well as the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Barristers (2008-2009).

Ms. Murphy has provided frequent commentary on consumer rights issues, including binding mandatory consumer arbitration, and has appeared on local as well as national news broadcasts including ABC 7 On Your Side (Cable 7), View From The Bay, and Good Morning America (ABC). Ms. Murphy's articles include: "Same Road, Different Stops" (Elder Abuse Litigation), The Docket, San Mateo County Bar Association, Volume 49, No. 1, Jan/Feb 2013. Ms. Murphy's speaking engagements include: Panelist: "Elder Abuse Litigation," San Mateo County Bar Association, 2011; "Elder Abuse Litigation," State Bar of California Annual Convention, 2010; "Handling Cases Involving Physical and Financial Elder Abuse," CYLA, State Bar of California Webinar, 2010; "Winning Cases in Securities Arbitration," State Bar of California Annual Convention, 2010; "Securities Arbitration," CYLA, State Bar of California Webinar 2010; "Winning Trials through Motions in limine," 2010; Moderator, "Preparing for Trial," Consumer Attorneys of California, 2011; Moderator, "CSI Effect" CAOC Tahoe 2012; Panelist, "Financial Elder Abuse Litigation: Assessing, Preparing and Presenting Claims", Legal Assistance for Seniors ("LAS") 2012 Annual Conference; "Credit Counseling Class Actions and the CROA", CAOC Beaver Creek Conference 2012; Elder Abuse Litigation: Getting To Verdict Or Settlement In Tough Economic Times And Checklists For Settlement," CAOC 51st Annual Convention 2012; "Ethical Issues in Lawyer Communications," San Mateo County Bar Association 2013; "Elder Abuse Litigation: Sharpening Skills in Physical and Financial Abuse Cases" LAS 2013 Annual Conference; "PAPANTONIO: THE CONSERVATIVE WAR ON CONSUMER PROTECTIONS (VIDEO)," broadcast, Ring of Fire, August 4, 2013; "Is Major League Baseball the ONLY Business to Have an Antitrust Exemption?" Santa Clara University, September 27, 2013; "Ethical Issues Emerging From The Patient-Client Relationship" CAOC Annual Convention, San Francisco, November 16, 2013; Co-Chair/Moderator CAOC 2014 Class Action Seminar; Co-Chair/Moderator CAOC Political Training, May 5, 2014; "Cy Pres in Class Action

Settlements: How to Do It Right and Benefit Legal Service”, Impact Fund Webinar, July 28, 2014; Moderator, “Dos and Don’ts in the Courtroom” CAOC 53rd Annual Convention, San Francisco November 14, 2014; “CCRC Litigation” California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR) Annual Convention, Monterey, November 21, 2014; “Elder Law and Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs)” CAOC Hawaii Seminar, December 1, 2014; Co-Chair CAOC/SFTLA/BASF 2015 Class Action Seminar, February 10, 2015. “Continuing Care Retirement Communities: Current Developments,” California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR) Annual Convention, November 2015; “Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,” CAOC 2015 Hawaii Seminar, November 30, 2015; CAOC Class Action and Mass Torts 2016 Seminar, San Francisco, Co-Chair and Moderator; “Why aren’t more female lawyers making it to trial?,” SFTLA, January 7, 2016; “Trial Skills: The Ins And Outs Of Handling Witnesses (Roundtable Discussion),” CAOC 2016 Sonoma Seminar, Moderator; Co-Chair of the CAOC 2016 Sonoma Seminar; “Continuing Care Retirement Communities: Continuing Care Contracts/Frequently Asked Questions” CANHR Webinar, April 20, 2016; Presentation to CANHR CCRC Panel, April 30, 2016; Litigating in Probate Versus Civil Court: Factors to Consider, Legal Assistance for Seniors Conference, May 17, 2016; Transparency in Supply Chains Litigation: Plaintiff, Defense and Human rights perspectives, July 28, 2016, Sponsored by the California State Bar Antitrust, UCL and Privacy Law Section; Elder Abuse a Growing Epidemic, CAOC Annual Convention, San Francisco, November 12, 2016; Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) Litigation, Plenary Session, CANHR Annual Conference, Monterey, November 19, 2016; “Litigating Human Rights Cases Under the UCL,” CAOC Hawaii Seminar, Maui, November 28, 2016; “Litigating Human Rights Class Actions,” CAOC/SFTLA Class Action Seminar, San Francisco, February 7, 2017; Preparing for the First Day of Trial, SFTLA Seminar, February 21, 2017; Elder Abuse Roundtable, SFTLA, May 9, 2017.

Ms. Murphy is involved in a number of community organizations in the Bay Area. Among other community activities, Ms. Murphy served on the Board of Directors of Seven Tepees Youth Program for a number of years, including as board Secretary. Seven Tepees is a non-profit serving promising urban youth in San Francisco, which provides comprehensive services to youth from 5th to 12th grade, including mentoring, academic support and college and career counseling. Ms. Murphy now serves on the Advisory Board.

In 2015 Ms. Murphy joined the Board of Directors of California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (“CANHR”). CANHR is one of the largest and most respected non-profits in the country devoted to the protection of senior citizens. For the past 30 years, CANHR has educated and supported consumers and advocates regarding the rights of California seniors, through direct advocacy, community education, legislation, and litigation.

In 2008, Ms. Murphy was selected as a finalist for the 2008 Consumer Attorney of the Year Award by CAOC. In 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 Ms. Murphy was selected as a Northern California “Rising Star” by Northern California Super Lawyers and San Francisco Magazine. In 2013 and every year since Ms. Murphy has been selected as a Northern California “Super Lawyers” by Northern California Super Lawyers and San Francisco Magazine. In 2016 she was named to Super Lawyers’ Top 100 Northern California Attorneys.

In May 2015, the Daily Journal named Ms. Murphy in its Top Women Lawyers edition as one of the “100 leading women lawyers in California.” Also, in 2015 Ms. Murphy was named as one of the 25 top Plaintiff attorneys by the Daily Journal in its inaugural list of 25 top Plaintiff attorneys.

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