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14 In re TINTRI, INC. SECURITIES)
15 LITIGATION)

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(Consolidated with Nos. 17-CIV-04321;
17-CIV-04618; and 20-CIV-00980)

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17 This Document Relates To:)

CLASS ACTION

18 ALL ACTIONS.)
19 _____)

JOINT DECLARATION OF JAMES I.
JACONETTE AND YURY A. KOLESNIKOV
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'
UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT

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23 Judge: Honorable Susan L. Greenberg

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1 We, JAMES I. JACONETTE and YURY A. KOLESNIKOV, declare as follows:

2 1. We are attorneys duly licensed to practice before all of the courts of the State of
3 California. Mr. Jaconette is a member of the law firm of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP
4 (“Robbins Geller”) and Mr. Kolesnikov is an attorney at Bottini & Bottini, Inc. (“Bottini & Bottini”).
5 On June 7, 2018, the Court appointed Robbins Geller and Bottini & Bottini as Lead Counsel in this
6 Action. We have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein based on our work on this lawsuit
7 and, if called upon, we could and would competently testify thereto.

8 2. We submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs’ Unopposed Motion for Preliminary
9 Approval of Class Action Settlement. The motion seeks: (a) preliminary approval of the Settlement set
10 forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated July 17, 2023 (the “Stipulation” or “Settlement”), which
11 provides for a cash Settlement in the amount of \$7,000,000; (b) certification of the Class for settlement
12 purposes; (c) approval of the proposed form and method of providing notice to the Class of the
13 pendency and proposed Settlement of the Action; and (d) setting of a Settlement Fairness Hearing and
14 relevant deadlines related thereto.¹

15 **I. RELEVANT PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY OF CLAIMS**

16 **A. Plaintiffs’ Complaint**

17 3. The Complaint for Violations of the Federal Securities Laws (“Complaint”) was filed by
18 Laurence Clayton (“Clayton”) in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Mateo, on
19 September 20, 2017. Shortly thereafter, on September 21, 2017 and October 6, 2017, respectively, two
20 additional actions were filed: *Nurlybayev v. Tintri, Inc.*, No. 17-CIV-04321, and *Golosiy v. Tintri, Inc.*,
21 No. 17-CIV-04618.

22 4. On October 3, 2017, the Tintri Defendants removed the *Clayton* and *Nurlybayev* actions
23 to federal court. On October 10, 2017, Plaintiffs moved to remand. On October 30, 2017, the federal
24 court granted the motions to remand and remanded both actions to this Court.

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27 ¹ All capitalized terms not otherwise defined shall have the same meaning as set forth in the
28 Stipulation.

1 5. On June 7, 2018, the Court consolidated all three actions and appointed Robbins Geller
2 and Bottini & Bottini as co-lead counsel for the plaintiffs.

3 6. On July 9, 2018, Plaintiffs filed the Consolidated Complaint for Violations of the
4 Securities Act of 1933 (“Consolidated Complaint”). The Consolidated Complaint alleges claims under
5 the Securities Act of 1933 (“Securities Act”) based on material misrepresentations and omissions in the
6 Registration Statement and Prospectus (“Registration Statement”) for Tintri, Inc.’s (“Tintri” or the
7 “Company”) June 30, 2017 initial public offering (“IPO”). ¶¶1-11.² It names as Defendants: (a) Tintri;
8 (b) Ken Klein, Ian Halifax, John Bolger, Charles Giancarlo, Adam Grosser, Kieran Harty, Harvey
9 Jones, Christopher Schaepe, and Peter Sonsini (collectively, the “Individual Defendants” and, with
10 Tintri, the “Tintri Defendants”); and (c) the underwriters of Tintri’s IPO, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC,
11 Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Needham &
12 Company LLC, Piper Jaffray & Co., Raymond James & Associates Inc., and William Blair & Company
13 LLC (collectively, the “Underwriter Defendants” and, together with the Tintri Defendants,
14 “Defendants”).³

15 7. A related securities class action brought under the Securities Act was filed on
16 September 18, 2017 in the United States District Court for the Central District of California (the
17 “Federal Action”), and later transferred to the United States District Court for the Northern District of
18 California (“Federal Court”). On December 13, 2017, the Federal Court appointed Henrik Thørring as
19 lead plaintiff in the Federal Action and approved lead plaintiff’s selection of Glancy Prongay & Murray
20 LLP (“GPM”) as lead counsel for plaintiffs in the Federal Action.

21 8. On July 10, 2018, defendants in the Federal Action filed a Notice of Filing of Petition
22 under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code and of Automatic Stay. On July 12, 2018, the
23 Federal Court issued an order staying the Federal Action pending resolution of Tintri’s bankruptcy
24 proceedings.

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26 ² All “¶” or “¶¶” references are to the Consolidated Complaint, unless otherwise noted.

27 ³ The Consolidated Complaint also named certain venture capital firms as defendants. The Court
28 subsequently dismissed these defendants and Plaintiffs chose not to amend the complaint.

1 9. On February 7, 2020, the lead plaintiff in the Federal Action filed a request to voluntarily
2 dismiss the Federal Action without prejudice, so that the federal lead plaintiff could continue to litigate
3 the Securities Act claims jointly with the Consolidated Action Plaintiffs in this Court. By order dated
4 February 11, 2020, the Federal Court granted the federal plaintiff’s request.

5 10. Consistent with the foregoing, on February 18, 2020, Plaintiffs Henrik Thørring and
6 Rustam Mustafin commenced the *Thørring v. Tintri, Inc.*, No. 20-CIV-00980 (Cal. Super. Ct., San
7 Mateo Cnty. Feb. 18, 2020) (“Thørring Action”) in this Court. The Thørring Action arises out of
8 substantially the same facts as the above-referenced state actions, names the same parties, and asserts
9 the same causes of action. By order dated February 27, 2020, the Court consolidated the Thørring
10 Action with the Consolidated Action for all purposes.

11 11. Tintri is an information technology company that distributes products designed for
12 enterprise cloud, virtual machines and containers. ¶5. Tintri completed its IPO on June 30, 2017 of
13 over 8.5 million shares at \$7.00 per share, raising over \$55.8 million in gross proceeds. ¶¶72-80.
14 Plaintiffs acquired Tintri shares issued pursuant or traceable to the IPO. Plaintiffs’ claims all arise from
15 an allegedly false and misleading Registration Statement that Defendants issued in connection with the
16 IPO. ¶135.

17 12. The Complaint alleges that in the months leading up to the IPO, Tintri’s top sales
18 representatives became increasingly upset and dissatisfied with the direction the Company was taking
19 (¶¶4, 50-52, 61-62), Tintri’s failure to invest in appropriate marketing or to differentiate itself from its
20 numerous competitors (¶¶50-54, 61, 86), and its failure to provide the sales representatives with support
21 and resources necessary to obtain and retain customers (¶¶4, 44-45, 54, 61, 85, 88). The sales
22 representatives were also dissatisfied with Tintri’s failure to cater to existing clients, such as its failure
23 to provide competitive pricing or discounts (¶¶46-47). The Complaint alleges that as a result of these
24 and other problems, the Company was already experiencing significant employee attrition in the months
25 just before the IPO, including among its sales personnel and top engineers. ¶¶61-71.

26 13. The Complaint further alleges that when the information omitted and misrepresented in
27 the Registration Statement was revealed shortly after the IPO, Tintri’s stock price dropped from \$6.68

1 per share on September 7, 2017 down to \$4.55 per share on September 8, 2017. ¶9. Tintri’s shares
2 continued to drop and on July 6, 2018, traded at only \$0.20 per share. *Id.*

3 **B. Plaintiffs’ Discovery**

4 14. On March 21, 2018, Plaintiffs propounded their first set of requests for production of
5 documents (“RFPs”) on the Tintri Defendants. The Tintri Defendants served their responses and
6 objections on April 25, 2018. The Parties met and conferred on numerous occasions in an attempt to
7 resolve disputes about the scope of the Tintri Defendants’ search for and production of documents in
8 response to the document requests, the custodians from whom documents would be produced, and the
9 relevant time period and the search terms to be utilized by the Tintri Defendants to identify and produce
10 relevant and responsive documents.

11 15. Due to Tintri’s July 12, 2018 stay in connection with Tintri’s bankruptcy filing, the
12 proceedings were stayed until July 10, 2020.

13 16. Following additional meet and confers and Defendants’ March 3, 2021 motion to stay
14 discovery under the PSLRA, which this Court denied on May 3, 2021, on July 20, 2021, the Court
15 entered the Protective Order submitted by the Parties. On July 23, 2021, Tintri served supplemental
16 responses and objections regarding, and produced documents responsive to, Plaintiffs’ first set of RFPs.

17 17. On January 27, 2022, Plaintiffs served their second set of RFPs to Tintri and their first
18 set of RFPs to the Underwriter Defendants. On March 22, 2022, Tintri and the Underwriter Defendants
19 served their respective responses and objections. Tintri began making rolling productions in response
20 to Plaintiffs’ second set of RFPs on June 10, 2022, and to date has produced more than 85,000 pages of
21 documents. The Underwriter Defendants began making rolling productions on August 26, 2022, and to
22 date have produced more than 27,000 pages of documents.

23 18. Lead Counsel searched, reviewed and analyzed the documents Defendants produced in
24 order to evaluate the adequacy of the document production, identify potential deponents, prepare for
25 depositions, and evaluate the case for trial. Selected documents were also used in Plaintiffs’ mediation
26 statement and otherwise relied upon in connection with settlement discussions.

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1 **C. Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss and Demurrers**

2 19. On May 29, 2020, Defendant Tintri moved to dismiss the action on the basis of *forum*
3 *non conveniens*. Other Defendants joined in the motion.

4 20. Plaintiffs filed a detailed opposition to the motion on July 31, 2020.

5 21. On December 11, 2020, the Court denied Defendants’ motion to dismiss.

6 22. On January 19, 2021, Defendants demurred to the Consolidated Complaint. On
7 March 3, 2021, Defendant Tintri moved to stay discovery under the Private Securities Litigation Act of
8 1995 (“PSLRA”). Plaintiffs filed oppositions on March 1, 2021, and March 30, 2021, respectively.

9 23. By order dated May 13, 2021, the Court overruled the Tintri Defendants’ demurrer,
10 sustained the venture capital defendants’ demurrer with leave to amend, and denied the motion to stay
11 discovery.

12 24. Tintri and the Underwriter Defendants answered the Consolidated Complaint on May 25,
13 2021, with general denials and affirmative defenses.

14 **II. PLAINTIFFS’ EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE CLASS**

15 25. Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have aggressively and diligently prosecuted this Action
16 since its commencement on September 20, 2017, to the present. Among other things, they have:

17 (a) conducted an extensive factual investigation of the events underlying Tintri’s
18 June 30, 2017 IPO, reviewing and analyzing the representations made by the Company in the
19 Registration Statement as well as subsequent U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filings, and
20 reviewing industry and securities analyst reports and comprehensive news reports, press releases, and
21 other media files concerning Tintri;

22 (b) conducted extensive legal research into the claims against Defendants and drafted
23 and filed individual complaints and the Consolidated Complaint;

24 (c) successfully briefed motions to remand in federal court;

25 (d) briefed, argued, and successfully defeated Tintri’s motion to dismiss on the basis
26 of *forum non conveniens*;

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1 (e) briefed, argued, and successfully defeated the Tintri Defendants' and the
2 Underwriter Defendants' demurrers to Plaintiffs' §§11 and 15 claims;

3 (f) drafted and propounded RFPs to all Defendants;

4 (g) met and conferred extensively with Defendants to resolve disputes about the
5 scope of Defendants' search for and production of documents in response to the document requests, the
6 custodians from whom documents would be produced, the relevant time period, and the search terms to
7 be utilized by Defendants to identify and produce relevant and responsive documents;

8 (h) obtained, searched, reviewed, and analyzed over 112,000 pages of documents
9 produced by Defendants;

10 (i) retained and consulted with a damages consultant regarding the calculation of
11 damages under the Securities Act;

12 (j) moved for, researched, and fully briefed Plaintiffs' motion for class certification,
13 which was pending at the time the Settlement was reached;

14 (k) served responses and objections to Tintri's RFPs and made multiple productions
15 of documents in response thereto;

16 (l) Plaintiffs prepared for and sat for deposition; and

17 (m) analyzed, briefed, and presented evidence in support of the claims of the Class at
18 two separate mediations.

19 **III. MEDIATION**

20 26. On August 6, 2019, the Parties participated in a full-day mediation before Michelle
21 Yoshida, Esq., an experienced mediator, in an effort to settle both this Action and the related Federal
22 Action. The Parties were unable to reach an agreement at that mediation.

23 27. On October 11, 2022, the Parties attended a full-day mediation with the Honorable Layn
24 R. Phillips (Ret.). The Parties were unable to reach a settlement at that mediation; however, on
25 October 14, 2022, Judge Phillips issued a mediator's proposal which the Parties accepted.

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1 28. The settlement negotiations were at all times hard fought and at arm's length. During
2 these negotiations, Lead Counsel advanced Plaintiffs' positions and were fully prepared to continue to
3 litigate rather than accept a settlement that was not in the best interests of the Class.

4 29. The Settlement Amount of \$7,000,000 is the product of diligent litigation and good faith
5 negotiations and takes into consideration the risks specific to this Action. The Settlement was
6 negotiated by experienced counsel for both Plaintiffs and Defendants, with each having a firm
7 understanding of both the strengths and weaknesses of their respective positions. The Class's
8 representatives were well-informed and had a good foundation to determine the propriety of Settlement.

9 **IV. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE CASE**

10 30. Lead Counsel believe that the Settlement for \$7,000,000 in cash represents a very good
11 result for the Class. Based on the discovery obtained, the ongoing and extensive investigation, review
12 of publicly available documents, and expert analysis of the damages, Plaintiffs believed that they
13 obtained and would continue to obtain substantial evidence to support their claims. As discussed
14 below, however, proceeding with this Action through resolution of the class certification motion,
15 summary judgment motions, and/or trial would have posed a number of real and substantial risks for the
16 Class. Lead Counsel carefully considered these risks during the months leading up to the Settlement
17 and during settlement discussions with Judge Phillips and Defendants.

18 31. For example, Plaintiffs' burden at trial would require expert testimony, *inter alia*, on
19 industry-specific issues and damages. Even with the most competent experts in these fields, there could
20 be no guarantee that Plaintiffs would prevail on liability and damages. Defendants' experts would
21 likely present opinions designed to establish affirmative defenses, undermine Plaintiffs' ability to
22 demonstrate liability, and mitigate or eliminate damages.

23 32. Plaintiffs would have to convince a jury that the Registration Statement contained
24 materially false or misleading statements or omissions concerning Tintri's business. There would be a
25 risk that a jury would find that Plaintiffs failed to meet their burden of demonstrating falsity or
26 materiality. In the event that Plaintiffs failed to do so, the Class would recover nothing.

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1 33. Defendants would no doubt assert the statutory defense of negative causation. Under
2 §11(e) of the Securities Act, a defendant can reduce or eliminate damage through a showing that the
3 false or misleading statement or omission alleged was not the cause of the class's loss. Indeed, after
4 years of discovery, issues of loss causation can prove at times to be an insurmountable hurdle at trial.
5 *See In re BankAtlantic Bancorp, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 07-61542-civ-UNGARO, ECF 695 (Order on
6 Motion for Judgment as a Matter of Law and Motion for New Trial) (S.D. Fla. Apr. 25, 2011) (court
7 granted defendants' judgment as a matter of law on the basis of loss causation, overturning jury verdict
8 and award in plaintiff's favor). The risk of no recovery at all was a real possibility.

9 34. The guaranteed recovery of \$7,000,000 is also a great result for the Class when taking
10 into account Tintri's 2018 bankruptcy. Tintri filed for bankruptcy shortly after the Consolidated
11 Complaint was filed and, thereafter, this case was stayed for nearly two years. Given Tintri's
12 bankruptcy and the fact that the Company has not been in existence for the last five years, even if
13 Plaintiffs were successful in certifying a class, they would face significant hurdles in obtaining third-
14 party discovery to prove their case and in obtaining any monetary recovery.

15 35. Finally, even if the Class prevailed on any or all of the alleged claims at summary
16 judgment and trial, and was awarded damages, Defendants would almost certainly appeal any opinion,
17 verdict, or award. The appeals process would likely take years, during which time the Class would
18 receive no distribution at all. Further, any appeal would also create the risk of reversal, in which case
19 the Class would receive nothing after prevailing at the trial court level.

20 36. These issues and others were thoroughly considered in deciding to settle the Action. In
21 reaching the determination to settle, Lead Counsel weighed the evidence and legal authority supporting
22 Plaintiffs' allegations against the anticipated evidence and legal authority that Defendants believed
23 undermined the strength of Plaintiffs' claims, as well as Defendants' characterizations and
24 interpretations of the allegations and damages in this case.

25 **V. THE SETTLEMENT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CLASS AND**
26 **WARRANTS APPROVAL**

27 37. While Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel believe that the Class could have ultimately prevailed
28 on the merits of the case, Defendants were equally insistent that the Class would fail. There was a risk

1 that the Class might not be certified or, if it was, that it might not prevail at summary judgment or at
2 trial. Had the Class successfully opposed Defendants' eventual motion(s) for summary judgment and
3 proceeded to trial, Plaintiffs faced the risk that the jury would not be convinced by the evidence
4 presented in support of liability and damages. There was also the risk that even if the Class prevailed at
5 trial, Defendants would move to have the verdict overturned or appealed, which would take years to
6 resolve and bore the risk of reversal.

7 38. On balance, considering all the circumstances and risks both sides faced at summary
8 judgment and trial, the conclusion was reached that settlement on the terms agreed upon is in the best
9 interests of the Class. The Settlement confers a substantial benefit on the Class now, and eliminates the
10 significant risks and expenses of protracted litigation, the outcome of which was uncertain.

11 39. Having considered all of the foregoing, and evaluating Defendants' likely defenses, it is
12 the informed judgment of Lead Counsel, based upon all proceedings to date and their extensive
13 experience in litigating shareholder class actions, that the Settlement of this matter before this Court is
14 fair, reasonable and adequate, and in the best interests of the Class.

15 **VI. PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL'S FEES AND EXPENSES AND SERVICE**
16 **AWARDS TO PLAINTIFFS**

17 40. Lead Counsel will submit a fee application for no more than one-third of the Settlement
18 Amount. Such a request is fair both to the Class and Lead Counsel and is within the range of fees
19 awarded in similar actions and is justified in light of the substantial benefits conferred on the Class, the
20 risks undertaken by counsel, the overall quality of representation and the extent of legal services
21 performed, *see supra* ¶25, which required thousands of hours of time by attorneys and other
22 professionals.

23 41. In addition, Lead Counsel will also seek approval of expenses in an amount not to
24 exceed \$350,000, reasonably and necessarily incurred in prosecuting the Action. Lead Counsel
25 prosecuted this litigation on a wholly contingent basis and advanced or incurred certain litigation
26 expenses. In doing so, counsel bore the risk of an unfavorable result and have not received any
27 compensation for their efforts, nor have they been paid for their expenses.

1 42. Lead Counsel’s expenses/charges include: (a) fees and expenses of a consultant in the
2 field of damages analysis; (b) organizing and maintaining a document database for tens of thousands of
3 document images; (c) online factual and legal research; (d) travel; and (e) mediation fees. As
4 demonstrated herein by the efforts required to achieve this Settlement, these expenses were reasonably
5 and necessarily incurred to obtain this result.

6 43. In addition, Plaintiffs will be submitting an application for payment of \$15,000 to each
7 of the three Plaintiffs (\$45,000 in total) to compensate Plaintiffs for the substantial time and effort that
8 they have expended on behalf of the Class over the last five years.

9 **VII. CONCLUSION**

10 44. For the reasons set forth above, Plaintiffs and the proposed Class respectfully request
11 that the Court preliminarily approve the proposed Settlement and enter the Notice Order.

12 45. True and correct copies of the Robbins Geller, Bottini & Bottini, and GPM firm resumes
13 are attached hereto as Exhibits A, B, and C, respectively.

14 We declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing
15 is true and correct. Executed on July 28, 2023, in San Diego, California.

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JAMES I. JACONETTE



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EXHIBIT A

FIRM RESUME

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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, and Washington, D.C. (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 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. 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.

- ***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 \$5.5 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.

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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

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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 Rel. 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.

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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.

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- ***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 Pensioenfonds 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.

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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

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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:

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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.

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- *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

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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 Practs. 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

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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

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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

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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.

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- ***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.

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- ***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

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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*

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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).

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- 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).

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- 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).

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- 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).

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- 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).

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- 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

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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).

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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.), FirstCash (N.D. Tex.), Mylan N.V. (S.D.N.Y.), and Southwest Airlines (N.D. Tex.). 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; 40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018-2021; Top 40 Under 40, *Daily Journal*, 2021; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2021; "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 and counties around the country in *In re Nat'l Prescription Opiate Litig.*, No. 1:17-md-02804-DAP (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 Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2023; 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

A. Rick Atwood, Jr. | Partner

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. He 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. Most recently, 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. He was also 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.

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 *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

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2023; 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. She specializes in federal securities and consumer class actions. She 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. Baig has litigated a number of cases through jury trial, resulting in multi-million dollar awards and settlements for her clients, and has prosecuted securities fraud, consumer, and derivative actions obtaining millions of dollars in recoveries against corporations such as Wells Fargo, Verizon, Celera, Pall, and Prudential.

Baig, along with co-counsel and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys, is currently leading the effort on behalf of cities and counties around the country in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*. In 2022, Baig served as co-trial counsel in a federal bench trial in San Francisco in a case that had been selected as a bellwether in the multi-district 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.

Baig has also been appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Juul Labs, Inc., Marketing, Sales Practices, and Product Liability Litigation*, currently pending before the Honorable William H. Orrick in the Northern District of California. She serves on the expert and trial committees and represents, among others, one of the trial bellwethers. Baig and her team have recently completed discovery and are currently preparing for expert reports and trial. She has also been appointed by the Honorable Charles R. Breyer in the Northern District of California to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re McKinsey & Co., Inc. National Prescription Opiate Consultant Litigation*.

Additionally, Baig prosecuted an action against Wells Fargo's directors and officers accusing the giant of engaging in the robo-signing of foreclosure papers so as to mass-process home foreclosures, a practice which contributed significantly to the 2008-2009 financial crisis. The resulting settlement was worth more than \$67 million in cash, corporate preventative measures, and new lending initiatives for residents of cities devastated by Wells Fargo's alleged unlawful foreclosure practices. Baig and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys recently obtained a \$62.5 million settlement in *Villella v. Chemical and Mining Company of Chile Inc.*, a securities class action against a Chilean mining company. The case 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 2014. Due to the company being based out of Chile and subject to Chilean law and rules, Baig and the Robbins Geller litigation team put together a multilingual litigation team with Chilean expertise. Baig was also part of the litigation and trial team in *White v. Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless*, which resulted in a \$25 million settlement and Verizon's agreement to an injunction restricting its ability to impose early termination fees in future subscriber agreements. She was also part of the team that prosecuted dozens of stock option backdating actions, securing tens of millions of dollars in cash recoveries as well as the implementation of comprehensive corporate governance enhancements for numerous companies victimized by their directors' and officers' fraudulent stock option backdating practices. Additionally, Baig prosecuted an action against Prudential Insurance for its alleged failure to pay life insurance benefits to beneficiaries of policyholders it knew or had reason to know had died, resulting in a settlement in excess of \$30 million.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; 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; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2020-2023; 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; Hall of Fame, *The Legal 500*, 2020-2023; Leading Lawyer, *Chambers USA*, 2016-2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Lawyer of the Year: Derivatives and Futures Law, *Best Lawyers®*, 2023; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2019-2023; 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; National Practice Area Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019-2020; Local Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018, 2020; Leading Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2014-2019; Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2016-2019; 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

James Barz is a partner with the Firm and manages the Firm's Chicago office. He has 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 2022, 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.); *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.); and *Hospira* (\$60 million, N.D. Ill.). Barz also handles whistleblower cases, including successful settlements in *United States v. Signature Healthcare LLC* (M.D. Tenn.) (\$30 million) and *Goodman v. Arriva Medical LLC* (M.D. Tenn.) (\$160 million settlement with government and \$28.5 million award to whistleblower). Barz also handles antitrust cases, including currently serving on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litig.* (N.D. Ill.).

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2018-2023; 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

Leading Lawyer, *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 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, Bernay is involved in *In re Remicade Antitrust Litig.* pending in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania – a large case involving anticompetitive conduct in the biosimilars market, where the Firm is sole lead counsel for the end-payor plaintiffs. She is also part of the litigation 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 *Persian Gulf Inc. v. BP West Coast Prods. LLC* (S.D. Cal.), a massive case against the largest gas refiners in the world brought by gasoline station owners who allege they were overcharged for gasoline in California as a result of anticompetitive conduct.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Distinguished Alumni, Forever Humboldt Alumni Association, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 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

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; 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*, 2022-2023; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2022; 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

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; 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 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), and *Qwest* (\$445 million).

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2018-2023; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2018-2023; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2020, 2022; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers*®, 2018-2021; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2016, 2020; Top 100 Trial Lawyer, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018-2020; National Practice Area Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2020; Local Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2015-2018, 2020; Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers*®, 2020; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2017-2019; Top 20 Trial Lawyer in California, *Benchmark Litigation*, 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; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2022; 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. She 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.

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

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

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 is also a member of Robbins Geller's SPAC Task Force. 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 hundreds of millions 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 sparked follow-on governmental investigations into corporate malfeasance. Cochran has spearheaded litigation on behalf of injured investors in blank check companies, developing one of the first securities class actions arising from the latest wave of blank check financing, *Alta Mesa Resources*. On March 31, 2021, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas denied defendants' motions to dismiss in their entirety.

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: *Micro Focus* (\$107.5 million, subject to court approval); *Walgreens* (\$105 million); *Scotts Miracle-Gro* (up to \$85 million); *Psychiatric Solutions* (\$65 million); *SQM Chemical & Mining Co. of Chile* (\$62.5 million); *Grubhub* (\$42 million); *Big Lots* (\$38 million); *Credit Suisse* (\$32.5 million, subject to court approval); *Reckitt Benckiser* (\$19.6 million, subject to court approval); *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

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Next Generation Partner, *The Legal 500*, 2020-2023; 40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2020-2021; 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.

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

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2023; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *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

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 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), *Garner v. Amazon.com, Inc.*, No. 2:21-cv-00750-RSL (W.D. Wash.) (alleging Amazon's illegal wiretapping through Alexa-enabled devices), and *In re American Financial Resources, Inc. Data Breach*

Litigation, No. 2:22-cv-01757-MCA-JSA (D.N.J.), and on Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in *In re Lakeview Loan Servicing Data Breach Litigation*, No. 1:22-cv-20955-DPG (S.D. Fla.).

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

Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2020-2023; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2023; 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; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2020-2023; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 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

Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 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 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; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2018-2023; Top 100 Leaders in Law Honoree, *San Diego Business Journal*, 2022; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers®*, 2018-2021; Board of Trustees, Whitworth University; 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

Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2017-2018, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2018-2023; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2019-2023; West Trailblazer, *The American Lawyer*, 2022; Top Plaintiff Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2022; Plaintiff Litigator of the Year, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2022; Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers*®, 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

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

Pro Bono Publico Award, *Casa Cornelia Law Center*, 2021-2022; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2017-2022; 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 approval of a \$160 million recovery in the first successful securities fraud case against Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. in *City of Pontiac General Employees' Retirement System v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.* In addition, Forge 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.

After the trial victory over Puma Biotechnology and Alan Auerbach, 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 and the team used these depositions to disprove a truth-on-the-market argument that nine defense experts had embraced. Soon after the last of these expert depositions, 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 against President Donald J. Trump. The settlement refunds over 90% of the money thousands of students paid to “enroll” in Trump University. He represented the class on a *pro bono* basis. Forge has also successfully defeated motions to dismiss and obtained class certification against several prominent defendants, including the first federal RICO case against Scotts Miracle-Gro, which recently settled for up to \$85 million. He was 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.

In a case against another prominent defendant, Pfizer Inc., 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.

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; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2023; 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

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2013-2022; 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, managing partner of the Firm's Boca Raton, Florida office, is a founding partner of the Firm, a member of its Management Committee, and head of the Firm's Consumer Practice Group. Geller's 29 years of litigation experience is broad, and he has handled cases in each of the Firm's practice areas. Notably, before devoting his practice to the representation of consumers and investors, he defended companies in high-stakes class action and multi-district litigation, providing him with an invaluable perspective. Geller has tried bench and jury trials on both the plaintiffs' and defendants' sides and has argued before numerous state, federal, and appellate courts throughout the country.

Geller was recently selected to serve in a leadership position 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.” Geller was also a critical member of the team that negotiated over \$50 billion in settlements against certain opioid distributors, manufacturers, and retail pharmacies. Prior to the opioid litigation, 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.”

Geller recently served as a Lead Counsel in *In re EpiPen (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Mktg., Sales Pracs. & Antitrust Litig.*, a nationwide class action that alleges that pharmaceutical company Mylan N.V. and others engaged in anti-competitive and unfair business conduct in its sale and marketing of the EpiPen auto-injector device. The case was recently settled for \$609 million.

Some of Geller's other recent noteworthy successes include the largest privacy class action settlement in history – a \$650 million recovery in a cutting-edge class action in *In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig.*,

concerning Facebook’s use of biometric identifiers through its “tag” feature. In addition to the monetary recovery, Facebook recently disabled the tag feature altogether, deleting user facial profiles and discontinuing the use of facial recognition software.

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; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2007-2023; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2016, 2019, 2023; Leading Lawyer, *Chambers USA*, 2021-2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2006-2007, 2009-2023; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2017-2023; 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 was a key member of the team representing a class of shareholders in the Dell Class V Stockholders Litigation, which settled 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 *Spohn v. Emergent BioSolutions Inc.* (\$6.5 million recovery).

Education

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

Honors / Awards

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2021-2022; 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

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2018-2023; 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*, 2019-2023; 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

Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2023; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2022-2023; West Trailblazer, *The American Lawyer*, 2022; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2013-2021; 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 settlements include: *In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig.* (N.D. Cal. 2021) (\$650 million); *KBC Asset Management v. 3D Systems Corp.* (D.S.C. 2018) (\$50 million); *Luna v. Marvell Tech. Grp.* (N.D. Cal. 2018) (\$72.5 million); *Garden City Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Psychiatric Solutions, Inc.* (M.D. Tenn. 2015) (\$65 million); and *City of Sterling Heights Gen. Emps.' Ret. Sys v. Hospira, Inc.* (N.D. Ill. 2014) (\$60 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 and 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.

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 a key member of the team of attorneys prosecuting fraud claims against Goldman Sachs stemming from Goldman’s conduct in subprime mortgage transactions (including “Abacus”).

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 Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2020-2023; 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., Hastings College of the Law, 1987

Honors / Awards

AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2014-2021; 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, Hastings College of Law, 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*, 2019-2023; 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, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation. He was part of the litigation team for *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. He 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. Janoski also 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. Most recently, Janoski and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys obtained an \$809.5 million settlement in *In re Twitter, Inc. Securities Litigation*, a case that did not settle until 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.

Education

Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 2010-2011; B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 2011; J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2015

Honors / Awards

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2023; J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 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*, Jensen recently 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://yearinreview.rgrdlaw.com/protecting-workers/>. In another landmark case, Jensen's efforts on behalf of California passengers to stop Greyhound from subjecting them to discriminatory immigration raids paid off as Greyhound no longer allows 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.); *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 to bird lovers 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 in settlements with major 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

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016-2023; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2017-2023; 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 has been litigating complex securities cases and breach of fiduciary duty actions for over 30 years. Johnson's background includes decades as a plaintiffs' lawyer, a securities-fraud prosecutor, and as a defense lawyer. Johnson's cases in the private sector have recovered more than \$9 billion for investors.

Johnson previously was the head of New York's securities fraud unit and served as Deputy Attorney General for the State of New York. In that role, Johnson helped recover billions of dollars and make new law favorable to investors. As a senior member of the Attorney General's Office for the State of New York, Johnson pursued cases against Wall Street fraudsters for making false statements to the investing public.

In the private sector, Johnson represents institutional and individual investors in securities and breach of fiduciary duty cases, including representing investors in direct or "opt-out" actions and in class actions. Johnson represents some of the world's largest and most sophisticated asset managers, public pension funds, and sovereign wealth funds. Johnson also represents and works with whistleblowers.

Johnson's cases have resulted in some of the largest recoveries for shareholders on record. This includes \$1 billion recently recovered for shareholders in the Dell Class V litigation, which is nearly four times the next-largest comparable recovery in the Delaware Court of Chancery. This recovery of \$1 billion was reached on the eve of trial, and is the largest securities class action or derivative recovery ever in any state court in the nation. Johnson also helped lead other securities cases that resulted in massive recoveries for shareholders, including in: *WorldCom* (more than \$6 billion recovered for shareholders); *Wachovia* (\$627 million recovered for shareholders); *Williams* (\$311 million recovered for shareholders); and *Washington Mutual* (\$208 million recovered for shareholders).

While a 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) devised and sold by those banks.

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 focuses his practice in the area of complex litigation, including securities, ERISA, corporate fiduciary duty, derivative, and consumer fraud class actions. Kaufman has served as lead counsel or played a significant role in numerous actions, including: *In re TD Banknorth S'holders Litig.* (\$50 million recovery); *In re Gen. Elec. Co. ERISA Litig.* (\$40 million cost to GE, including significant improvements to GE's employee retirement plan, and benefits to GE plan participants valued in excess of \$100 million); *EnergySolutions, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$26 million recovery); *Lockheed Martin Corp. Sec. Litig.* (\$19.5 million recovery); *In re Warner Chilcott Ltd. Sec. Litig.* (\$16.5 million recovery); *In re Third Avenue Mgmt. Sec. Litig.* (\$14.25 million recovery); *In re Giant Interactive Grp., Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$13 million recovery); *In re Royal Grp. Tech. Sec. Litig.* (\$9 million recovery); *Fidelity Ultra Short Bond Fund Litig.* (\$7.5 million recovery); *In re Audiovox Derivative Litig.* (\$6.75 million recovery and corporate governance reforms); *State Street Yield Plus Fund Litig.* (\$6.25 million recovery); *In re Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., Internet Strategies Sec. Litig.* (resolved as part of a \$39 million global settlement); and *In re MONY Grp., Inc. S'holder Litig.* (obtained preliminary injunction requiring disclosures in proxy statement).

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; 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

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016, 2018-2021

David A. Knotts | Partner

David Knotts is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office and, in addition to ongoing litigation work, teaches a full-semester course on M&A litigation at the University of California Berkeley School of Law. He focuses his practice on securities class action litigation in the context of mergers and acquisitions, representing both individual shareholders and institutional investors. Knotts has been counsel of record for shareholders on a number of significant recoveries in courts and throughout the country, including *In re Rural/Metro Corp. S'holders Litig.* (nearly \$110 million total recovery, affirmed by the Delaware Supreme Court in *RBC v. Jervis*), *In re Del Monte Foods Co. S'holders Litig.* (\$89.4 million), *Websense* (\$40 million), *In re Onyx S'holders Litig.* (\$30 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 recently 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."

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

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

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; 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; 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

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. His practice focuses primarily on appeals of securities fraud class action cases. Love has 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. Prior to joining the Firm, 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. During his many years as a death penalty lawyer, he co-chaired the Capital Case Defense Seminar (2004-2013), recognized as the largest conference for death penalty practitioners in the country. He regularly presented at the seminar and at other conferences on a wide variety of topics geared towards effective appellate practice. Additionally, he was on the faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Post-Conviction Skills Seminar. Love has also written several articles on appellate advocacy and capital punishment that have appeared in *The Daily Journal*, *CACJ Forum*, *American Constitution Society*, and other publications.

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 shareholder derivative and securities litigation. 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 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 cases include *CoreCivic (Grae v. Corrections Corporation of America)* (\$56 million recovered), *Good Technology* (\$52 million recovered for investors in a privately held technology company), *Nissan* (\$36 million recovered), *Blackhawk Network Holdings* (\$29.5 million recovered), and *The Fresh Market (Morrison v. Berry)* (\$27.5 million recovered). 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.

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

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2022-2023; 40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2018-2020; 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 currently serves as counsel in *In re Dell Technologies Inc. Class V Stockholders Litigation*, which is presently before the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware.

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*, 2013-2022

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; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016-2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2020-2023; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2018-2023; 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 2018-2021 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); *Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.*, No. 2:12-cv-00555 (D. Ariz.) (\$350 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); *Knurr v. Orbital ATK, Inc.*, No. 1:16-cv-01031 (E.D. Va.) (\$108 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*, 2020-2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2022-2023; 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; Future Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019-2020; 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.); *Comm'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 *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

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Rising Star, *Law360*, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2021-2023; 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; 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 \$250 million for investors, including: *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 PMI Grp., Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$31.25 million recovery); *Xiang v. Inovalon Holdings, Inc.* (\$17 million recovery); *Cunha v. Hansen Natural Corp.* (\$16.25 million recovery); *In re Accuray Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$13.5 million recovery); *Twinde v. Threshold Pharms., Inc.* (\$10 million recovery); *In re Impax Labs. Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$9 million recovery); and *In re Ubiquiti Networks, Inc.* (\$6.8 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

40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2016-2020; Future Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018-2020; Top 40 Under 40, *Daily Journal*, 2017; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2013-2017

Theodore J. Pintaer | Partner

Ted Pintaer is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. Pintaer 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. Pintaer was also on the trial team in *Knapp v. Gomez*, which resulted in a plaintiff's verdict. Pintaer 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. Pintaer 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, Pintaer 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*, 2013-2021; 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. Proprs., 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

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2023; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2023; 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

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2021-2023; 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. In addition to *Valeant*, Richter has been a member of litigation teams that have secured hundreds of millions of dollars in securities class action settlements throughout the country, including in *HCA* (\$215 million, E.D. Tenn.), *Sprint* (\$131 million, D. Kan.), *Orbital ATK* (\$108 million, E.D. Va.), *Dana Corp.* (\$64 million, N.D. Ohio), *Diplomat* (\$15.5 million, N.D. Ill.), *LJM Funds* (\$12.85 million, N.D. Ill.), and *Camping World* (\$12.5 million, N.D. Ill.).

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; 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 recently 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

Hall of Fame, *The Legal 500*, 2023; Leading Lawyer, *Chambers USA*, 2014-2023; Lawyer of the Year: Litigation – Securities, *Best Lawyers*®, 2023; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2010-2023; Leading Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2020-2022; California Lawyer of the Year, *Daily Journal*, 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 Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; 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

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2022; Future Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2016-2020; 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*, 2022-2023; Northeast Trailblazer, *The American Lawyer*, 2022; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2011, 2013-2022; 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

Top 10 Most Influential Securities Litigation Attorney in New York, *Business Today*, 2023; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2018-2019, 2023; Leading Lawyer, *Chambers USA*, 2014-2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2007-2022; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2016-2022; New York Trailblazer, *New York Law Journal*, 2020; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2020; National Practice Area Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019-2020; Local Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2013-2020; Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2013, 2017-2019; 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*, 2019-2023; *Law360* Securities Editorial Advisory Board, 2017-2022; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2020

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*, 2019-2023; Distinguished Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, *Casa Cornelia Law Center*, 2022

Juan Carlos Sanchez | Partner

Juan Carlos Sanchez is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Sanchez was a member of the litigation team that secured a \$60 million settlement – 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.* More recently, Sanchez's 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.

In addition to actively litigating cases, Sanchez is also a member of the Firm's Lead Plaintiff Advisory Team, which evaluates clients' exposure to securities fraud, advises them on lead plaintiff motions, and helps them secure appointment as lead plaintiff. Sanchez's efforts have assisted institutional and retail clients secure lead plaintiff appointments in more than 40 securities class actions.

Sanchez is also part of Robbins Geller's SPAC Task Force, which is dedicated to rooting out and prosecuting fraud on behalf of injured investors in special purpose acquisition companies. The rise in "blank check" financing poses unique risks to investors, and this group – comprised of experienced litigators, investigators, and forensic accountants – represents the vanguard of ensuring integrity, honesty, and justice in this rapidly developing investment arena.

Education

B.S., University of California, Davis, 2005; J.D., University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), 2014

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2023

Vincent M. Serra | Partner

Vincent Serra is a partner in the Firm's Melville office and focuses his practice on complex securities, antitrust, consumer, and employment litigation. His efforts have contributed to the recovery of over a billion dollars on behalf of aggrieved plaintiffs and class members. Notably, Serra has contributed to several significant 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, pending final approval), 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 an action asserting violations of federal and state overtime laws against Cintas Corp. 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 *Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Pharmacia Corp.* (\$164 million recovery), *In re Priceline.com Sec. Litig.* (\$80 million recovery), and *In re DouYu Int'l Holdings Ltd. Sec. Litig.* (\$15 million recovery pending final approval). Serra is currently litigating several actions against manufacturers and retailers for the improper marketing and sale of purportedly "flushable" wipes products. In *Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Charleston (d.b.a. Charleston Water System) v. Costco Wholesale Corp.*, Serra serves as court-appointed class counsel in connection with a settlement that secured an unprecedented commitment of Kimberly-Clark to meet the national municipal wastewater standard for flushability.

Education

B.A., University of Delaware, 2001; J.D., California Western School of Law, 2005

Honors / Awards

Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services, State Bar of California

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

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; 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

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 29 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 has 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, he was instrumental in obtaining some of the first mega-recoveries in the field in California and Texas, serving in the late 1990s and early 2000s as class counsel in *In re Informix Corp. Sec. Litig.* in the federal district court for the Northern District of California, and recovering \$131 million for Informix investors; and serving 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 a class of purchasers of TXU securities as well as securing important governance reforms. He litigated and tried the securities class action *In re Helionetics, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, where he won a \$15.4 million federal jury verdict in the federal district court for the Central District of California.

Solomon is currently counsel to a number of pension funds serving as lead plaintiffs in cases throughout the United States. He represents the UK'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. Solomon also represents Norfolk Pension Fund in separate class actions currently pending against Apple Inc. and Apple executives in the federal district court for the Northern District of California and against Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and former Anadarko executives in the federal district court for the Southern District of Texas. 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 recovered in the Ninth Circuit since the advent in 1995 of statutory reforms to securities litigation that established the current legal regime. Solomon also represents the same coal industry funds in the recently filed class action against Citrix Inc. and Citrix executives in the federal district court for the Southern District of Florida, and he represents North East Scotland Pension Fund in a class action pending against Under Armour and Under Armour executives in the federal district court for the District of Maryland. In addition, he is currently representing Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association in a class action pending against FirstEnergy and FirstEnergy executives in the federal district court for the Southern District of Ohio and he is representing Strathclyde Pension Fund in a class action pending against Bank OZK and its CEO in the federal district court for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

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

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; 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 part 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 a \$131 million recovery in favor of plaintiffs in *Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corp.* Additionally, Stakem helped to obtain a landmark settlement, 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 structured investment vehicles in *Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank v. Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc.* Stakem also 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, and 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, Stakem was a 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., College of William and Mary, 2009; J.D., UCLA School of Law, 2012

Honors / Awards

500 X – The Next Generation, *Lawdragon*, 2023; 40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 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

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

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 actions resulting in more than a billion dollars in recoveries. For example, 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, the largest ever privacy class action.

Williams 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.)*.

Williams led multiple shareholder actions in which the Firm obtained favorable appellate rulings, including: *W. Va. Pipe Trades Health & Welfare Fund v. Medtronic, Inc.*, 845 F.3d 384 (8th Cir. 2016); *Knollenberg v. Harmonic, Inc.*, 152 F. App'x 674 (9th Cir. 2005); *Nursing Home Pension Fund, Local 144 v. Oracle Corp.*, 380 F.3d 1226 (9th Cir. 2004); *Lynch v. Rawls*, 429 F. App'x 641 (9th Cir. 2011); and *Barrie v. Intervoice-Brite, Inc.*, 409 F.3d 653 (5th Cir. 2005).

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

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2017, 2020-2021, 2023; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2018-2023; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2022-2023; Top Plaintiff Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2022; Most Influential Black Lawyers, *Savoy*, 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 the litigation teams responsible for recovering hundreds of millions of dollars for investors, including: *In re Massey Energy Co. Sec. Litig.* (\$265 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: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2023; 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

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2020-2023; Top 250 Women in Litigation, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021; 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.

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. In *New York v. Exxon Mobil Corporation*, a high-profile securities fraud case concerning climate risk disclosures, Zweig examined numerous witnesses and delivered the State's closing argument at trial. In *New York v. Laurence Allen et al.*, Zweig and his colleagues achieved a total victory at trial for defrauded investors in a private equity fund, and established for the first time the retroactive application of the Martin Act's expanded statute of limitations. Zweig also conducted data-intensive investigations of Credit Suisse concerning its alternative trading system and its wholesale market making business, resulting in joint settlements with the SEC totaling \$70 million from Credit Suisse. On three occasions, Zweig was awarded the Louis J. Lefkowitz Award for Exceptional Service.

Zweig was previously a litigator at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, where he represented clients in securities litigation, mass tort, and other matters. 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; 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 Cmty. 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

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; *Law360* Securities Editorial Advisory Board, 2015-2016; Member, Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission, 2014-2018

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 trusteed 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; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2016-2019, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2023; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2015-2023; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2021; 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

Raphaella Friedman | Of Counsel

Raffi Friedman is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office, where she litigates complex class actions to hold corporations accountable to consumers and shareholders.

Friedman previously worked as a trial attorney at the Federal Defenders of San Diego. She zealously represented indigent clients charged with immigration offenses, international drug trafficking, illegal firearm possession, wire fraud, and other federal crimes. Her victories include securing a not guilty verdict in a high-stakes jury trial; winning an original motion to suppress; and obtaining many dismissals through her robust litigation and negotiation practice.

Before public defense, Friedman clerked for The Honorable Barry Ted Moskowitz at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California and Chief Justice Daniel E. Winfree of the Alaska Supreme Court.

Education

B.A., Yale University, 2012; J.D., U.C. Berkeley School of Law, 2017

Honors / Awards

B.A., with distinction, Yale University, 2012

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

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), Stellent (\$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*®, 2018-2023; 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; served on the Oklahoma State University Foundation Board of Trustees, 2013-2021; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 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*, 2019-2022; "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; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2021; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2021; 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

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

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

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 valuing 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

Christopher P. Seefer | Of Counsel

Christopher Seefer is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Francisco office. He concentrates his practice in securities class action litigation, including cases against Verisign, UTStarcom, VeriFone, Nash Finch, NextCard, Terayon, and America West. Seefer served as an Assistant Director and Deputy General Counsel for the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, which reported to Congress in January 2011 its conclusions as to the causes of the global financial crisis. Prior to joining the Firm, he was a Fraud Investigator with the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury (1990-1999), and a field examiner with the Office of Thrift Supervision (1986-1990).

Education

B.A., University of California Berkeley, 1984; M.B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1990; J.D., Golden Gate University School of Law, 1998

Arthur L. Shingler III | Of Counsel

Arthur Shingler is Of Counsel 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 Google Digital Advertising Antitrust Litig.*, No. 1:21-md-03010 (S.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

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*, 2016-2020; 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

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*, 2013-2020; 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 Lawyers in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2019- 2023; 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), a Certified Fraud Examiner, 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 B

BOTTINI & BOTTINI, INC.

FIRM RESUME

Bottini & Bottini, Inc. specializes in representing shareholders, consumers, businesses, and whistleblowers in high-stakes cases across the United States. The firm concentrates its practice in complex civil litigation, including the areas of securities class actions, shareholder derivative litigation, consumer privacy class action lawsuits, antitrust class action litigation, shareholder mergers and acquisitions litigation, *qui tam* litigation on behalf of whistleblowers under the False Claims Act, and class actions under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”).

The attorneys at Bottini & Bottini, Inc. have been appointed lead counsel, co-lead counsel, or played a significant role in hundreds of high-profile cases in state and federal courts across the country. The firm’s representative matters and the biographies of the firm’s professionals are set forth below.

Representative Matters

- ***In re Alphabet Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litig.***, Lead Case No. 19CV341522 (Santa Clara Superior Court). Bottini & Bottini was appointed Co-Lead Counsel by the Hon. Brian C. Walsh after a heavily-contested lead counsel process. A groundbreaking settlement was reached in 2020 which resulted in Google’s commitment to eliminate the use of mandatory arbitration in cases alleging sexual harassment and discrimination, the establishment of a Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Council including two members selected by Plaintiffs’ counsel, and an agreement by Google to spend **\$310 million** over ten years on workplace initiatives designed to eliminate sexual harassment and discrimination and initiatives that support diversity, equity, and inclusion. See “Alphabet Settles Shareholder Suits Over Sexual Harassment Claims,” THE NEW YORK TIMES, Sept. 25, 2020. The membership of the DEI Council will consist of both external experts and internal members, including, in its first year, Alphabet’s CEO (Sundar Pichai). The workplace initiatives and programs will focus on (1) expanding the pool of historically underrepresented technologists; (2) hiring, progression, and retention of historically underrepresented talent at Alphabet and, in particular, Google; (3) fostering respectful, equitable, and inclusive workplace cultures; and (4) helping historically underrepresented groups and individuals succeed with their businesses and in the digital economy and tech industry.
- ***Justice John Trotter (Ret.), Trustee of the PG&E Fire Victim Trust v. Williams et al.***, Lead Case No. CGC-17-562591 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of San Francisco). Bottini & Bottini was retained by Justice John Trotter on behalf of the PG&E Fire Victim Trust to assert claims against various former officers and directors of PG&E Corporation. The suit seeks damages for breaches of fiduciary duty committed by such officers and directors in connection with wildfires caused by PG&E Corp. in Northern California -- the 2017 North Bay Wildfires and the 2018 Camp Fire. Bottini & Bottini had previously filed a shareholder derivative action against PG&E's officers and directors on December 24, 2018. After PG&E filed for bankruptcy due to massive liabilities related to the wildfires, Justice Trotter was

appointed as Trustee of the PG&E Fire Victim Trust in order to pursue claims seeking compensation for the fire victims. The shareholder derivative claims originally asserted by Bottini & Bottini were among the claims assigned to the Fire Victim Trust. After Bottini & Bottini was retained by Justice Trotter, an amended complaint was filed on March 24, 2021 in San Francisco Superior Court asserting direct claims for breach of fiduciary duty against PG&E's officers and directors.

On November 8, 2021, Judge Andrew Y.S. Cheng denied in substantial part Defendants' demurrer to the Amended Complaint. Defendants moved for reconsideration of the Court's order overruling their demurrer, and the Court denied that motion by Order dated December 16, 2021. Meanwhile, Plaintiffs had filed a Second Amended Complaint on November 18, 2021 to add additional factual details about Defendants' wrongdoing.

Defendants filed a demurrer/motion to dismiss the Second Amended Complaint, which was heard by the Court on February 24, 2022. On April 1, 2022, the Court issued an Order overruling Defendants' demurrers in their entirety.

Trial was set for August 1, 2022. Plaintiff diligently prepared the case for trial, reviewing millions of pages of documents and taking dozens of depositions.

A settlement of **\$117 million** was reached just a few months before trial was set to commence.

Cathy Yanni, a spokesperson for the Fire Victim Trust, stated in announcing the settlement that "It is our hope that in holding PG&E's past officers and directors accountable in connection with the damage inflicted on thousands of fire victims in California, the current board and new leadership of PG&E charts a different course where safety and the protection of customers is the central operating principle of the company. We are pleased to see early signs of a new focus on safety with PG&E's recent announcements about plans to harden infrastructure and lay power lines underground, both measures that would significantly reduce fire hazards."

- ***In re Yahoo! Inc. Shareholder Litig.***, Lead Case No. 17-CV-307054 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of Santa Clara). Bottini & Bottini was Co-Lead Counsel in this shareholder derivative litigation, which involved the largest corporate data breach in U.S. history. After engaging in expedited discovery, the Court granted in part Plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction and ordered Yahoo! to provide additional information to the Company's shareholders in a proxy statement filed with the SEC. Thereafter, after further substantial litigation, the derivative claims settled for a cash payment by Defendants of \$29 million, representing the largest recovery ever in a shareholder derivative action involving a data breach.

By order dated January 4, 2019, Judge Brian C. Walsh of the Complex Litigation Department granted final approval to the settlement stating: "But I have to say that on both sides, the intelligence, the persistence, the professionalism was a joy to behold. You're a credit to your clients and I hope they appreciate the fine work you did for them, and a credit to your profession. It was a pleasure to work with you."

The Yahoo shareholder derivative litigation has been described as a “milestone” by commentators for the significant cash recovery obtained for Yahoo, especially since past shareholder derivative cases involving data breaches had all been dismissed or not resulted in any cash recovery for the company. In describing the significant **\$29 million cash recovery** in Yahoo, one commentator stated that “the track record in prior data breach related derivative litigation makes the significant recovery in the Yahoo data breach-related derivative settlement all the more noteworthy.” See Kevin LaCroix, *The D&O Diary*, Jan. 21, 2019.

- ***In re Tik Tok, Inc. Consumer Privacy Litigation***, MDL No. 2948 (N.D. Ill.) – In 2020, Bottini & Bottini was appointed to Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee by the Hon. John Z. Lee in this consumer privacy class action. Plaintiffs filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint on December 18, 2020. The complaint alleges that Defendants, through the TikTok app, collected, captured, obtained, stored and disclosed Illinois resident TikTok users’ biometric information in violation of the Illinois’ Biometric Information Privacy Act (“BIPA”), 740 ILCS §14/1, et seq. In 2022, a settlement of **\$92 million** was approved by the Court.
- ***In re Zoom Video Commc’ns, Inc. Privacy Litig.***, Master File No. 20-CV-02155 (N.D. Cal.) (Koh, J.) -- Bottini & Bottini was appointed as a member of Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee by Order dated June 30, 2020. The case is currently in the discovery phase. By Order dated March 11, 2021, Judge Koh denied in substantial part Defendants’ motion to dismiss. By Order dated April 5, 2021, Judge Koh denied Zoom’s motion to stay discovery. The case was settled in 2021 for **\$85 million**. By Order dated April 21, 2022, Judge Koh granted final approval to the settlement.
- ***Gehrich v. Frederick Howe et al. (In re MedImpact Shareholder Litig.)***, Case No. 37-2018-00041295-CU-SL-CTL (San Diego Superior Court). Bottini & Bottini served as sole court-appointed Lead Counsel in this shareholder class action against the officers and directors of MedImpact Holdings, Inc., the largest privately-owned pharmacy benefit manager in the United States. After prevailing on a demurrer in which the Court upheld all the claims alleged by the Plaintiffs, and after extensive litigation and motion practice in the case, including discovery and the filing of three motions seeking declaratory and injunctive relief, the case was settled. As a result of Plaintiffs’ efforts, the price offered to the Company’s minority shareholders for their stock was increased by 75.12% (from \$21.70 to \$38.00), representing a recovery of **over \$41 million**. During the case, the Company also agreed to hold annual meetings of shareholders and disseminate annual reports to shareholders. By order dated December 20, 2019, the Hon. Kenneth J. Medel granted final approval to the settlement and entered final judgment.
- ***Wolther v. Maheshwari et al. (In re Veeco Instruments Shareholder Litig.)***, Lead Case No. 18CV329690 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of Santa Clara). Bottini & Bottini, Inc. served as Lead Counsel in this shareholder class action brought under the Securities Act of 1933. By Order dated May 3, 2019, the Hon. Brian Walsh denied defendants’ demurrers in their entirety. The case subsequently settled for **\$15 million** -- approximately 17% of the estimated damages.

- ***In re Eventbrite, Inc. Securities Litigation***, Lead Case No. 19CIV02798 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of San Mateo). By Order dated June 25, 2019, Judge Weiner appointed Bottini & Bottini and Cotchett Pitre & McCarthy Lead Counsel in this securities class action brought under the Securities Act of 1933, which seeks damages relating to Eventbrite’s IPO. Bottini & Bottini successfully opposed Defendants’ motion to stay the case, which the Court denied by Order dated August 20, 2019. The case recently settled for **\$19.25 million** -- approximately 27% of the estimated damages. On June 10, 2022, the Court granted final approval to the settlement.
- ***Chicago Laborers Pension Fund v. Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.***, Case No. CIV535692 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of San Mateo). Bottini & Bottini was one of three firms (together with Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP and Cotchett, Pitre, & McCarthy LLP) that prosecuted a class action under the Securities Act of 1933 against Alibaba Group Holding Limited (“Alibaba”) in the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, arising from Alibaba’s September 2014 initial public offering (“IPO”). After three and a half years of hard-fought litigation that involved substantial discovery in both the United States and China, a cash settlement was reached in December 2018 of **\$75,000,000** — approximately 23.4% of the estimated maximum damages. The settlement was granted final approval by the Hon. Richard H. DuBois on May 17, 2019.
- ***In re Snap, Inc. Securities Cases***, JCCP No. 4960 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of Los Angeles). Bottini & Bottini served as co-lead counsel in this shareholder class action relating to Snap’s IPO. In January 2020, the case and a related action in federal court settled for a combined **\$187.5 million, with \$32,812,500 representing the state court settlement**. The Hon. Elihu M. Berle granted final approval of the settlement by Order dated March 9, 2021. The settlement represented the 97th largest securities class action settlement ever. See Sarah Jarvis, “Two Investor Settlements From 2021 Crack Top 100 List,” Law360, Jan. 25, 2022 (“Robbins Geller, Kessler Topaz, Bottini & Bottini and Block & Leviton led the two investor class action settlements from 2021 that broke into the top 100 largest such settlements of all time, according to a report released Tuesday . . . the \$187.5 million settlement involving social media giant Snap Inc. — led by Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check LLP in the federal case and co-lead by Robbins Geller, Bottini & Bottini and Block & Leviton in a related state action — ranks 97th.”).
- ***Overbrook Capital LLC v. Aerogrow International, Inc.***, Lead Case No. A-21-827665-B (Clark County, Nevada District Court). By order dated Feb. 18, 2021, the Court consolidated multiple pending class actions and appointed Bottini & Bottini, Inc. sole Lead Counsel for the Class. The Consolidated Complaint alleges that Defendants breached their fiduciary duties by fraudulently divesting the Company’s minority shareholders of fair value for their stock in a self-interested transaction orchestrated by Defendant Scotts Miracle-Gro, the 80% majority owner of the Company. By order dated October 21, 2021, the Court upheld all Plaintiffs’ claims against all Defendants. The Defendants petitioned the Nevada Supreme Court for review, which review was granted. By Order dated June 30, 2022, the Nevada

Supreme Court ruled in Plaintiff's favor, and in the process confirmed the applicable standard for bringing "invalid merger" claims under Nevada law. See *Aerogrow International, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial District of Nev.*, 511 P.3d 1035 (Nev. 2022). The case was certified as a class action by Order dated June 10, 2022 and notice was provided to the Class. The case is currently in the discovery phase and trial is scheduled for October 2023.

- ***In re DRAM Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1486 (N.D. Cal.). Mr. Bottini's prior firm, Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz LLP, served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class, and Mr. Bottini was one of two lead partners for his firm on the case. After five years of litigation, **\$325,997,000** in settlements was obtained for the Class from nine defendants in one of the largest and most complex civil antitrust class actions in the country. Mr. Bottini was involved in all aspects of the case from the filing of the first complaint in 2002 to the final approval of the settlements which occurred in August 2007. Mr. Bottini was part of the trial team that was set to try the case against the two remaining defendants – Mosel Vitelic, Inc. and Nanya – when separate settlements with these last two defendants were reached on March 21, 2007, the day before oral argument was to be conducted on the motions in limine for trial. On August 15, 2007, the Honorable Phyllis J. Hamilton granted final approval to the settlements, stating:

I think I can conclude on the basis with my five years with you all, watching this litigation progress and seeing it wind to a conclusion, that the results are exceptional. The percentages, as you have outlined them, do put this [case] in one of the upper categories of results of this kind of [antitrust] class action. I am aware of the complexity . . . I thought that you all did an exceptionally good job of bringing to me only those matters that really required the Court's attention. You did an exceptionally good job at organizing and managing the case, assisting me in management of the case. There was excellent coordination between all the various different plaintiffs' counsel with your group and the other groups that are part of this litigation. . . . So my conclusion is the case was well litigated by both sides, well managed as well by both sides.

- ***In re Brocade Communications Systems, Inc. Derivative Litigation***, No. 1:05cv41683 (Cal. Super. Ct., County of Santa Clara). Mr. Bottini was Co-Lead Counsel in one of the highest-profile cases in the country challenging the award of backdated stock options by executive officers of Brocade. The case was filed in May 2005 and, on August 8, 2008, Mr. Bottini was retained as co-counsel to Brocade by the Special Litigation Committee of the Board of Directors of Brocade to help litigate the company's claims against ten former officers and directors of the company. An amended complaint was filed in federal court in San Francisco, and the case, *In re Brocade Communications Systems, Inc.*, No. 05-cv-2233 (N.D. Cal.), proceeded before the Honorable Charles R. Breyer in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. After litigation of the case for over five years, **over \$24 million** was recovered for Brocade through the litigation.

- ***Hack v. Wright et al.***, Civil Action No. 4:14-CV-3442 (KPE) (United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas) (“In re Conns Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litig.”). Bottini & Bottini served as Lead Counsel in this shareholder derivative litigation that was filed in 2014. By order dated July 22, 2020, Judge Palermo denied defendants’ motion to dismiss with respect to Plaintiffs’ breach of fiduciary duty claims. *See Hack v. Wright*, 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 179979 (July 22, 2020). The case was fully litigated through discovery, and trial was set for Nov. 29, 2022. Plaintiffs settled the case prior to trial for **\$11 million**. By Order dated March 15, 2022, Judge Ellison granted final approval of the settlement.
- ***In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation***, Lead Case No. 17-CIV-04321 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of San Mateo). Bottini & Bottini is Lead Counsel, along with Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd, in this shareholder class action seeking damages relating to Tintri’s IPO.
- ***Searles v. DeMartini et al. (“Capital Bank”)***, C.A. No. 2020-0136-KSJM (Del. Ch. Court). Bottini & Bottini served as Plaintiffs’ counsel, along with Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, in this stockholder class action alleging aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duties related to the acquisition of Capital Bank Financial Corp. by First Horizon. Plaintiff alleged that Capital Bank’s largest outside investor, Crestview Advisors, LLC, and its Board designee, Defendant Richard M. DeMartini (“DeMartini”), had not only initiated the sales process without Board approval, but had conflicts of interests in quickly closing a deal. By Order dated Jan. 20, 2021, Vice Chancellor McCormick denied in part the defendants’ motion to dismiss. After engaging in discovery, the case settled in 2021 for **\$23 million**.
- ***Houser v. CenturyLink, Inc.***, Case No. 2018CV30556 (District Court, Boulder County, Colorado). Bottini & Bottini is Lead Counsel in this shareholder class action brought under the Securities Act of 1933 regarding securities issued to stockholders in connection with the 2017 merger of Centurylink and Level 3 Communications. The trial court dismissed the complaint on a motion to dismiss and plaintiff appealed. On March 31, 2022, the Colorado Court of Appeal reversed the trial court’s decision, holding that Plaintiff had adequately alleged facts to support a claim based on allegations about the company’s practice of “cramming.” *See Houser v. Centurylink*, 513 P.3d 395 (2022). The case was remanded to the trial court, where it is currently being litigated.
- ***In re King Digital Entertainment plc Shareholder Litig.***, Case No. CGC15544770 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of San Francisco, Judge Curtis E.A. Karnow). Bottini & Bottini was a member of the Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee in the case, which was litigated in the Superior Court for the State of California, County of San Francisco. The case was brought under Sections 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of 1933 and alleged that the Registration Statement and Prospectus for the Company’s IPO were false and misleading. In 2016, the case settled for \$18.5 million. The court granted final approval of the settlement by order dated June 9, 2017.

- ***In re Castlight Health Inc. Shareholder Litig.***, Case No. CIV533203 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of Santa Clara). Bottini & Bottini was a member of the Executive Committee in this shareholder class action asserting claims under Sections 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of 1933. The complaint alleged that the Registration Statement and Prospectus for the Company's March 14, 2014 IPO were false and misleading. The case settled for \$9.50 million. Judge Marie Seth Weiner, Chair of the Complex Litigation Department, approved the Settlement and entered Final Judgment on October 28, 2016.
- ***In re McKesson Corp. Stockholder Derivative Litig.***, C.A. No. 2017- 0736-SG (Del. Ch.). Bottini & Bottini served as one of the plaintiffs' counsel in this shareholder derivative litigation for a cash payment of \$175 million, as well as significant corporate governance reforms designed to address the complaint's allegation that the Company had been damaged by regulatory fines and actions as a result of failure to properly comply with federal rules and regulations governing the sale of the company's prescription opioid products. Specifically, Plaintiff's complaint alleged that McKesson's directors failed properly to implement a Controlled Substance Monitoring Program (CSMP), as required by a settlement with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in 2008. Plaintiffs' Delaware action was coordinated with a related action pending in the Northern District of California. The settlement was approved and final judgment was entered on January 20, 2020.
- ***Plymouth County Retirement System v. Model N, Inc.***, Case No. CIV530291 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of Santa Clara). Bottini & Bottini was one of three counsel for Plaintiffs in the case, which was brought in Santa Clara, California and alleged claims under Sections 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of 1933. The complaint alleged that the Registration Statement and Prospectus for the Company's March 23, 2013 IPO were false and misleading. Recently, the case settled for \$8.55 million. Judge Marie Seth Weiner, Chair of the Complex Litigation Department, approved the Settlement and entered Final Judgment on April 4, 2016.
- ***In re BOFI Holding, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litig.***, Case No. 15CV2722-GPC-KSC (United States District Court for the Southern District of California). By Order dated June 9, 2016, the Hon. Gonzalo P. Curiel of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California appointed Bottini & Bottini as Lead Counsel over four related shareholder derivative actions brought on behalf of BofI Holding, Inc. Plaintiffs filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint on August 26, 2016. The Amended Complaint alleges that due to the misconduct of BofI's fiduciaries, BofI suffered from a myriad of internal-control and risk-management problems during the Relevant Period. According to the internal audits conducted by a former employee turned whistleblower named Erhart, BofI was making substantial loans to foreign nationals, including politically-exposed persons such as foreign officials in war zones, in potential violation of anti-money-laundering laws and other banking regulations. Contrary to BofI's representations to the Office of the Comptroller of Currency ("OCC"), hundreds of BofI accounts lacked required tax-identification numbers ("TIN"). By order dated August 8, 2017, the Court denied Defendants' motion to dismiss, and held that Plaintiff had adequately alleged "demand futility" with great

particularity. Later, the court granted a subsequent motion to dismiss. Plaintiffs appealed and prevailed in part in the Ninth Circuit -- *In re Boff Holding, Inc. S'holder Litig.*, 848 Fed. Appx. 234 (9th Cir. Feb. 25, 2021). The case was remanded to the district court where it continues to be litigated.

- ***In re PG&E Corp. Shareholder Derivative Litig.***, Case No. 3:16-cv- 00973-SI (United States District Court for the Northern District of California). Bottini & Bottini was counsel for the Plaintiff in a shareholder derivative action involving Pacific Gas & Electric Corp in federal court in San Francisco. The case sought damages on PG&E's behalf and against current and former officers and directors of the Company due to the defendants' breaches of fiduciary duty related to pipeline safety at PG&E, including a deadly 2010 explosion in San Bruno, California. PG&E was ultimately indicted for obstruction of justice and violation of federal and state safety standards by the Department of Justice, and was later convicted on several counts. In addition to filing the shareholder derivative case, Bottini & Bottini filed a case in California state court to enforce a shareholder inspection demand which sought company documents such as board of director minutes, and which documents were related to the alleged wrongdoing by the Company's officers and directors. In late 2016 and early 2017, the case and several related lawsuits in California state court were settled on highly favorable terms, including the payment of \$90 million in cash by the defendants (and/or their insurance carriers) to PG&E, plus the enactment of very significant corporate governance reforms designed to avoid future harm to PG&E and its shareholders. On July 18, 2017, the California state court granted final approval to the settlement agreement.
- ***Cook v. McCullough (In re Career Education Shareholder Derivative Litig.)***, No. 11 C 9119 (N.D. Ill.). Bottini & Bottini, Inc. was lead counsel for the plaintiff in this shareholder derivative action on behalf of Career Education Corporation against its officers and directors. By order dated August 13, 2012, the Hon. John W. Darrah denied Defendants' motion to dismiss on demand futility grounds. See 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 114621 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 13, 2012). Bottini & Bottini, Inc. settled the case on October 25, 2013 for a cash payment of \$20 million and significant corporate governance reforms at Career Education. By Order dated Jan. 28, 2014, Judge Darrah granted final approval to the settlement.
- ***In re FireEye Inc. Sec. Litig.***, Case No. 1-14-cv-266866 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of Santa Clara, the Hon. Peter H. Kirwan). Bottini & Bottini served as co-counsel in this securities class action which asserted claims under the Securities Act of 1933 against FireEye Inc., its board of directors, and the underwriters who conducted a Secondary Offering of company stock on March 6, 2014. After surviving multiple motions to dismiss, defeating defendants' appeals seeking appellate review, and engaging in three years of litigation and discovery, the case settled in 2017 for \$10.25 million. Judge Kirwan issued an order granting final approval to the settlement on August 10, 2017.
- ***In re Facebook, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Privacy Litigation***, No. 4:18-CV-01792-HSG (N.D. Cal.). Bottini & Bottini served as a member of Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in this shareholder derivative litigation on behalf of Facebook, Inc. relating to allegations that personal information of at least 50 million Facebook

users was improperly shared with Cambridge Analytica in a major data breach.

- ***In re Southern California Gas Leak Cases***, JCCP No. 4861 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of Los Angeles). Bottini & Bottini is one of the counsel for plaintiffs in this shareholder derivative action on behalf of Sempra Energy relating to losses suffered by the Company in connection with a massive natural gas leak at the Company's Aliso Canyon, California underground storage well, which has been described as one of the most devastating environmental disasters in U.S. history.
- ***In re Sanchez Energy Derivative Litig.***, C.A. No. 9132-VCG (Delaware Chancery Court). Bottini & Bottini represented shareholders of Sanchez Energy Corp. in this shareholder derivative action, which alleged that the officers and directors of Sanchez Energy engaged in self-dealing and breached their fiduciary duties by engaging in transactions that benefitted themselves at the expense of the Company and its shareholders. The complaint alleged that the Company's insiders own and controlled a privately held company named Sanchez Resources. Eduardo Sanchez, the son of Sanchez Jr. and brother of Sanchez III, established and ran Sanchez Resources, while both Sanchez Jr. and Sanchez III maintained equity interests in it. In August 2013, Sanchez Energy, with the Board's approval, agreed to purchase working interests in the Tuscaloosa Marine Shale ("TMS") from Sanchez Resources (the "Transaction"). Sanchez Energy purchased these working interests at a price seventeen times higher than other oil and gas companies have paid for similar interests in the TMS. The beneficiaries of this over-priced purchase were the Sanchez family. On August 15, 2017, the parties announced that they reached a settlement which is worth approximately \$27.75 million. Under the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement, the directors of Sanchez Energy along with the directors of the company that sold it the mining interests will pay \$11.75 million to Sanchez Energy, and the equity of the seller in Sanchez Resources, valued at more than \$16 million, will be transferred to Sanchez Energy.
- ***In re Tibco Software, Inc. Stockholders Litig.***, C.A. No. 10319-CB (Delaware Chancery Court). Bottini & Bottini was one of the counsels for plaintiffs in this shareholder class action lawsuit asserting claims for breach of fiduciary duty against Tibco's former officers and directors, and claims for aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty against Goldman Sachs, arising from the \$4.2 billion sale of Tibco to Vista Equity Partners in 2014. After hard-fought litigation, the case was settled in 2016 for \$30.4 million. On September 7, 2016, Chancellor Bouchard of Delaware Chancery Court approved the settlement, declaring it an "excellent outcome for the shareholders."
- ***In re American Apparel Shareholder Derivative Litig.***, Case No. BC443763 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of Los Angeles). Bottini & Bottini served as Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel in this shareholder derivative litigation on behalf of American Apparel and against its former officers and directors, including founder and CEO Dov Charney. After the company filed for bankruptcy, the Litigation Trustee appointed by the bankruptcy court hired Bottini & Bottini to continue to pursue the claims, including the claims against Dov Charney, the former CEO of the Company who is alleged to have committed egregious sexual harassment of female

employees at the company. The case settled for a large payment to the Trustee.

- ***In re Sogou, Inc. Securities Litigation***, Lead Case No. 18CIV06699 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of San Mateo). Bottini & Bottini served as Lead Counsel in this shareholder class action relating to Sogou's IPO.
- ***In re Pinduoduo Securities Litigation***, Case No. 18CIV04256 (Superior Court for the State of California, County of San Mateo). Bottini & Bottini served as Co-Lead Counsel in this shareholder class action seeking damages under the Securities Act of 1933 relating to Pinduoduo's IPO.
- ***In re PFF Bancorp, Inc. ERISA Litigation***, Master File No. 08-cv-1093 (C.D. Cal.). Mr. Bottini was one of the attorneys for plaintiffs in this ERISA class action, which alleged that defendants breached their fiduciary duties by continuing to allow plan participants to invest in the company's stock. The case settled for \$3 million, plus the allowance of a \$400,000 bankruptcy claim, after the company declared bankruptcy.
- ***In re General Growth Properties, Inc. ERISA Litig.***, Master File No. 08-6680 (N.D. Ill.). Mr. Bottini and Mr. Chang were members of Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in this ERISA class action litigation, which alleged that defendants breached their fiduciary duties by continuing to allow plan participants to invest in the company's stock. The case settled for \$5.75 million in 2010. By Order dated December 9, 2010, the Hon. James B. Zigel of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois granted final approval of the settlement.
- ***In re Terex Corp. ERISA Litig.***, Master File No. 3:10-cv-00006-RNC (D. Conn.). Bottini & Bottini was one of Plaintiffs' counsel in this class action lawsuit under ERISA, which alleged that defendants breached their fiduciary duties by continuing to allow plan participants to invest in the company's stock. The case settled for \$2.5 million. Final approval of the settlement was entered by the Hon. Robert M. Chatigny of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut on November 4, 2015.
- ***Robinson v. Audience***, No. 12-cv-23227 (Santa Clara, California Superior Court). Bottini & Bottini was one of the counsels for plaintiffs in this securities class action alleging claims for strict liability under the Securities Act of 1933, arising out of an allegedly false and misleading Registration Statement and Prospectus for Audience's IPO. By order dated September 3, 2013, Judge Kleinberg denied defendants' demurrer, denied defendants' motion to stay, and granted plaintiffs' motion to compel. Plaintiffs moved for class certification, which motion was granted by Order dated Jan. 16, 2015. The case was settled for \$6,050,000. By Order dated June 10, 2016, the Court granted final approval to the settlement.
- ***Wiley v. Envivio, et al.***, No. CIV517185 (San Mateo, California Superior Court). Bottini & Bottini was one of the counsels for plaintiffs in this securities class action which asserted claims under the 1933 Act relating to Envivio's IPO. In March 2014, Judge Marie Seth Weiner overruled defendants' demurrer. Bottini & Bottini, Inc. assisted in procuring a settlement involving an \$8.5 million cash payment which was approved by Judge Weiner on June 22, 2015.

- ***Snellink v. Gulf Resources, Inc.***, No. 11-cv-03722-ODW (C.D. Cal.). Bottini & Bottini, Inc. served as co-lead counsel for the plaintiffs in this securities - fraud class action brought under the federal securities laws. By order dated May 15, 2012, the court denied Defendants' motion to dismiss. See 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 67839 (C.D. Cal. May 15, 2012). Bottini & Bottini, Inc. procured a settlement involving a \$2.125 million cash payment which was approved by the Honorable Otis D. Wright II on January 18, 2014.
- ***Diaz v. First American Home Buyers Protection Corp.***, Case No. 13cv1585 BAS (JLB) (S.D. Cal.). Bottini & Bottini was Co-Lead Counsel for the plaintiffs in this consumer class action case challenging the marketing and sale of home warranty plans by Defendant First American. After the case was dismissed by the district court, Plaintiffs appealed and obtained reversal by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. See *Diaz v. First American Home Buyers Protection Corp.*, 732 F.3d 948 (9th Cir. 2013) (holding that an unaccepted offer of judgment pursuant to F.R.C.P. 68 for full amount of plaintiff's damages does not moot a plaintiff's case; 9th Circuit refused to follow other circuits which had held to the contrary).
- ***In re General Growth Properties, Inc. ERISA Litigation***, No. 08 C 6791 (N.D. Ill.). Mr. Bottini and Mr. Chang were members of Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in this class action under ERISA seeking recovery of losses to General Growth Properties, Inc.'s employee retirement savings plans. Notwithstanding General Growth's filing for bankruptcy court protection, the Honorable James B. Zagel approved a settlement of \$5.75 million on December 9, 2010.
- ***Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc.***, No. 3:11-cv-01033 (M.D. Tenn.). Bottini & Bottini was one of the counsels for the plaintiffs in this securities class action lawsuit seeking damages under the Securities Act of 1933 relating to HCA's IPO. By order dated May 28, 2013, the Court denied defendants' motion to dismiss. See *Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc.*, 947 F. Supp. 2d 882 (M.D. Tenn. 2013). By order dated September 22, 2014, the Court granted Plaintiffs' motion for class certification. See Fed. Sec. L. Rep. (CCH) ¶98,187; 2014 WL 4716231 (M.D. Tenn.). In November 2015, the case settled for \$215 million.
- ***Karlin v. Alcatel***, No. SA CV 00-0214-DOC (C.D. Cal.). Mr. Bottini represented investors who received a tender offer for their shares from Alcatel S.A., a French telecommunications company. Mr. Bottini was the lead partner at his firm, Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz LLP, which served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class. The case settled for \$10.5 million on the eve of trial. See 2001 WL 1301216 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 13, 2001) (denying *defendants' motion for summary judgment*).
- ***In re Novastar Home Mortgage, Inc. Mortgage Lending Practices Litigation***, No. CV05-1677, MDL Docket No. 1677 (S.D. Ga.). Mr. Bottini was one of the lead attorneys in this class action litigation under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 ("RESPA"). After three years of litigation, Chief Judge William T. Moore entered a Final Judgment on September 18, 2007 approving a nationwide class action settlement of Plaintiffs' RESPA claims in which approximately \$20

million in cash payments were made available to class members.

- ***Reyes v. Zynga, Inc.***, Case No. CGC-12-522876 (San Francisco Superior Court). Bottini & Bottini was co-lead counsel in this class action alleging violations of the Securities Act of 1933 on behalf of a class of investors who bought Zynga stock in the company's Secondary Offering, which closed on April 3, 2012. Bottini & Bottini successfully had the case remanded to state court after being removed to federal court by defendants (see 2013 WL 5529754). In addition, by Order dated August 26, 2013, the Court denied defendants' demurrer on subject matter grounds and held that plaintiffs could bring their '33 Act federal claims in state court and that SLUSA did not eliminate concurrent jurisdiction in state and federal court for '33 Act claims. By order dated September 29, 2014, the Court denied defendants' demurrer as to the sufficiency of the complaint's allegations and denied defendants' motion to stay the action.
- ***In re SunPower Corp. Shareholder Derivative Litigation***, Master File No. C-09-05731 (N.D. Cal.). Bottini & Bottini served as Co-Lead Counsel in this shareholder derivative litigation in San Francisco, which involved accounting fraud and the restatement of the financial statements of SunPower Corporation. In October 2013, the case was settled in exchange for Sunpower's agreement to enact significant corporate governance reforms. By order dated August 22, 2014, the Court granted final approval to the settlement.
- ***In re Pacific Capital Bancorp Derivative Litigation***, No. CIVRS1340306 (Cal. Super. Ct., County of Santa Barbara). Mr. Bottini and his prior firm, Chapin Fitzgerald Sullivan & Bottini LLP, were Lead Counsel in this shareholder derivative action which alleged breaches of fiduciary duties by certain officers and directors of Pacific Capital Bancorp. By Order dated October 8, 2010, the Court denied defendants' demurrer and held that Lead Plaintiff had adequately alleged demand futility under California law. After two years of litigation, in which over a million pages of documents were produced and reviewed and certain legal issues were litigated in the court of appeal, a substantial settlement was reached in which significant corporate governance changes were made to the Company, including changes to provide greater Board independence and accountability, strict internal financial controls, significant and substantial revisions to PCBC's credit policies (including the establishment of a new Credit Administration Group, the restriction of lending authority to specified senior loan officers, and enhanced new appraisal guidelines), new requirements obligating any individual desiring to serve on PCBC's board to own a minimum amount of stock in the Company, annual review of the Company's Code of Ethics, a new corporate governance training program for PCBC directors, new procedures to handle internal and external complaints from whistleblowers, annual review of all committee charters, and a vigorous insider trading policy. By Order dated January 19, 2012, the Court granted final approval of the settlement and entered a final judgment.
- ***In re Herald, Primeo, and Thema Funds Securities Litigation***, No. 09 Civ. 0289 (RMB) (S.D.N.Y.). Bottini & Bottini, Inc. was Lead Counsel for the Thema Fund plaintiffs in this securities-fraud class action case under the PSLRA. The action was

brought on behalf of all persons who invested in three Madoff “feeder funds” controlled by Bank Medici – the Herald, Primeo, and Thema funds. After a partial \$62.5 million settlement was obtained from one of numerous defendants, the Court dismissed the case on forum non conveniens grounds and denied preliminarily approval of the settlement.

- ***In re Level 3 Communications, Inc. Securities Litigation***, No. 09-cv- 00200-PAB-CBS (D. Colo.). Mr. Bottini and his prior firm, Johnson Bottini LLP, were Co-Lead Counsel in this securities-fraud class action asserting claims under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- ***In re UCBH Holdings, Inc. Derivative Litig.***, No. CGC-09-492237 (San Francisco Superior Court). Mr. Bottini and his prior firm, Johnson Bottini LLP, were Lead Counsel in this shareholder derivative action. After the company declared bankruptcy, the Trustee asserted the claims contained in the lawsuit and eventually recovered \$4 million from the defendants.
- ***In re Arena Resources, Inc. Shareholder Litigation***, No. CV10-01069 (Nev. Dist. Ct., County of Washoe). Mr. Bottini and his firm (Johnson Bottini LLP) served as one of the counsels for Plaintiffs in this shareholder class action challenging the acquisition of Arena Resources by SandRidge Energy, Inc. As a result of the prosecution of the action, SandRidge raised the cash portion of the merger consideration by \$2.00 per share, reduced the duration of the matching rights period, amended the terms of the non-solicitation clause in favor of Arena, reduced the amount of termination fees payable by a party from \$50 million to \$39 million, made additional material financial disclosures to Arena’s shareholders and extended the date of the shareholder meeting to vote on the merger.
- ***Bamboo Partners LLC v. The Robert Mondavi Corp.***, No. 26-27170 (Cal. Super. Ct., County of Napa). Mr. Bottini represented the plaintiff common shareholders of the Mondavi Corporation in connection with the acquisition of the company by Constellation Brands, Inc. Mondavi had a dual-class stock structure pursuant to which the common shareholders owned Class A shares and the Mondavi family members owned Class B shares. Plaintiffs alleged that the insider Class B Mondavi family members improperly received more consideration for their shares than the common Class A public shareholders. The case was settled when defendants agreed to pay an additional \$10.8 million to the Class A shareholder plaintiffs.
- ***In re Dole Shareholder Litigation***, No. B281969 (Cal. Super. Ct., County of Los Angeles). In this mergers & acquisitions, going-private class action case, Mr. Bottini was one of two lead partners from his firm at the time (Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz LLP), which served as Co-Lead Counsel for the plaintiffs and was involved in all aspects of the litigation. A \$172 million settlement was obtained for the Class when the tender offer price was increased by \$4 per share.
- ***In re Heritage Bond Litigation***, No. 02-MDL-1475-DT (C.D. Cal.). In this class action bondholder litigation, which was ordered consolidated in Los Angeles by the Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, Mr. Bottini represented the outside director

defendants. After obtaining dismissal of most of the claims against the outside directors, Mr. Bottini obtained dismissal of the remaining claims against the outside directors for a combined payment of \$102,500. The other defendants not represented by Mr. Bottini paid \$27 million to settle the case. See 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 13627 (C.D. Cal. June 10, 2005).

- ***Deane v. Tombros (In re NPS Pharmaceuticals Securities Litigation)***, No. 60913838 (Utah Dist. Ct., Salt Lake City). Mr. Bottini and his firm, Johnson Bottini LLP, were Lead Counsel in this shareholder derivative action filed against current and former officers and directors of NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc. This matter was settled on terms that required the implementation of significant corporate therapeutic changes at NPS.
- ***In re American Express ERISA Litigation***, No. 08 Civ. 10834 (JGK) (S.D.N.Y.). Mr. Bottini served as one of the lawyers representing the plaintiffs, who asserted class action claims under ERISA on behalf of plan participants due to breaches of fiduciary duties by the defendants.

Biographies of Attorneys

Francis A. Bottini, Jr.

Mr. Bottini practices in the areas of securities, consumer, and privacy class actions, mergers & acquisitions, antitrust, shareholder derivative litigation, and ERISA class action litigation. Prior to forming Bottini & Bottini, Inc., Mr. Bottini was a partner at several firms, including Chapin Fitzgerald & Bottini LLP, Johnson Bottini, LLP, and Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz LLP. Mr. Bottini has successfully achieved several multi-million dollar recoveries in securities, consumer, and antitrust class action cases throughout the country. Mr. Bottini served as an Adjunct Professor of Business Law at the University of San Diego from 1995 to 1997. Mr. Bottini is a 1991 graduate of St. Louis University (B.A. *magna cum laude*), and the University of San Diego School of Law (J.D. *cum laude* 1994), where he was the Lead Articles Editor of the San Diego Law Review and received the American Jurisprudence Award in Property. Mr. Bottini is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, all California state and federal courts, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits, the United States District Court for Colorado, and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

The following are some examples of Mr. Bottini's reported cases:

- ***Aerogrow International, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial District of Nev.***, 511 P.3d 1035 (Nev. Supreme Court 2022). By Order dated June 30, 2022, the Nevada Supreme Court ruled in Plaintiff's favor, affirming a district court order upholding all Plaintiffs' claims in a shareholder class action, and in the process confirmed the applicable standard for bringing "invalid merger" claims under Nevada law. Bottini & Bottini is sole Lead Counsel in the case.
- ***Diaz v. First American Home Buyers Protection Corp.***, 732 F.3d 948 (9th Cir. 2013) (holding that an unaccepted offer of judgment pursuant to F.R.C.P. 68 for full amount of plaintiff's damages does not moot a plaintiff's case; 9th Circuit refused to follow other circuits which had held to the contrary).

- *Reyes v. Zynga, Inc.*, No. 12–05065 JSW, 2013 WL 5529754 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 23, 2013) (granting plaintiff’s motion to remand claims brought under the Securities Act of 1933 to state court).
- *Cook v. McCullough*, No. 11 C 9119, 2012, U.S. Dist. LEXIS 114621, 2012 WL 3488442 (N.D. Ill. August 13, 2012) (denying motion to dismiss in shareholder derivative action brought on behalf of Career Education Corporation against its officers and directors for breach of fiduciary duty);
- *Snellink v. Gulf Resources, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-03722-ODW, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 67839 (C.D. Cal. May 15, 2012) (denying motion to dismiss in securities-fraud class action complaint);
- *Smith v. Apollo Group, Inc.*, No. CV-11-0722-PHX-PGR, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 3672 (D. Ariz. Jan. 11, 2012) (denying defendants’ motion to stay shareholder derivative case pending completion of an internal investigation by a Special Committee of the Board of Directors and also denying a stay of the case until resolution of a related securities-fraud class action case);
- *Ferguson v. Corinthian Colleges, Inc.*, No. SACV 11-0127 DOC (AJWx), 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 1358 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 5, 2012) (denying defendants’ motion to stay case pending interlocutory appeal of order denying motion to compel arbitration as to plaintiffs’ claims for injunctive relief under California Business & Professions Code §17200 et seq.); 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 119261 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 6, 2011) (denying in part a motion to compel arbitration);
- *Rosendahl v. Bridgepoint Education, Inc.*, No. 11cv0061 WQH (WVG), 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 119735 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 17, 2011) (denying in part motion to dismiss consumer class action complaint alleging fraud and misrepresentation by for-profit college);
- *Bottini v. City of San Diego*, 27 Cal. App. 5th 281 (2018) (affirming trial court’s grant of mandamus in action to set aside City Council resolution due to the improper use of baseline in California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) appeal; successfully arguing that prior California Supreme Court opinion was abrogated in light of subsequent U.S. Supreme Court precedent).
- *In re Extreme Networks, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, No. C-07- 02268-RMW, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 111445 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 17, 2009), reconsideration denied by, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 32685 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 2, 2010) (denying motion to dismiss and upholding shareholder derivative complaint, finding that plaintiff had adequately alleged demand futility under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.1);
- *In re Brocade Communications Systems, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, 615 F. Supp. 2d 1018 (N.D. Cal. 2009) (denying in part and granting in part motion to dismiss in shareholder derivative action, after Mr. Bottini was retained by the Company’s Special Litigation Committee and an amended complaint was filed on behalf of the Company);

- *In re Dynamic Random Access Memory Antitrust Litigation*, No. M 02-1486, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 39841 (N.D. Cal. June 5, 2006) (granting motion for class certification in direct purchaser antitrust class action involving DRAM computer memory);
- *Karlin v. Alcatel*, No. SA CV 00-0214-DOC, 2001 WL 1301216 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 13, 2001) (denying defendants' motion for summary judgment);

On April 18-20, 2005, Mr. Bottini gave a presentation on Securities Class Action Litigation at the 2nd Annual CFO Forum in Seoul, South Korea.

Albert Y. Chang

Mr. Chang specializes in representing shareholders and consumer in class actions. He also has extensive experience litigating privacy cases and *qui tam* cases, and has substantial experience handling appeals.

Before joining Bottini & Bottini, Inc. in 2009, Mr. Chang had over ten years of experience in federal litigation. He served as a judicial law clerk to United States District Judge Suzanne B. Conlon for the Northern District of Illinois and to United States District Judge Roger T. Benitez for the Southern District of California.

In addition to his judicial clerkships, Mr. Chang litigated complex cases on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants. He prosecuted securities and ERISA class actions on behalf of shareholders. He also defended executives, energy companies, insurers, and trade associations for six years at the New York office of Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, where he focused on litigating high-stakes cases and conducting corporate internal investigations.

A member of the New York and California bars, Mr. Chang is admitted to practice in numerous federal trial and appellate courts. He is a graduate of Beloit College (B.A. 1997) and Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington (J.D. 2001). He is fluent in Cantonese and Mandarin.

Michelle Ciccarelli Lerach

Ms. Lerach is a 1993 graduate of the University of Kentucky School of Law and is admitted to the Kentucky and California bars. Ms. Lerach has dedicated her life to fighting for those without enough voice, from fighting for immigrants' rights as a young law student to serving as partner/Of Counsel to the nation's largest plaintiff's firms, representing shareholders, workers, and consumers in a broad range of complex and class-action litigation for fraudulent business practices, human rights abuses, and labor and employment violations.

After graduating from the University of Kentucky College of Law, Ms. Lerach served as law clerk to the Honorable Sara Walter Combs, Kentucky Court of Appeals, and practiced

law in Lexington (Newberry, Hargrove & Rambicure, PSC) and Louisville (Greenbaum, Doll & McDonald, LLP) before relocating to California in 1999.

In California, she joined Milberg Weiss and was a lead litigator in many cases, including *Does I v. The Gap, Inc.*, Case No. 01-0031 (D.N. Mariana Islands), a case on behalf of approximately 25,000 sweatshop workers against leading clothing manufacturers, which successfully concluded

with a \$20 million settlement and a precedent-setting Monitoring Program to oversee labor and human rights practices in Saipan's garment factories. During her time at the firm and successor firms, she also worked on cases on behalf of the Sierra Club & the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (cross-border trucking), as well as a number of high-profile securities class actions such as Enron (\$7.3 billion recovered) and coordinated private actions like WorldCom. In 2008, she received the Consumer Attorneys of California, Women's Law Caucus Award as Outstanding Consumer Advocate.

Ms. Lerach's passion for law intersects with activism both in her pro bono work and in her teaching: she worked as a consultant to the Liberian Ministry of Gender & Development with respect to that country's proposed constitutional revisions, specifically as relates to gender neutrality; an outspoken critic of current GMO labeling policy, she was involved in the 2012 California ballot initiative to label GMOs (Prop 37), organizing university forums and debating opponents of the measure in San Diego, and served on the steering committee of Californians for GE Labeling, which spearheaded the renewed effort to achieve GMO labeling in California in 2016; and she is an advocate for sustainable farm internship programs, and was chosen as one of San Diego Magazine's 50 People to Watch 2011 for this work.

Ms. Lerach speaks regularly at a number of institutions, including previous presentations at the Buchmann Faculty of Law at Tel Aviv University (regarding the recently adopted Israeli class-action statute), Cornell University Law School (Joint JD/MBA Program), the University of Kentucky College of Law (Randall-Park Colloquium), and most recently the University of San Diego, moderating panels on Ethical Eating and Water Matters (in conjunction with the Changemaker Challenge) and the Future Thought Leaders series on behalf of the Berry Good Food Foundation on UCTV, for which she has received four San Diego Press Club Excellence in Journalism Awards. She was the author of "Improving Corporate Governance Through Litigation Settlements," *Corporate Governance Review*.

Ms. Lerach serves as the Vice Chair of the Board of the University of California Press Foundation, focused on progressive scholarship; a member of the Advisory Board of the Women Peacemakers Program at the Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice at the University of San Diego; an Advisor to Kiss the Ground, devoted to promoting regenerative agriculture, connecting sustainable agricultural practices to the larger issue of climate change, and Executive Producer to a documentary film of the same name slated for release 1/18; and Founder/President of the Berry Good Food Foundation.

Ms. Lerach is currently serving as one of the lead counsel in *Mayberry et al., Derivatively as members and Beneficiaries of Trust Funds on behalf of the Kentucky Retirement Systems v. Aldridge et al.*, CASE No. 2019-CA-000043-OA (Circuit Court, Franklin, Kentucky), a derivative action seeking to recover billions of dollars in losses sustained by the Kentucky Retirement System due to wrongdoing committed by KKR, Blackstone, and various individual defendants.

Nina M. Bottini

Nina M. Bottini is a 2001 graduate of Heinrich-Heine-University School of Law, Dusseldorf, Germany, and received an LL.M. degree (Masters in Comparative Law) from California Western School of Law in 2006. Ms. Bottini specializes in securities class action litigation, ERISA class action litigation, antitrust, securities, and shareholder derivative actions.

Her representative cases include *In re DRAM Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1486 (N.D. Cal.), and *In re Brocade Communications Systems, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, No. 1:05cv41683 (Cal. Super. Ct., County of Santa Clara).

Yury A. Kolesnikov

Mr. Kolesnikov practices complex civil litigation in state and federal courts across the country, focusing on securities class actions, consumer class actions, and shareholder derivative actions. He has been the principal brief writer in more than 30 appeals, including before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, California Supreme Court, Delaware Supreme Court, and Missouri Supreme Court, has assisted on briefs before the Supreme Court of the United States, and has argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (including en banc), Delaware Supreme Court, and multiple state intermediate appellate courts.

Mr. Kolesnikov's notable published appellate decisions in argued cases include:

- *Bottini v. City of San Diego*, 27 Cal. App. 5th 281 (2018) (4th Dist.) (affirming grant of writ of mandamus to set aside City Council's resolution in a CEQA appeal; holding, for the first time in a published decision, that Landgate's "substantially advances" test is no longer a viable regulatory takings test under the California Constitution);
- *Juen v. Alain Pinel Realtors, Inc.*, 32 Cal. App. 5th 972 (2019) (6th Dist.) (affirming denial of petition to compel arbitration; rejecting defendants' reliance on custom-and-habit evidence and post-contract-formation assent to arbitration);
- *Spracher v. Paul M. Zagaris, Inc.*, 39 Cal. App. 5th 1135 (2019) (1st Dist.) (affirming denial of petition to compel arbitration; concluding that plaintiff carried the heavy burden of proving that defendants waived the right to compel arbitration); and
- *In re Fidelity Nat'l Home Warranty Co. Cases*, 46 Cal. App. 5th 812 (2020) (4th Dist.) (concluding, as a matter of first impression, that an order dismissing a class action without resolving class notice does not constitute an appealable judgment; reversing in part after concluding that the time between assignment to a coordination motion judge and decision on petition for coordination must be excluded from the time to bring the case to trial).

Prior to going into private practice, Mr. Kolesnikov clerked for Judge David R. Thompson on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and Chief Judge Irma E. Gonzalez and Judge Roger T. Benitez on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California and also externed for Judge Consuelo M. Callahan on the Ninth Circuit. Mr. Kolesnikov graduated first in his class from the McGeorge School of Law. During law school, he worked as a research assistant to Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, assisting the Dean with speaking, writing, and committee engagements focused on judicial independence, access to justice, civil liberties, foreign relations, and national security, and as a research assistant to Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, assisting with updating and revising course materials for an international law course on fundamental rights in Europe and United States. Mr. Kolesnikov was also the Chief Articles Editor of the McGeorge Law Review and participated in two international law moot court competitions, which included a second-place finish at the prestigious Niagara International Moot Court Competition.

Anne Bottini Beste

Ms. Beste is of counsel to Bottini & Bottini, Inc. She practices complex civil litigation, with an emphasis in consumer, shareholder, and privacy class actions. She is a 1992 graduate of Northwestern University School of Law. She received her undergraduate degree in 1989 from Boston College, where she was Phi Beta Kappa and graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.A. in Economics. From 1996 to 2001, Ms. Beste practiced complex civil litigation at Swidler Berlin Shereff Freidman, LLP in Washington, D.C. Her practice at Swidler Berlin included employment litigation, environmental litigation, and trade secret litigation. Ms. Beste is admitted to practice in Washington, D.C., Missouri, Illinois, and California.

Stephanie M. Ammirati

Ms. Ammirati is a paralegal specializing in complex civil litigation, consumer class actions, and shareholder derivative litigation. Before joining the firm in 2010, Ms. Ammirati developed a legal career as an attorney in both private practice and government service. She is a member of the Washington State Bar Association as well as the Idaho State Bar, and has an extensive range of experience in civil litigation.

Between 2006 and 2010 Ms. Ammirati served as a Deputy Attorney General at the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Idaho. Before her appointment as a Deputy Attorney General, Ms. Ammirati had nine years of experience in civil litigation while in private practice in Seattle. Additionally, she devoted time to volunteer work in the community by serving as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for many years. She also assisted domestic violence victims by providing pro bono legal services at the New Beginnings Family Law Clinic, and was a Board of Trustees Member of the FRIENDS of CASA.

Ms. Ammirati received her Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School where she graduated on the Dean's List and was the recipient of the Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services. While in law school, she developed her legal skills through Loyola's externship programs, performing clinical work at the Civil Appellate Division of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, the Maynard Toll Pro Se Counseling Center, and the Alliance for Children's Rights. Ms. Ammirati received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Pepperdine University where she graduated *summa cum laude* and was awarded Valedictorian of her class.

Amelia Ardito

Ms. Ardito is a paralegal at Bottini & Bottini Inc. She graduated in 2016 from the University of Southern Maine and obtained her paralegal certificate from the University of California, San Diego.

Shelby Ramsey

Ms. Ramsey has ten years of experience as a complex litigation paralegal, primarily in plaintiffs' securities class actions, mergers and acquisitions, ERISA matters, shareholder derivative actions, and consumer and employee class action litigation.

Ms. Ramsey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Legal Studies, with a Minor in Speech Communications, in 2006 from Chapman University. She received her American Bar Association-approved Paralegal certificate from the University of San Diego in 2007.

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FIRM RESUME

Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP (the “Firm”) has represented investors, consumers and employees for over 25 years. Based in Los Angeles, with offices in New York City and Berkeley, the Firm has successfully prosecuted class action cases and complex litigation in federal and state courts throughout the country. As Lead Counsel, Co-Lead Counsel, or as a member of Plaintiffs’ Counsel Executive Committees, the Firm’s attorneys have recovered billions of dollars for parties wronged by corporate fraud, antitrust violations and malfeasance. Indeed, the Institutional Shareholder Services unit of RiskMetrics Group has recognized the Firm as one of the top plaintiffs’ law firms in the United States in its Securities Class Action Services report for every year since the inception of the report in 2003. The Firm’s efforts have been publicized in major newspapers such as the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, and the *Los Angeles Times*.

Glancy Prongay & Murray’s commitment to high quality and excellent personalized services has boosted its national reputation, and we are now recognized as one of the premier plaintiffs’ firms in the country. The Firm works tenaciously on behalf of clients to produce significant results and generate lasting corporate reform.

The Firm’s integrity and success originate from our attorneys, who are among the brightest and most experienced in the field. Our distinguished litigators have an unparalleled track record of investigating and prosecuting corporate wrongdoing. The Firm is respected for both the zealous advocacy with which we represent our clients’ interests as well as the highly-professional and ethical manner by which we achieve results. We are ideally positioned to pursue securities, antitrust, consumer, and derivative litigation on behalf of our clients. The Firm’s outstanding accomplishments are the direct result of the exceptional talents of our attorneys and employees.

SECURITIES CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENTS

Appointed as Lead or Co-Lead Counsel by judges throughout the United States, Glancy Prongay & Murray has achieved significant recoveries for class members in numerous securities class actions, including:

In re Mercury Interactive Corporation Securities Litigation, USDC Northern District of California, Case No. 05-3395-JF, in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel and achieved a settlement valued at over \$117 million.

In re Real Estate Associates Limited Partnership Litigation, USDC Central District of California, Case No. 98-7035-DDP, in which the Firm served as local counsel and plaintiffs achieved a \$184 million jury verdict after a complex six week trial in Los Angeles, California and later settled the case for \$83 million.

In Re Yahoo! Inc. Securities Litigation, USDC Northern District of California, Case No. 5:17-cv-00373-LHK, in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel and achieved an \$80 million settlement.

The City of Farmington Hills Employees Retirement System v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., USDC District of Minnesota, Case No. 10-cv-04372-DWF/JJG, in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel and achieved a settlement valued at \$62.5 million.

Shah v. Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc., USDC Northern District of Indiana, Case No. 3:16-cv-815-PPS-MGG, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$50 million.

Schleicher v. Wendt, (Conseco Securities Litigation), USDC Southern District of Indiana, Case No. 02-1332-SEB, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of over \$41 million.

Robb v. Fitbit, Inc., USDC Northern District of California, Case No. 3:16-cv-00151, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$33 million.

Yaldo v. Airtouch Communications, State of Michigan, Wayne County, Case No. 99-909694-CP, in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel and achieved a settlement valued at over \$32 million for defrauded consumers.

Lapin v. Goldman Sachs, USDC Southern District of New York, Case No. 03-0850-KJD, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$29 million.

In re Heritage Bond Litigation, USDC Central District of California, Case No. 02-ML-1475-DT, where as Co-Lead Counsel, the Firm recovered in excess of \$28 million for defrauded investors and continues to pursue additional defendants.

In re Livent, Inc. Noteholders Litigation, USDC Southern District of New York, Case No. 99 Civ 9425-VM, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of over \$27 million.

Mild v. PPG Industries, Inc., USDC Central District of California, Case No. 18-cv-04231, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$25 million.

Davis v. Yelp, Inc., USDC Northern District of California, Case No. 18-cv-0400, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$22.5 million.

In re ECI Telecom Ltd. Securities Litigation, USDC Eastern District of Virginia, Case No. 01-913-A, in which the Firm served as sole Lead Counsel and recovered almost \$22 million for defrauded ECI investors.

In re Sesen Bio, Inc. Securities Litigation, USDC Southern District of New York, Case No. 21-cv-07025, a securities fraud class action, in which the Firm served as Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$21 million.

Senn v. Sealed Air Corporation, USDC New Jersey, Case No. 03-cv-4372-DMC, a securities fraud class action, in which the Firm acted as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$20 million.

In re Gilat Satellite Networks, Ltd. Securities Litigation, USDC Eastern District of New York, Case No. 02-1510-CPS, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$20 million.

In re Lumenis, Ltd. Securities Litigation, USDC Southern District of New York, Case No. 02-CV-1989-DAB, in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel and achieved a settlement valued at over \$20 million.

Wilson v. LSB Industries, Inc., USDC Southern District of New York, Case No. 15-cv-07614, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$18.45 million.

In re Infonet Services Corporation Securities Litigation, USDC Central District of California, Case No. CV 01-10456-NM, in which as Co-Lead Counsel, the Firm achieved a settlement of \$18 million.

Pierrelouis v. Gogo Inc., USDC Northern District of Illinois, Case No. 18-cv-04473, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$17.3 million.

In re ESC Medical Systems, Ltd. Securities Litigation, USDC Southern District of New York, Case No. 98 Civ. 7530-NRB, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as sole Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement valued in excess of \$17 million.

Macovski v. Groupon, Inc., USDC Northern District of Illinois, Case No. 20-cv-02581, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$13.5 million.

In re Musicmaker.com Securities Litigation, USDC Central District of California, Case No. 00-02018-CAS, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm was sole Lead Counsel for the Class and recovered in excess of \$13 million.

In re Lason, Inc. Securities Litigation, USDC Eastern District of Michigan, Case No. 99 76079-AJT, in which the Firm was Co-Lead Counsel and recovered almost \$13 million for defrauded Lason stockholders.

In re Inso Corp. Securities Litigation, USDC District of Massachusetts, Case No. 99 10193-WGY, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement valued in excess of \$12 million.

In re National TechTeam Securities Litigation, USDC Eastern District of Michigan, Case No. 97-74587-AC, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement valued in excess of \$11 million.

Taft v. Ackermans (KPNQwest Securities Litigation), USDC Southern District of New York, Case No. 02-CV-07951-PKL, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement worth \$11 million.

Derr v. RA Medical Systems, Inc., USDC Southern District of California, Case No. 19-cv-01079, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$10 million.

Jenson v. First Trust Corporation, USDC Central District of California, Case No. 05-cv-3124-ABC, in which the Firm was appointed sole lead counsel and achieved an \$8.5 million settlement in a very difficult case involving a trustee's potential liability for losses incurred by investors in a Ponzi scheme. Kevin Ruf of the Firm also successfully defended in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals the trial court's granting of class certification in this case.

ANTITRUST PRACTICE GROUP AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Glancy Prongay & Murray's Antitrust Practice Group focuses on representing individuals and entities that have been victimized by unlawful monopolization, price-fixing, market allocation, and other anti-competitive conduct. The Firm has prosecuted significant antitrust cases and has helped individuals and businesses recover billions of dollars. Prosecuting civil antitrust cases under federal and state laws throughout the country, the Firm's Antitrust Practice Group represents consumers, businesses, and Health and Welfare Funds and seeks injunctive relief and damages for violations of antitrust and commodities laws. The Firm has served, or is currently serving, as Lead Counsel, Co-Lead Counsel or Class Counsel in a substantial number of antitrust class actions, including:

In re Nasdaq Market-Makers Antitrust Litigation, USDC Southern District of New York, Case No. 94 C 3996-RWS, MDL Docket No. 1023, a landmark antitrust lawsuit in which the Firm filed the first complaint against all of the major NASDAQ market makers and served on Plaintiffs' Counsel's Executive Committee in a case that recovered \$900 million for investors.

Sullivan v. DB Investments, USDC District of New Jersey, Case No. No. 04-cv-2819, where the Firm served as Co-Lead Settlement Counsel in an antitrust case against DeBeers relate to the pricing of diamonds that settled for \$295 million.

In re Korean Air Lines Antitrust Litig., USDC Central District of California, Master File No. CV 07-05107 SJO(AGRx), MDL No. 07-0189, where the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel in a case related to fixing of prices for airline tickets to Korea that settled for \$86 million.

In re Urethane Chemical Antitrust Litig., USDC District of Kansas, Case No. MDL 1616, where the Firm served as Co-Lead counsel in an antitrust price fixing case that settled \$33 million.

In re Western States Wholesale Natural Gas Litig., USDC District of Nevada, Case No. MDL 1566, where the Firm served as Class Counsel in an antitrust price fixing case that settled \$25 million.

In re Aggrenox Antitrust Litig., USDC District of Connecticut, Case No. 14-cv-2516, where the Firm played a major role in achieving a settlement of \$54,000,000.

In re Solodyn Antitrust Litig., USDC District of Massachusetts, Case No. MDL 2503, where the Firm played a major role in achieving a settlement of \$43,000,000.

In re Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litig., USDC Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Case No. 16-md-2427, where the Firm is representing a major Health and Welfare Fund in a case against a number of generic drug manufacturers for price fixing generic drugs.

In re Actos End Payor Antitrust Litig., USDC Southern District of New York, Case No. 13-cv-9244, where the Firm is serving on Plaintiffs' Executive Committee.

In re Heating Control Panel Direct Purchaser Action, USDC Eastern District of Michigan, Case No. 12-md-02311, representing a recreational vehicle manufacturer in a price-fixing class action involving direct purchasers of heating control panels.

In re Instrument Panel Clusters Direct Purchaser Action, USDC Eastern District of Michigan, Case No. 12-md-02311, representing a recreational vehicle manufacturer in a price-fixing class action involving direct purchasers of instrument panel clusters.

In addition, the Firm is currently involved in the prosecution of many market manipulation cases relating to violations of antitrust and commodities laws, including *Sullivan v. Barclays PLC* (manipulation of Euribor rate), *In re Foreign Exchange Benchmark Rates Antitrust Litig.*, *In re LIBOR-Based Financial Instruments Antitrust Litig.*, *In re Gold Futures & Options Trading Litig.*, *In re Platinum & Palladium Antitrust Litig.*, *Sonterra Cap. Master Fund v. Credit Suisse Group AG* (Swiss Libor rate manipulation), *Twin City Iron Pension Fund v. Bank of Nova Scotia* (manipulation of treasury securities), and *Ploss v. Kraft Foods Group* (manipulation of wheat prices).

Glancy Prongay & Murray has been responsible for obtaining favorable appellate opinions which have broken new ground in the class action or securities fields, or which have promoted shareholder rights in prosecuting these actions. The Firm successfully argued the appeals in a number of cases:

In *Smith v. L'Oreal*, 39 Cal.4th 77 (2006), Firm partner Kevin Ruf established ground-breaking law when the California Supreme Court agreed with the Firm's position that waiting penalties under the California Labor Code are available to *any* employee after termination of employment, regardless of the reason for that termination.

OTHER NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Spearheaded by Firm attorney Kevin Ruf, the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for a class of drivers misclassified as independent contractors in the landmark case *Lee v. Dynamex*, Case No. BC332016 (Super. Ct. of Cal), which made new law for workers' rights in the California Supreme Court. The *Dynamex* decision altered 30 years of California law and established a new definition of employment that brings more workers within the protections of California's Labor Code. The California legislature, in response to the *Dynamex* decision, promulgated AB5, a statute that codifies the law of the *Dynamex* case and expands its reach.

Headed by Firm attorney Kara Wolke, the Firm served as additional plaintiffs' counsel in *Christine Asia Co. Ltd., et al. v. Jack Yun Ma et al. ("Alibaba")*, 1:15-md-02631 (SDNY), a securities class action on behalf of investors alleging violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in connection with Alibaba's historic \$25 billion IPO, the then-largest IPO in history. After hard-fought litigation, including a successful appeal to the Second Circuit and obtaining class certification, the case settled for \$250 million.

Other notable Firm cases include: *Silber v. Mabon I*, 957 F.2d 697 (9th Cir. 1992) and *Silber v. Mabon II*, 18 F.3d 1449 (9th Cir. 1994), which are the leading decisions in the Ninth Circuit regarding the rights of opt-outs in class action settlements. In *Rothman v. Gregor*, 220 F.3d 81 (2d Cir. 2000), the Firm won a seminal victory for investors before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, which adopted a more favorable pleading standard for investors in reversing the District Court's dismissal of the investors' complaint. After this successful appeal, the Firm then recovered millions of dollars for defrauded investors of the GT Interactive Corporation. The Firm also argued *Falkowski v. Imation Corp.*, 309 F.3d 1123 (9th Cir. 2002), *as amended*, 320 F.3d 905 (9th Cir. 2003), and favorably obtained the substantial reversal of a lower court's dismissal of a cutting edge, complex class action initiated to seek redress for a group of employees whose stock options were improperly forfeited by a giant corporation in the course of its sale of the subsidiary at which they worked.

The Firm also has been involved in the representation of individual investors in court proceedings throughout the United States and in arbitrations before the American Arbitration Association, National Association of Securities Dealers, New York Stock Exchange, and Pacific Stock Exchange. Mr. Glancy has successfully represented litigants in proceedings against such major securities firms and insurance companies as

A.G. Edwards & Sons, Bear Stearns, Merrill Lynch & Co., Morgan Stanley, PaineWebber, Prudential, and Shearson Lehman Brothers.

One of the Firm's unique skills is the use of "group litigation" - the representation of groups of individuals who have been collectively victimized or defrauded by large institutions. This type of litigation brought on behalf of individuals who have been similarly damaged often provides an efficient and effective economic remedy that frequently has advantages over the class action or individual action devices. The Firm has successfully achieved results for groups of individuals in cases against major corporations such as Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and Occidental Petroleum Corporation.

Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP currently consists of the following attorneys:

PARTNERS

LEE ALBERT, a partner, was admitted to the bars of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of New Jersey, and the United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the District of New Jersey in 1986. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Temple University and Arcadia University in 1975 and 1980, respectively, and received his J.D. degree from Widener University School of Law in 1986. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Albert spent several years working as a civil litigator in Philadelphia, PA. Mr. Albert has extensive litigation and appellate practice experience having argued before the Supreme and Superior Courts of Pennsylvania and has over fifteen years of trial experience in both jury and non-jury cases and arbitrations. Mr. Albert has represented a national health care provider at trial obtaining injunctive relief in federal court to enforce a five-year contract not to compete on behalf of a national health care provider and injunctive relief on behalf of an undergraduate university.

Currently, Mr. Albert represents clients in all types of complex litigation including matters concerning violations of federal and state antitrust and securities laws, mass tort/product liability and unfair and deceptive trade practices. Some of Mr. Albert's current major cases include *In Re Automotive Wire Harness Systems Antitrust Litigation* (E.D. Mich.); *In Re Heater Control Panels Antitrust Litigation* (E.D. Mich.); *Kleen Products, et al. v. Packaging Corp. of America* (N.D. Ill.); and *In re Class 8 Transmission Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litigation* (D. Del.). Previously, Mr. Albert had a significant role in *Marine Products Antitrust Litigation* (C.D. Cal.); *Baby Products Antitrust Litigation* (E.D. Pa.); *In re ATM Fee Litigation* (N.D. Cal.); *In re Canadian Car Antitrust Litigation* (D. Me.); *In re Broadcom Securities Litigation* (C.D. Cal.); and has worked on *In re Avandia Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation* (E.D. Pa.); *In re Ortho Evra Birth Control Patch Litigation* (N.J. Super. Ct.); *In re AOL Time Warner, Inc. Securities Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.); *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.); and *In re Microsoft Corporation Massachusetts Consumer Protection Litigation* (Mass. Super. Ct.).

BRIAN D. BROOKS joined the New York office of Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP in 2019, specializing in antitrust, consumer, and securities litigation. His current cases include *In re Zetia Antitrust Litigation*, No. 18-md-2836 (E.D. Va.); *Staley, et al. v. Gilead Sciences*,

Inc., et al., No. 3:19-cv-02573-EMC (N.D. Cal.); and *In re: Seroquel XR (Extended Release Quetiapine Fumarate) Litigation*, No. 1:19-cv-08296-CM (S.D.N.Y.).

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Brooks was an associate at Murray, Frank & Sailer, LLP in New York, where his practice was focused on antitrust, consumer, and securities matters, and later a partner at Smith, Segura & Raphael, LLP, in New York and Louisiana. During his tenure at Smith Segura & Raphael, LLP, Mr. Brooks represented direct purchasers in numerous antitrust matters, including *In re: Suboxone (Buprenorphine Hydrochloride and Naloxone) Antitrust Litigation*, No. 2:13-md-02445 (E.D. Pa.), *In re: Niaspan Antitrust Litigation*, No. 2:13-md-02460 (E.D. Pa.), and *In re: Novartis & Par Antitrust Litigation (Exforge)*, No. 18-cv-4361 (S.D.N.Y.), and was an active member of the trial team for the class in *In re: Nexium (Esomeprazole) Antitrust Litigation*, No. 12-md-2409 (D. Mass.), the first post-Actavis reverse-payment case to be tried to verdict. He was also an active member of the litigation teams in the *King Drug Company of Florence, Inc. et al. v. Cephalon, Inc., et al. (Provigil)*, No. 2:06-cv-1797 (E.D. Pa.); *In re: Prograf Antitrust Litigation*, No. 1:11-md-2242 (D. Mass.) and *In re: Miralax* antitrust matters, which collectively settled for more than \$600 million, and a member of the litigation teams in *In re: Relafen Antitrust Litigation*, No. 01-cv-12239 (D. Mass.); *In re: Buspirone Antitrust Litigation*, MDL Dkt. No. 1410 (S.D.N.Y.); *In re: Remeron Antitrust Litigation*, No. 02-2007 (D.N.J.); *In re: Terazosin Hydrochloride Antitrust Litigation*, No. 99-MDL-1317 (S.D. Fla.); and *In re K-Dur Antitrust Litigation*, No. 10-cv-1652 (D.N.J.).

Mr. Brooks received his B.A. from Northwestern State University of Louisiana in 1998 and his J.D. from Washington and Lee School of Law in 2002, where he was a staff writer for the Environmental Law Digest and clerked for the Alderson Legal Assistance Program, handling legal matters for inmates of the Federal Detention Center in Alderson, West Virginia. He is admitted to practice in all state courts in New York and Louisiana, as well as the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the Eastern and Western Districts of Louisiana.

JOSEPH D. COHEN has extensive complex civil litigation experience, and currently oversees the firm's settlement department, negotiating, documenting and obtaining court approval of the firm's securities, merger and derivative settlements.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Cohen successfully prosecuted numerous securities fraud, consumer fraud, antitrust and constitutional law cases in federal and state courts throughout the country. Cases in which Mr. Cohen took a lead role include: *Jordan v. California Dep't of Motor Vehicles*, 100 Cal. App. 4th 431 (2002) (complex action in which the California Court of Appeal held that California's Non-Resident Vehicle \$300 Smog Impact Fee violated the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution, paving the way for the creation of a \$665 million fund and full refunds, with interest, to 1.7 million motorists); *In re Geodyne Res., Inc. Sec. Litig.* (Harris Cty. Tex.) (settlement of securities fraud class action, including related litigation, totaling over \$200 million); *In re Cmty. Psychiatric Centers Sec. Litig.* (C.D. Cal.) (settlement of \$55.5 million was obtained from the company and its auditors, Ernst & Young, LLP); *In re McLeodUSA Inc., Sec. Litig.* (N.D. Iowa) (\$30 million settlement); *In re Arakis Energy Corp. Sec. Litig.* (E.D.N.Y.) (\$24 million settlement); *In re Metris Cos., Inc., Sec. Litig.* (D. Minn.) (\$7.5 million settlement);

In re Landry's Seafood Rest., Inc. Sec. Litig. (S.D. Tex.) (\$6 million settlement); and *Freedman v. Maspeth Fed. Loan and Savings Ass'n*, (E.D.N.Y) (favorable resolution of issue of first impression under RESPA resulting in full recovery of improperly assessed late fees).

Mr. Cohen was also a member of the teams that obtained substantial recoveries in the following cases: *In re: Foreign Exchange Benchmark Rates Antitrust Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (partial settlements of approximately \$2 billion); *In re Washington Mutual Mortgage-Backed Sec. Litig.* (W.D. Wash.) (settlement of \$26 million); *Mylan Pharm., Inc. v. Warner Chilcott Public Ltd. Co.* (E.D. Pa.) (\$8 million recovery in antitrust action on behalf of class of indirect purchasers of the prescription drug Doryx); *City of Omaha Police and Fire Ret. Sys. v. LHC Group, Inc.* (W.D. La.) (securities class action settlement of \$7.85 million); and *In re Pacific Biosciences of Cal., Inc. Sec. Litig.* (Cal. Super. Ct.) (\$7.6 million recovery).

In addition, Mr. Cohen was previously the head of the settlement department at Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP. While at BLB&G, Mr. Cohen had primary responsibility for overseeing the team working on the following settlements, among others: *In Re Merck & Co., Inc. Sec., Deriv. & "ERISA" Litig.* (D.N.J.) (\$1.062 billion securities class action settlement); *New York State Teachers' Ret. Sys. v. General Motors Co.* (E.D. Mich.) (\$300 million securities class action settlement); *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co. Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$150 million settlement); *Dep't of the Treasury of the State of New Jersey and its Division of Inv. v. Cliffs Natural Res. Inc., et al.* (N.D. Ohio) (\$84 million securities class action settlement); *In re Penn West Petroleum Ltd. Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$19.76 million settlement); and *In re BioScrip, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$10.9 million settlement).

LIONEL Z. GLANCY, a graduate of University of Michigan Law School, is the founding partner of the Firm. After serving as a law clerk for United States District Judge Howard McKibben, he began his career as an associate at a New York law firm concentrating in securities litigation. Thereafter, he started a boutique law firm specializing in securities litigation, and other complex litigation, from the Plaintiff's perspective. Mr. Glancy has established a distinguished career in the field of securities litigation over the last thirty years, having appeared and been appointed lead counsel on behalf of aggrieved investors in securities class action cases throughout the country. He has appeared and argued before dozens of district courts and a number of appellate courts. His efforts have resulted in the recovery of hundreds of millions of dollars in settlement proceeds for huge classes of shareholders. Well known in securities law, he has lectured on its developments and practice, including having lectured before Continuing Legal Education seminars and law schools.

Mr. Glancy was born in Windsor, Canada, on April 4, 1962. Mr. Glancy earned his undergraduate degree in political science in 1984 and his Juris Doctor degree in 1986, both from the University of Michigan. He was admitted to practice in California in 1988, and in Nevada and before the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, in 1989.

MARC L. GODINO has extensive experience successfully litigating complex, class action lawsuits as a plaintiffs' lawyer. Since joining the firm in 2005, Mr. Godino has played a primary role in cases resulting in settlements of more than \$100 million. He has prosecuted securities, derivative, merger & acquisition, and consumer cases throughout the country in both state and federal court, as well as represented defrauded investors at FINRA arbitrations. Mr. Godino manages the Firm's consumer class action department.

While a senior associate with Stull Stull & Brody, Mr. Godino was one of the two primary attorneys involved in *Small v. Fritz Co.*, 30 Cal. 4th 167 (April 7, 2003), in which the California Supreme Court created new law in the State of California for shareholders that held shares in detrimental reliance on false statements made by corporate officers. The decision was widely covered by national media including *The National Law Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *New York Times*, and the *New York Law Journal*, among others, and was heralded as a significant victory for shareholders.

Mr. Godino's successes with Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP include: *Good Morning To You Productions Corp., et al., v. Warner/Chappell Music, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 13-04460 (C.D. Cal.) (In this highly publicized case that attracted world-wide attention, Plaintiffs prevailed on their claim that the song "Happy Birthday" should be in the public domain and achieved a \$14,000,000 settlement to class members who paid a licensing fee for the song); *Ord v. First National Bank of Pennsylvania*, Case No. 12-766 (W. D. Pa.) (\$3,000,000 settlement plus injunctive relief); *Pappas v. Naked Juice Co. of Glendora, Inc.*, Case No. 11-08276 (C.D. Cal.) (\$9,000,000 settlement plus injunctive relief); *Astiana v. Kashi Company*, Case No. 11-1967 (S.D. Cal.) (\$5,000,000 settlement); *In re Magma Design Automation, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 05-2394 (N.D. Cal.) (\$13,500,000 settlement); *In re Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 08-cv-0099 (D.N.J.) (\$4,000,000 settlement); *In re Skilled Healthcare Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 09-5416 (C.D. Cal.) (\$3,000,000 settlement); *Kelly v. Phiten USA, Inc.*, Case No. 11-67 (S.D. Iowa) (\$3,200,000 settlement plus injunctive relief); *(Shin et al., v. BMW of North America*, 2009 WL 2163509 (C.D. Cal. July 16, 2009) (after defeating a motion to dismiss, the case settled on very favorable terms for class members including free replacement of cracked wheels); *Payday Advance Plus, Inc. v. MIVA, Inc.*, Case No. 06-1923 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$3,936,812 settlement); *Esslinger, et al. v. HSBC Bank Nevada, N.A.*, Case No. 10-03213 (E.D. Pa.) (\$23,500,000 settlement); *In re Discover Payment Protection Plan Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, Case No. 10-06994 (\$10,500,000 settlement); *In Re: Bank of America Credit Protection Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, Case No. 11-md-02269 (N.D. Cal.) (\$20,000,000 settlement).

Mr. Godino was also the principal attorney in the following published decisions: *In re Zappos.com, Inc., Customer Data Sec. Breach Litigation*, 714 Fed Appx. 761 (9th Cir. 2018) (reversing order dismissing class action complaint); *Small et al., v. University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, et al.*, 2017 WL 3461364 (D. Nev. Aug. 10, 2017) (denying motion to dismiss); *Sciortino v. Pepsico, Inc.*, 108 F.Supp. 3d 780 (N.D. Cal.. June 5, 2015) (motion to dismiss denied); *Peterson v. CJ America, Inc.*, 2015 WL 11582832 (S.D. Cal. May 15, 2015) (motion to dismiss denied); *Lilly v. Jamba Juice Company*, 2014 WL 4652283 (N. D. Cal. Sep 18, 2014) (class certification granted in part); *Kramer v. Toyota Motor Corp.*, 705 F. 3d 1122 (9th Cir. 2013) (affirming denial of

Defendant's motion to compel arbitration); *Sateriale, et al. v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.*, 697 F. 3d 777 (9th Cir. 2012) (reversing order dismissing class action complaint); *Shin v. BMW of North America*, 2009 WL 2163509 (C.D. Cal. July 16, 2009) (motion to dismiss denied); *In re 2TheMart.com Securities Litigation*, 114 F. Supp. 2d 955 (C.D. Cal. 2002) (motion to dismiss denied); *In re Irvine Sensors Securities Litigation*, 2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18397 (C.D. Cal. 2003) (motion to dismiss denied).

The following represent just a few of the cases Mr. Godino is currently litigating in a leadership position: *Small v. University Medical Center of Southern Nevada*, Case No. 13-00298 (D. Nev.); *Courtright, et al., v. O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 14-334 (W.D. Mo); *Keskinen v. Edgewell Personal Care Co., et al.*, Case No. 17-07721 (C.D. CA); *Ryan v. Rodan & Fields, LLC*, Case No. 18-02505 (N.D. Cal)

MATTHEW M. HOUSTON, a partner in the firm's New York office, graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1988. Mr. Houston is an active member of the Bar of the State of New York and an inactive member of the bar for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mr. Houston is also admitted to the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the District of Massachusetts, and the Second, Seventh, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States. Mr. Houston repeatedly has been selected as a New York Metro Super Lawyer.

Mr. Houston has substantial courtroom experience involving complex actions in federal and state courts throughout the country. Mr. Houston was co-lead trial counsel in one the few ERISA class action cases taken to trial asserting breach of fiduciary duty claims against plan fiduciaries, *Brieger et al. v. Tellabs, Inc.*, No. 06-CV-01882 (N.D. Ill.), and has successfully prosecuted many ERISA actions, including *In re Royal Ahold N.V. Securities and ERISA Litigation*, Civil Action No. 1:03-md-01539. Mr. Houston has been one of the principal attorneys litigating claims in multi-district litigation concerning employment classification of pickup and delivery drivers and primarily responsible for prosecuting ERISA class claims resulting in a \$242,000,000 settlement; *In re FedEx Ground Package Inc. Employment Practices Litigation*, No. 3:05-MD-527 (MDL 1700). Mr. Houston recently presented argument before the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of a class of Florida pickup and delivery drivers obtaining a reversal of the lower court's grant of summary judgment. Mr. Houston represented the interests of Nevada and Arkansas drivers employed by FedEx Ground obtaining significant recoveries on their behalf. Mr. Houston also served as lead counsel in multi-district class litigation seeking to modify insurance claims handling practices; *In re UnumProvident Corp. ERISA Benefits Denial Actions*, No. 1:03-cv-1000 (MDL 1552).

Mr. Houston has played a principal role in numerous derivative and class actions wherein substantial benefits were conferred upon plaintiffs: *In re: Groupon Derivative Litigation*, No. 12-cv-5300 (N.D. Ill. 2012) (settlement of consolidated derivative action resulting in sweeping corporate governance reform estimated at \$159 million) *Bangari v. Lesnik, et al.*, No. 11 CH 41973 (Illinois Circuit Court, County of Cook) (settlement of claim resulting in payment of \$20 million to Career Education Corporation and implementation of extensive corporate governance reform); *In re Diamond Foods, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, No. CGC-11-515895 (California Superior Court, County of San Francisco)

(\$10.4 million in monetary relief including a \$5.4 million clawback of executive compensation and significant corporate governance reform); *Pace American Shareholder Litigation*, 94-92 TUC-RMB (securities fraud class action settlement resulting in a recovery of \$3.75 million); *In re Bay Financial Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 89-2377-DPW, (D. Mass.) (J. Woodlock) (settlement of action based upon federal securities law claims resulting in class recovery in excess of \$3.9 million); *Goldsmith v. Technology Solutions Company*, 92 C 4374 (N.D. Ill. 1992) (J. Manning) (recovery of \$4.6 million as a result of action alleging false and misleading statements regarding revenue recognition).

In addition to numerous employment and derivative cases, Mr. Houston has litigated actions asserting breach of fiduciary duty in the context of mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Houston has been responsible for securing millions of dollars in additional compensation and structural benefits for shareholders of target companies: *In re Instinet Group, Inc. Shareholders Litigation*, C.A. No. 1289 (Delaware Court of Chancery); *Jasinover v. The Rouse Company*, Case No. 13-C-04-59594 (Maryland Circuit Court); *McLaughlin v. Household International, Inc.*, Case No. 02 CH 20683 (Illinois Circuit Court); *Sebesta v. The Quizno's Corporation*, Case No. 2001 CV 6281 (Colorado District Court); *Crandon Capital Partners v. Sanford M. Kimmel*, C.A. No. 14998 (Del. Ch.); and *Crandon Capital Partners v. Kimmel*, C.A. No. 14998 (Del. Ch. 1996) (J. Chandler) (settlement of an action on behalf of shareholders of Transnational Reinsurance Co. whereby acquiring company provided an additional \$10.4 million in merger consideration).

JASON L. KRAJCKER is a partner in the firm's Los Angeles office. He specializes in complex securities cases and has extensive experience in all phases of litigation (fact investigation, pre-trial motion practice, discovery, trial, appeal).

Prior to joining Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP, Mr. Krajcer was an Associate at Goodwin Procter LLP where he represented issuers, officers and directors in multi-hundred million and billion dollar securities cases. He began his legal career at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, where he represented issuers, officers and directors in securities class actions, shareholder derivative actions, and matters before the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission.

Mr. Krajcer is admitted to the State Bar of California, the Bar of the District of Columbia, the United States Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States District Courts for the Central and Southern Districts of California.

SUSAN G. KUPFER is the founding partner of the Firm's Berkeley office. Ms Kupfer joined the Firm in 2003. She is a native of New York City, and received her A.B. degree from Mount Holyoke College in 1969 and her Juris Doctor degree from Boston University School of Law in 1973. She did graduate work at Harvard Law School and, in 1977, was named Assistant Dean and Director of Clinical Programs at Harvard, supervising and teaching in that program of legal practice and related academic components.

For much of her legal career, Ms. Kupfer has been a professor of law. Her areas of academic expertise are Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Conflict of Laws, Constitutional

Law, Legal Ethics, and Jurisprudence. She has taught at Harvard Law School, Hastings College of the Law, Boston University School of Law, Golden Gate University School of Law, and Northeastern University School of Law. From 1991 through 2002, she was a lecturer on law at the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall, teaching Civil Procedure and Conflict of Laws. Her publications include articles on federal civil rights litigation, legal ethics, and jurisprudence. She has also taught various aspects of practical legal and ethical training, including trial advocacy, negotiation and legal ethics, to both law students and practicing attorneys.

Ms. Kupfer previously served as corporate counsel to The Architects Collaborative in Cambridge and San Francisco, and was the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Commission on Judicial Conduct. She returned to the practice of law in San Francisco with Morgenstein & Jubelirer and Berman DeValerio LLP before joining the Firm.

Ms. Kupfer's practice is concentrated in complex antitrust litigation. She currently serves, or has served, as Co-Lead Counsel in several multidistrict antitrust cases: *In re Photochromic Lens Antitrust Litig.* (MDL 2173, M.D. Fla. 2010); *In re Fresh and Process Potatoes Antitrust Litig.* (D. ID. 2011); *In re Korean Air Lines Antitrust Litig.* (MDL No. 1891, C.D. Cal. 2007); *In re Urethane Antitrust Litigation* (MDL 1616, D. Kan. 2004); *In re Western States Wholesale Natural Gas Litigation* (MDL 1566, D. Nev. 2005); and *Sullivan et al v. DB Investments et al* (D. N.J. 2004). She has been a member of the lead counsel teams that achieved significant settlements in: *In re Sorbates Antitrust Litigation* (\$96.5 million settlement); *In re Pillar Point Partners Antitrust Litigation* (\$50 million settlement); and *In re Critical Path Securities Litigation* (\$17.5 million settlement).

Ms. Kupfer is a member of the bar of Massachusetts and California, and is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Northern, Central, Eastern and Southern Districts of California, the District of Massachusetts, the Courts of Appeals for the First and Ninth Circuits, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

CHARLES H. LINEHAN is a partner in the firm's Los Angeles office. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of California, Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and a minor in Mathematics. Mr. Linehan received his Juris Doctor degree from the UCLA School of Law, where he was a member of the UCLA Moot Court Honors Board. While attending law school, Mr. Linehan participated in the school's First Amendment Amicus Brief Clinic (now the Scott & Cyan Banister First Amendment Clinic) where he worked with nationally recognized scholars and civil rights organizations to draft amicus briefs on various Free Speech issues.

GREGORY B. LINKH works out of the New York office, where he litigates antitrust, securities, shareholder derivative, and consumer cases. Greg graduated from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1996 and from the University of Michigan Law School in 1999. While in law school, Greg externed with United States District Judge Gerald E. Rosen of the Eastern District of Michigan. Greg was previously associated with the law firms Dewey Ballantine LLP, Pomerantz Haudek Block Grossman & Gross LLP, and Murray Frank LLP.

Previously, Greg had significant roles in *In re Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Research Reports Securities Litigation* (settled for \$125 million); *In re Crompton Corp. Securities Litigation* (settled \$11 million); *Lowry v. Andrx Corp.* (settled for \$8 million); *In re Xybernaut Corp. Securities MDL Litigation* (settled for \$6.3 million); and *In re EIS Int'l Inc. Securities Litigation* (settled for \$3.8 million). Greg also represented the West Virginia Investment Management Board (“WVIMB”) in *WVIMB v. Residential Accredited Loans, Inc., et al.*, relating to the WVIMB's investment in residential mortgage-backed securities.

Currently, Greg is litigating various antitrust and securities cases, including *In re Korean Ramen Antitrust Litigation*, *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*, and *In re Horsehead Holding Corp. Securities Litigation*.

Greg is the co-author of *Inherent Risk In Securities Cases In The Second Circuit*, NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL (Aug. 26, 2004); and *Staying Derivative Action Pursuant to PSLRA and SLUSA*, NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL, P. 4, COL. 4 (Oct. 21, 2005).

BRIAN MURRAY is the managing partner of the Firm's New York Park Avenue office and the head of the Firm's Antitrust Practice Group. He received Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Notre Dame in 1983 and 1986, respectively. He received a Juris Doctor degree, *cum laude*, from St. John's University School of Law in 1990. At St. John's, he was the Articles Editor of the ST. JOHN'S LAW REVIEW. Mr. Murray co-wrote: *Jurisdição Estrangeira Tem Papel Relevante Na De Fiesa De Investidores Brasileiros*, ESPAÇA JURÍDICO BOVESPA (August 2008); *The Proportionate Trading Model: Real Science or Junk Science?*, 52 CLEVELAND ST. L. REV. 391 (2004-05); *The Accident of Efficiency: Foreign Exchanges, American Depository Receipts, and Space Arbitrage*, 51 BUFFALO L. REV. 383 (2003); *You Shouldn't Be Required To Plead More Than You Have To Prove*, 53 BAYLOR L. REV. 783 (2001); *He Lies, You Die: Criminal Trials, Truth, Perjury, and Fairness*, 27 NEW ENGLAND J. ON CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CONFINEMENT 1 (2001); *Subject Matter Jurisdiction Under the Federal Securities Laws: The State of Affairs After Itoba*, 20 MARYLAND J. OF INT'L L. AND TRADE 235 (1996); *Determining Excessive Trading in Option Accounts: A Synthetic Valuation Approach*, 23 U. DAYTON L. REV. 316 (1997); *Loss Causation Pleading Standard*, NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL (Feb. 25, 2005); *The PSLRA 'Automatic Stay' of Discovery*, NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL (March 3, 2003); and *Inherent Risk In Securities Cases In The Second Circuit*, NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL (Aug. 26, 2004). He also authored *Protecting The Rights of International Clients in U.S. Securities Class Action Litigation*, INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION NEWS (Sept. 2007); *Lifting the PSLRA "Automatic Stay" of Discovery*, 80 N. DAK. L. REV. 405 (2004); *Aftermarket Purchaser Standing Under § 11 of the Securities Act of 1933*, 73 ST. JOHN'S L. REV. 633 (1999); *Recent Rulings Allow Section 11 Suits By Aftermarket Securities Purchasers*, NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL (Sept. 24, 1998); and *Comment, Weissmann v. Freeman: The Second Circuit Errs in its Analysis of Derivative Copy-rights by Joint Authors*, 63 ST. JOHN'S L. REV. 771 (1989).

Mr. Murray was on the trial team that prosecuted a securities fraud case under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 against Microdyne Corporation in the Eastern District of Virginia and he was also on the trial team that presented a claim under

Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 against Artek Systems Corporation and Dynatach Group which settled midway through the trial.

Mr. Murray's major cases include *In re Horsehead Holding Corp. Sec. Litig.*, No. 16-cv-292, 2018 WL 4838234 (D. Del. Oct. 4, 2018) (recommending denial of motion to dismiss securities fraud claims where company's generic cautionary statements failed to adequately warn of known problems); *In re Deutsche Bank Sec. Litig.*, --- F.R.D. ---, 2018 WL 4771525 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 2, 2018) (granting class certification for Securities Act claims and rejecting defendants' argument that class representatives' trading profits made them atypical class members); *Robb v. Fitbit Inc.*, 216 F. Supp. 3d 1017 (N.D. Cal. 2016) (denying motion to dismiss securities fraud claims where confidential witness statements sufficiently established scienter); *In re Eagle Bldg. Tech. Sec. Litig.*, 221 F.R.D. 582 (S.D. Fla. 2004), 319 F. Supp. 2d 1318 (S.D. Fla. 2004) (complaint against auditor sustained due to magnitude and nature of fraud; no allegations of a "tip-off" were necessary); *In re Turkcell Iletisim A.S. Sec. Litig.*, 209 F.R.D. 353 (S.D.N.Y. 2002) (defining standards by which investment advisors have standing to sue); *In re Turkcell Iletisim A.S. Sec. Litig.*, 202 F. Supp. 2d 8 (S.D.N.Y. 2001) (liability found for false statements in prospectus concerning churn rates); *Feiner v. SS&C Tech., Inc.*, 11 F. Supp. 2d 204 (D. Conn. 1998) (qualified independent underwriters held liable for pricing of offering); *Malone v. Microdyne Corp.*, 26 F.3d 471 (4th Cir. 1994) (reversal of directed verdict for defendants); and *Adair v. Bristol Tech. Systems, Inc.*, 179 F.R.D. 126 (S.D.N.Y. 1998) (aftermarket purchasers have standing under section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933). Mr. Murray also prevailed on an issue of first impression in the Superior Court of Massachusetts, in *Cambridge Biotech Corp. v. Deloitte and Touche LLP*, in which the court applied the doctrine of continuous representation for statute of limitations purposes to accountants for the first time in Massachusetts. 6 Mass. L. Rptr. 367 (Mass. Super. Jan. 28, 1997). In addition, in *Adair v. Microfield Graphics, Inc.* (D. Or.), Mr. Murray settled the case for 47% of estimated damages. In the *Qiao Xing Universal Telephone* case, claimants received 120% of their recognized losses.

Among his current cases, Mr. Murray represents a class of investors in a securities litigation involving preferred shares of Deutsche Bank and is lead counsel in a securities class action against Horsehead Holdings, Inc. in the District of Delaware.

Mr. Murray served as a Trustee of the Incorporated Village of Garden City (2000-2002); Commissioner of Police for Garden City (2000-2001); Co-Chairman, Derivative Suits Subcommittee, American Bar Association Class Action and Derivative Suits Committee, (2007-2010); Member, Sports Law Committee, Association of the Bar for the City of New York, 1994-1997; Member, Litigation Committee, Association of the Bar for the City of New York, 2003-2007; Member, New York State Bar Association Committee on Federal Constitution and Legislation, 2005-2008; Member, Federal Bar Council, Second Circuit Committee, 2007-present.

Mr. Murray has been a panelist at CLEs sponsored by the Federal Bar Council and the Institute for Law and Economic Policy, at the German-American Lawyers Association Annual Meeting in Frankfurt, Germany, and is a frequent lecturer before institutional investors in Europe and South America on the topic of class actions.

ROBERT V. PRONGAY is a partner in the Firm's Los Angeles office where he focuses on the investigation, initiation, and prosecution of complex securities cases on behalf of institutional and individual investors. Mr. Prongay's practice concentrates on actions to recover investment losses resulting from violations of the federal securities laws and various actions to vindicate shareholder rights in response to corporate and fiduciary misconduct.

Mr. Prongay has extensive experience litigating complex cases in state and federal courts nationwide. Since joining the Firm, Mr. Prongay has successfully recovered millions of dollars for investors victimized by securities fraud and has negotiated the implementation of significant corporate governance reforms aimed at preventing the recurrence of corporate wrongdoing.

Mr. Prongay was recently recognized as one of thirty lawyers included in the Daily Journal's list of Top Plaintiffs Lawyers in California for 2017. Several of Mr. Prongay's cases have received national and regional press coverage. Mr. Prongay has been interviewed by journalists and writers for national and industry publications, ranging from *The Wall Street Journal* to the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. Mr. Prongay has appeared as a guest on Bloomberg Television where he was interviewed about the securities litigation stemming from the high-profile initial public offering of Facebook, Inc.

Mr. Prongay received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Southern California and his Juris Doctor degree from Seton Hall University School of Law. Mr. Prongay is also an alumnus of the Lawrenceville School.

DANIELLA QUITT, a partner in the firm's New York office, graduated from Fordham University School of Law in 1988, is a member of the Bar of the State of New York, and is also admitted to the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Fifth, and Ninth Circuits, and the United States Supreme Court.

Ms. Quitt has extensive experience in successfully litigating complex class actions from inception to trial and has played a significant role in numerous actions wherein substantial benefits were conferred upon plaintiff shareholders, such as *In re Safety-Kleen Corp. Stockholders Litigation*, (D.S.C.) (settlement fund of \$44.5 million); *In re Laidlaw Stockholders Litigation*, (D.S.C.) (settlement fund of \$24 million); *In re UNUMProvident Corp. Securities Litigation*, (D. Me.) (settlement fund of \$45 million); *In re Harnischfeger Industries* (E.D. Wisc.) (settlement fund of \$10.1 million); *In re Oxford Health Plans, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, (S.D.N.Y.) (settlement benefit of \$13.7 million and corporate therapeutics); *In re JWP Inc. Securities Litigation*, (S.D.N.Y.) (settlement fund of \$37 million); *In re Home Shopping Network, Inc., Derivative Litigation*, (S.D. Fla.) (settlement benefit in excess of \$20 million); *In re Graham-Field Health Products, Inc. Securities Litigation*, (S.D.N.Y.) (settlement fund of \$5.65 million); *Benjamin v. Carusona*, (E.D.N.Y.) (prosecuted action on behalf of minority shareholders which resulted in a change of control from majority-controlled management at Gurney's Inn Resort & Spa Ltd.); *In re Rexel Shareholder Litigation*, (Sup. Ct. N.Y. County) (settlement benefit in excess of \$38

million); and *Croyden Assoc. v. Tesoro Petroleum Corp., et al.*, (Del. Ch.) (settlement benefit of \$19.2 million).

In connection with the settlement of *Alessi v. Beracha*, (Del. Ch.), a class action brought on behalf of the former minority shareholders of Earthgrains, Chancellor Chandler commented: "I give credit where credit is due, Ms. Quitt. You did a good job and got a good result, and you should be proud of it."

Ms. Quitt has focused her practice on shareholder rights, securities class actions, and ERISA class actions but also handles general commercial and consumer litigation. Ms. Quitt serves as a member of the S.D.N.Y. ADR Panel and has been consistently selected as a New York Metro Super Lawyer.

JONATHAN M. ROTTER leads the Firm's intellectual property litigation practice and has extensive experience in class action litigation, including in the fields of data privacy, digital content, securities, consumer protection, and antitrust. His cases often involve technical and scientific issues, and he excels at the critical skill of understanding and organizing complex subject matter in a way helpful to judges, juries, and ultimately, the firm's clients. Since joining the firm, he has played a key role in cases recovering over \$100 million. He handles cases on contingency, partial contingency, and hourly bases, and works collaboratively with other lawyers and law firms across the country.

Before joining the firm, Mr. Rotter served for three years as the first Patent Pilot Program Law Clerk at the United States District Court for the Central District of California, both in Los Angeles and Orange County. There, he assisted the Honorable S. James Otero, Andrew J. Guilford, George H. Wu, John A. Kronstadt, and Beverly Reid O'Connell with hundreds of patent cases in every major field of technology, from complaint to post-trial motions, advised on case management strategy, and organized and provided judicial education. Mr. Rotter also served as a law clerk for the Honorable Milan D. Smith, Jr. on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, working on the full range of matters handled by the Circuit.

Before his service to the courts, Mr. Rotter practiced at an international law firm, where he argued appeals at the Federal Circuit, Ninth Circuit, and California Court of Appeal, tried cases, argued motions, and managed all aspects of complex litigation. He also served as a volunteer criminal prosecutor for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office.

Mr. Rotter graduated with honors from Harvard Law School in 2004. He served as an editor of the Harvard Journal of Law & Technology, was a Fellow in Law and Economics at the John M. Olin Center for Law, Economics, and Business at Harvard Law School, and a Fellow in Justice, Welfare, and Economics at the Harvard University Weatherhead Center For International Affairs. He graduated with honors from the University of California, San Diego in 2000 with a B.S. in molecular biology and a B.A. in music.

Mr. Rotter serves on the Merit Selection Panel for Magistrate Judges in the Central District of California, and served on the Model Patent Jury Instructions and Model Patent Local Rules subcommittees of the American Intellectual Property Law Association. He has

written extensively on intellectual property issues, and has been honored for his work with legal service organizations. He is admitted to practice in California and before the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Ninth and Federal Circuits, the United States District Courts for the Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of California, and the United States Patent & Trademark Office.

KEVIN F. RUF graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan. He was an associate at the Los Angeles firm Manatt Phelps and Phillips from 1988 until 1992, where he specialized in commercial litigation. In 1993, he joined the firm Corbin & Fitzgerald (with future federal district court Judge Michael Fitzgerald) specializing in white collar criminal defense work.

Kevin joined the Glancy firm in 2001 and works on a diverse range of trial and appellate cases; he is also head of the firm's Labor practice. Kevin has successfully argued a number of important appeals, including in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. He has twice argued cases before the California Supreme Court – winning both.

In *Smith v. L'Oreal* (2006), after Kevin's winning arguments, the California Supreme Court established a fundamental right of all California workers to immediate payment of all earnings at the conclusion of their employment.

Kevin gave the winning oral argument in one of the most talked about and wide-reaching California Supreme Court cases of recent memory: *Lee v. Dynamex* (2018). The Dynamex decision altered 30 years of California law and established a new definition of employment that brings more workers within the protections of California's Labor Code. The California legislature was so impressed with the Dynamex result that promulgated AB5, a statute to formalize this new definition of employment and expand its reach.

Kevin won the prestigious California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) award in 2019 for his work on the *Dynamex* case.

In 2021, Kevin was named by California's legal paper of record, the Daily Journal, as one of 18 California "Lawyers of the Decade."

Kevin has been named three times as one of the Daily Journal's "Top 75 Employment Lawyers."

Since 2014, Kevin has been an elected member of the Ojai Unified School District Board of Trustees. Kevin was also a Main Company Member of the world-famous Groundlings improv and sketch comedy troupe – where "everyone else got famous."

BENJAMIN I. SACHS-MICHAELS, a partner in the firm's New York office, graduated from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 2011. His practice focuses on shareholder derivative litigation and class actions on behalf of shareholders and consumers.

While in law school, Mr. Sachs-Michaels served as a judicial intern to Senior United States District Judge Thomas J. McAvoy in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York and was a member of the Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution.

Mr. Sachs-Michaels is a member of the Bar of the State of New York. He is also admitted to the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

CASEY E. SADLER is a native of New York, New York. After graduating from the University of Southern California, Gould School of Law, Mr. Sadler joined the Firm in 2010. While attending law school, Mr. Sadler externed for the Enforcement Division of the Securities and Exchange Commission, spent a summer working for P.H. Parekh & Co. – one of the leading appellate law firms in New Delhi, India – and was a member of USC's Hale Moot Court Honors Program.

Mr. Sadler's practice focuses on securities and consumer litigation. A partner in the Firm's Los Angeles office, Mr. Sadler is admitted to the State Bar of California and the United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, and Central Districts of California.

EX KANO S. SAMS II earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California Los Angeles. Mr. Sams earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of California Los Angeles School of Law, where he served as a member of the *UCLA Law Review*. After law school, Mr. Sams practiced class action civil rights litigation on behalf of plaintiffs. Subsequently, Mr. Sams was a partner at Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP (currently Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP), where his practice focused on securities and consumer class actions on behalf of investors and consumers.

During his career, Mr. Sams has served as lead counsel in dozens of securities class actions and complex-litigation cases, and has worked on cases at all levels of the state and federal court systems throughout the United States. Mr. Sams was one of the counsel for respondents in *Cyan, Inc. v. Beaver Cty. Employees Ret. Fund*, 138 S. Ct. 1061 (2018), in which the United States Supreme Court ruled unanimously in favor of respondents, holding that: (1) the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of 1998 ("SLUSA") does not strip state courts of jurisdiction over class actions alleging violations of only the Securities Act of 1933; and (2) SLUSA does not empower defendants to remove such actions from state to federal court. Mr. Sams also participated in a successful appeal before a Fifth Circuit panel that included former United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor sitting by designation, in which the court unanimously vacated the lower court's denial of class certification, reversed the lower court's grant of summary judgment, and issued an important decision on the issue of loss causation in securities litigation: *Alaska Electrical Pension Fund v. Flowserve Corp.*, 572 F.3d 221 (5th Cir. 2009). The case settled for \$55 million.

Mr. Sams has also obtained other significant results. Notable examples include: *Beezley v. Fenix Parts, Inc.*, No. 1:17-CV-7896, 2018 WL 3454490 (N.D. Ill. July 13, 2018) (denying motion to dismiss); *In re Flowers Foods, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 7:16-CV-222 (WLS),

2018 WL 1558558 (M.D. Ga. Mar. 23, 2018) (largely denying motion to dismiss; case settled for \$21 million); *In re King Digital Entm't plc S'holder Litig.*, No. CGC-15-544770 (San Francisco Superior Court) (case settled for \$18.5 million); *In re Castlight Health, Inc. S'holder Litig.*, Lead Case No. CIV533203 (California Superior Court, County of San Mateo) (case settled for \$9.5 million); *Wiley v. Envivio, Inc.*, Master File No. CIV517185 (California Superior Court, County of San Mateo) (case settled for \$8.5 million); *In re CafePress Inc. S'holder Litig.*, Master File No. CIV522744 (California Superior Court, County of San Mateo) (case settled for \$8 million); *Estate of Gardner v. Continental Casualty Co.*, No. 3:13-cv-1918 (JBA), 2016 WL 806823 (D. Conn. Mar. 1, 2016) (granting class certification); *Forbush v. Goodale*, No. 33538/2011, 2013 WL 582255 (N.Y. Sup. Feb. 4, 2013) (denying motions to dismiss); *Curry v. Hansen Med., Inc.*, No. C 09-5094 CW, 2012 WL 3242447 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 10, 2012) (upholding complaint; case settled for \$8.5 million); *Wilkof v. Caraco Pharm. Labs., Ltd.*, 280 F.R.D. 332 (E.D. Mich. 2012) (granting class certification); *Puskala v. Koss Corp.*, 799 F. Supp. 2d 941 (E.D. Wis. 2011) (upholding complaint); *Mishkin v. Zynex Inc.*, Civil Action No. 09-cv-00780-REB-KLM, 2011 WL 1158715 (D. Colo. Mar. 30, 2011) (denying motion to dismiss); and *Tsirekidze v. Syntax-Brilliant Corp.*, No. CV-07-02204-PHX-FJM, 2009 WL 2151838 (D. Ariz. July 17, 2009) (granting class certification; case settled for \$10 million).

Additionally, Mr. Sams has successfully represented consumers in class action litigation. Mr. Sams worked on nationwide litigation and a trial against major tobacco companies, and in statewide tobacco litigation that resulted in a \$12.5 billion recovery for California cities and counties in a landmark settlement. He also was a principal attorney in a consumer class action against one of the largest banks in the country that resulted in a substantial recovery and a change in the company's business practices. Mr. Sams also participated in settlement negotiations on behalf of environmental organizations along with the United States Department of Justice and the Ohio Attorney General's Office that resulted in a consent decree requiring a company to perform remediation measures to address the effects of air and water pollution. Additionally, Mr. Sams has been an author or co-author of several articles in major legal publications, including "9th Circuit Decision Clarifies Securities Fraud Loss Causation Rule" published in the February 8, 2018 issue of the *Daily Journal*, and "Market Efficiency in the World of High-Frequency Trading" published in the December 26, 2017 issue of the *Daily Journal*.

LEANNE HEINE SOLISH is a partner in GPM's Los Angeles office. Her practice focuses on complex securities litigation.

Ms. Solish has extensive experience litigating complex cases in federal courts nationwide. Since joining GPM in 2012, Ms. Solish has helped secure several large class action settlements for injured investors, including: *The City of Farmington Hills Employees Retirement System v. Wells Fargo Bank*, Case No. 10-4372--DWF/JJG (D. Minn.) (\$62.5 million settlement on behalf of participants in Wells Fargo's securities lending program. The settlement was reached on the eve of trial and ranked among the largest recoveries achieved in a securities lending class action stemming from the 2008 financial crisis.); *Mild v. PPG Industries, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 2:18-cv-04231 (C.D. Cal.) (\$25 million settlement); *In re Penn West Petroleum Ltd. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 1:14-cv-06046-JGK (S.D.N.Y.) (\$19 million settlement for the U.S. shareholder class as part of a

\$39 million global settlement); *In re ITT Educational Services, Inc. Securities Litigation (Indiana)*, Case No. 1:14-cv-01599-TWP-DML (\$12.5375 million settlement); *In re Doral Financial Corporation Securities Litigation*, Case No. 3:14-cv-01393-GAG (D.P.R.) (\$7 million settlement); *Larson v. Insys Therapeutics Incorporated, et al.*, Lead Case No. 14-cv-01043-PHX-GMS (D. Ariz.) (\$6.125 million settlement); *In re Unilife Corporation Securities Litigation*, Case No. 1:16-cv-03976-RA (\$4.4 million settlement); and *In re K12 Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 4:16-cv-04069-PJH (N.D. Cal.) (\$3.5 million settlement).

Super Lawyers Magazine has selected Ms. Solish as a “Rising Star” in the area of Securities Litigation for the past four consecutive years, 2016 through 2019.

Ms. Solish graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.S.M. in Accounting and Finance from Tulane University, where she was a member of the Beta Alpha Psi honors accounting organization and was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honors Society. Ms. Solish subsequently earned her J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.

Ms. Solish is admitted to the State Bar of California, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States District Courts for the Central, Northern, and Southern Districts of California. Ms. Solish is also a Registered Certified Public Accountant in Illinois.

GARTH A. SPENCER's work focuses on securities litigation on behalf of investors, as well as whistleblower, consumer and antitrust matters for plaintiffs. He has substantially contributed to a number of GPM's successful cases, including *Robb v. Fitbit Inc.* (N.D. Cal.) (\$33 million settlement). Mr. Spencer joined the firm's New York office in 2016, and transferred to Los Angeles in 2020. Prior to joining GPM, he worked in the tax group of a transactional law firm, and pursued tax whistleblower matters as a sole practitioner.

DAVID J. STONE has a broad background in complex commercial litigation, with particular focus on litigating corporate fiduciary claims, securities, and contract matters. Mr. Stone maintains a versatile practice in state and federal courts, representing clients in a wide-range of matters, including corporate derivative actions, securities class actions, litigating claims arising from master limited partnership “drop down” transactions, litigating consumer class actions (including data breach claims) litigating complex debt instruments, fraudulent conveyance actions, and appeals. Mr. Stone also has developed a specialized practice in litigation on behalf of post-bankruptcy confirmation trusts, including investigating and prosecuting D&O claims and general commercial litigation. In addition, Mr. Stone counsels clients on general business matters, including contract negotiation and corporate organization.

Mr. Stone graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1994 and was the Law Review Editor. He earned his B.A. at Tufts University in 1988, graduating *cum laude*. Following law school, Mr. Stone served as a clerk to the Honorable Joseph Tauro, then Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. Prior to joining GPM, Mr. Stone practiced at international law firms Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, Morrison & Foerster LLP, and Greenberg Traurig LLP.

Mr. Stone is a member of the bar in New York and California, and is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Northern, Southern, and Central Districts of California, and the Court of Appeals for the Second and Third Circuits.

KARA M. WOLKE is a partner in the firm's Los Angeles office. Ms. Wolke specializes in complex litigation, including the prosecution of securities fraud, derivative, consumer, and wage and hour class actions. She also has extensive experience in appellate advocacy in both State and Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals.

With over fifteen years of experience in financial class action litigation, Ms. Wolke has helped to recover hundreds of millions of dollars for injured investors, consumers, and employees. Notable cases include: *Christine Asia Co. Ltd., et al. v. Jack Yun Ma, et al.*, Case No. 15-md-02631 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$250 million securities class action settlement); *Farmington Hills Employees' Retirement System v. Wells Fargo Bank*, Case No. 10-4372 (D. Minn.) (\$62.5 million settlement on behalf of participants in Wells Fargo's securities lending program. The settlement was reached on the eve of trial and ranked among the largest recoveries achieved in a securities lending class action stemming from the 2008 financial crisis.); *Schleicher, et al. v. Wendt, et al.* (Conseco), Case No. 02-cv-1332 (S.D. Ind.) (\$41.5 million securities class action settlement); *Lapin v. Goldman Sachs*, Case No. 03-850 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$29 million securities class action settlement); *In Re: Mannkind Corporation Securities Litigation*, Case No. 11-929 (C.D. Cal.) (approximately \$22 million settlement – \$16 million in cash plus stock); *Jenson v. First Trust Corp.*, Case No. 05-3124 (C.D. Cal.) (\$8.5 million settlement of action alleging breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract against trust company on behalf of a class of elderly investors); and *Pappas v. Naked Juice Co.*, Case No. 11-08276 (C.D. Cal.) (\$9 million settlement in consumer class action alleging misleading labeling of juice products as "All Natural").

Ms. Wolke has been named a Super Lawyers "Rising Star," and her work on behalf of investors has earned her recognition as a LawDragon Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer for 2019 and 2020.

With a background in intellectual property, Ms. Wolke was a part of the team of lawyers who successfully challenged the claim of copyright ownership to the song "*Happy Birthday to You*" on behalf of artists and filmmakers who had been forced to pay hefty licensing fees to publicly sing the world's most famous song. In the resolution of that action, the defendant music publishing company funded a settlement of \$14 million and, significantly, agreed to relinquish the song to the public domain. Previously, Ms. Wolke penned an article regarding the failure of U.S. Copyright Law to provide an important public performance right in sound recordings, 7 Vand. J. Ent. L. & Prac. 411, which was nationally recognized and received an award by the American Bar Association and the Grammy® Foundation.

Committed to the provision of legal services to the poor, disadvantaged, and other vulnerable or disenfranchised individuals and groups, Ms. Wolke also oversees the Firm's *pro bono practice*. Ms. Wolke currently serves as a volunteer attorney for KIND (Kids In Need of Defense), representing unaccompanied immigrant and refugee children in

custody and deportation proceedings, and helping them to secure legal permanent residency status in the U.S.

Ms. Wolke graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Economics from The Ohio State University in 2001. She subsequently earned her J.D. (with honors) from Ohio State, where she was active in Moot Court and received the Dean's Award for Excellence during each of her three years.

Ms. Wolke is admitted to the State Bar of California, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as the United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, and Central Districts of California. She lives with her husband and two sons in Los Angeles.

OF COUNSEL

PETER A. BINKOW has prosecuted lawsuits on behalf of consumers and investors in state and federal courts throughout the United States. He served as Lead or Co-Lead Counsel in many class action cases, including: *In re Mercury Interactive Securities Litigation* (\$117.5 million recovery); *The City of Farmington Hills Retirement System v Wells Fargo* (\$62.5 million recovery); *Schleicher v Wendt* (Conseco Securities litigation - \$41.5 million recovery); *Lapin v Goldman Sachs* (\$29 million recovery); *In re Heritage Bond Litigation* (\$28 million recovery); *In re National Techteam Securities Litigation* (\$11 million recovery for investors); *In re Lason Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$12.68 million recovery), *In re ESC Medical Systems, Ltd. Securities Litigation* (\$17 million recovery); and many others. In *Schleicher v Wendt*, Mr. Binkow successfully argued the seminal Seventh Circuit case on class certification, in an opinion authored by Chief Judge Frank Easterbrook. He has argued and/or prepared appeals before the Ninth Circuit, Seventh Circuit, Sixth Circuit and Second Circuit Courts of Appeals.

Mr. Binkow joined the Firm in 1994. He was born on August 16, 1965 in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Binkow obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1988 and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Southern California in 1994.

MARK S. GREENSTONE specializes in consumer, financial fraud and employment-related class actions. Possessing significant law and motion and trial experience, Mr. Greenstone has represented clients in multi-million dollar disputes in California state and federal courts, as well as the Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Greenstone received his training as an associate at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP where he specialized in complex business litigation relating to investment management, government contracts and real estate. Upon leaving Sheppard Mullin, Mr. Greenstone founded an internet-based company offering retail items on multiple platforms nationwide. He thereafter returned to law bringing a combination of business and legal skills to his practice.

Mr. Greenstone graduated Order of the Coif from the UCLA School of Law. He also received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from UCLA, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude and was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

Mr. Greenstone is a member of the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, the Santa Monica Bar Association and the Beverly Hills Bar Association. He is admitted to practice in state and federal courts throughout California.

ROBERT I. HARWOOD, Of Counsel to the firm, graduated from William and Mary Law School in 1971, and has specialized in securities law and securities litigation since beginning his career in 1972 at the Enforcement Division of the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Harwood was a founding member of Harwood Feffer LLP. He has prosecuted numerous securities, class, derivative, and ERISA actions. He is a member of the Trial Lawyers' Section of the New York State Bar Association and has served as a guest lecturer at trial advocacy programs sponsored by the Practising Law Institute. In a statewide survey of his legal peers published by Super Lawyers Magazine, Mr. Harwood has been consistently selected as a "New York Metro Super Lawyer." Super Lawyers are the top five percent of attorneys in New York, as chosen by their peers and through the independent research. He is also a Member of the Board of Directors of the MFY Legal Services Inc., which provides free legal representation in civil matters to the poor and the mentally ill in New York City. Since 1999, Mr. Harwood has also served as a Village Justice for the Village of Dobbs Ferry, New York.

Commenting on Mr. Harwood's abilities, in *In re Royal Dutch/Shell Transport ERISA Litigation*, (D.N.J.), Judge Bissell stated:

the Court knows the attorneys in the firms involved in this matter and they are highly experienced and highly skilled in matters of this kind. Moreover, in this case it showed. Those efforts were vigorous, imaginative and prompt in reaching the settlement of this matter with a minimal amount of discovery.... So both skill and efficiency were brought to the table here by counsel, no doubt about that.

Likewise, Judge Hurley stated in connection with *In re Olsten Corporation Securities Litigation*, No. 97 CV-5056 (E.D.N.Y. Aug. 31, 2001), wherein a settlement fund of \$24.1 million was created: "The quality of representation here I think has been excellent." Mr. Harwood was lead attorney in *Meritt v. Eckerd*, No. 86 Civ. 1222 (E.D.N.Y. May 30, 1986), where then Chief Judge Weinstein observed that counsel conducted the litigation with "speed and skill" resulting in a settlement having a value "in the order of \$20 Million Dollars." Mr. Harwood prosecuted the *Hoeniger v. Aylsworth* class action litigation in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (No. SA-86-CA-939), which resulted in a settlement fund of \$18 million and received favorable comment in the August 14, 1989 edition of *The Wall Street Journal* ("*Prospector Fund Finds Golden Touch in Class Action Suit*" p. 18, col. 1). Mr. Harwood served as co-lead counsel in *In Re Interco Incorporated Shareholders Litigation*, Consolidated C.A. No. 10111 (Delaware Chancery Court) (May 25, 1990), resulting in a settlement of \$18.5 million, where V.C. Berger found, "This is a case that has an extensive record that establishes it was very hard fought. There were intense efforts made by plaintiffs' attorneys and those efforts bore very significant fruit in the face of serious questions as to ultimate success on the merits."

Mr. Harwood served as lead counsel in *Morse v. McWhorter* (Columbia/HCA Healthcare Securities Litigation), (M.D. Tenn.), in which a settlement fund of \$49.5 million was created for the benefit of the Class, as well as *In re Bank One Securities Litigation*, (N.D. Ill.), which resulted in the creation of a \$45 million settlement fund. Mr. Harwood also served as co-lead counsel in *In re Safety-Kleen Corp. Stockholders Litigation*, (D.S.C.), which resulted in a settlement fund of \$44.5 million; *In re Laidlaw Stockholders Litigation*, (D.S.C.), which resulted in a settlement fund of \$24 million; *In re AIG ERISA Litigation*, (S.D.N.Y.), which resulted in a settlement fund of \$24.2 million; *In re JWP Inc. Securities Litigation*, (S.D.N.Y.), which resulted in a \$37 million settlement fund; *In re Oxford Health Plans, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, (S.D.N.Y.), which resulted in a settlement benefit of \$13.7 million and corporate therapeutics; and *In re UNUMProvident Corp. Securities Litigation*, (D. Me.), which resulted in the creation of settlement fund of \$45 million. Mr. Harwood has also been one of the lead attorneys in litigating claims in *In re FedEx Ground Package Inc. Employment Practices Litigation*, No. 3:05-MD-527 (MDL 1700), a multi-district litigation concerning employment classification of pickup and delivery drivers which resulted in a \$242,000,000 settlement.

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- Represented lead plaintiffs in *In re Tintri Securities Litigation*, Case No. 17-cv-04321, San Mateo Superior Court, a securities class action alleging violations of Securities Act of 1933. The parties have reached an agreement in principle to settle the case, subject to court approval.
- Represented lead plaintiffs in *Ivan Baron v. HyreCar Inc. et al*, 2:21-cv-06918-FWS-JC (C.D. Cal), a securities class action alleging violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which recently defeated Defendants' Motion to Dismiss and is in discovery.
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