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1. That declarant is and was, at all times herein mentioned, a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of San Diego, over the age of 18 years, and not a party to or interested

party in the within action; that declarant's business address is 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, California 92101.

That on July 11, 2024, declarant caused to be served the foregoing document by email 2.

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are under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 11, Diego, California.

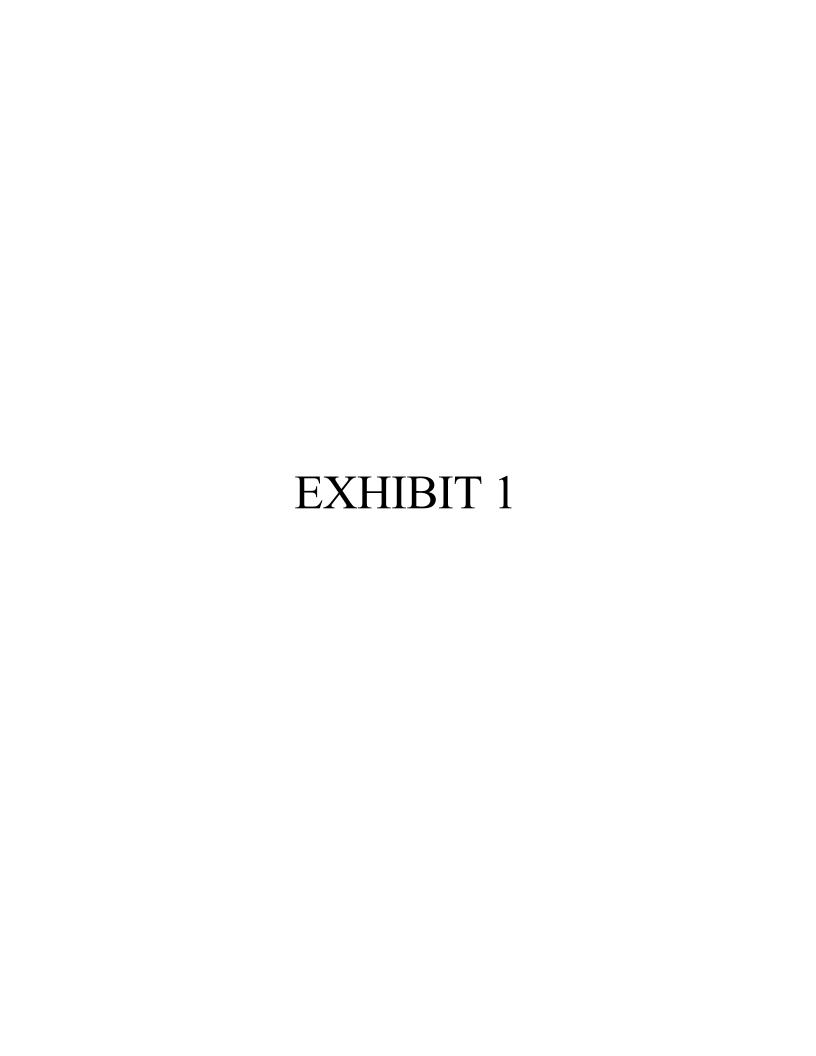
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- I, Rustam Mustafin, hereby state the following:
- 1. I am one of three named plaintiffs in the above-referenced action. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and, if called as a witness, could and would competently testify thereto.
- 2. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of: (a) final approval of the \$7,000,000 settlement (the "Settlement") in the litigation reached between plaintiffs Henrik Thørring, Laurence Clayton and myself (collectively, "Plaintiffs") and Defendants; and (b) approval of Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses.<sup>1</sup>
- 3. I have monitored the prosecution of this litigation and have been actively involved in significant events. I have also had regular correspondence and discussions with my attorneys at Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC ("Cohen Milstein") and Bronstein Gewitz & Grossman LLC ("BGG") regarding case strategy and discovery in pursuit of the alleged claims and actively engaged in the litigation. In particular, I: produced my trading records to my attorneys at Cohen Milstein and BGG; (b) regularly communicated with Cohen Milstein and BGG attorneys regarding the posture and progress of the case; (c) reviewed all significant pleadings and briefs filed in this action; (d) reviewed the Court's orders and discussed them with attorneys at Cohen Milstein and BGG; (e) provided documents, and written responses and objections, to Defendants' requests for the production of documents; (f) responded to interrogatories; (g) prepared for my deposition and was deposed in New York City for which I traveled from my home in the City of Montreal in Quebec, Canada; (h) moved for class certification and to serve as the class representative; (i) consulted with Cohen Milstein and BGG attorneys regarding the settlement negotiations; and (j) evaluated and approved the proposed Settlement.
- 4. I have evaluated the risks of continued litigation and trial, including the risk of no recovery at all, and, in light of that evaluation, authorized Lead Counsel to settle this action for

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\$7,000,000. I believe the Settlement is fair and reasonable, represents an exceptional result and is in the best interest of the Class.

- 5. While I understand that the determination of attorneys' fees is left up to the Court, I believe counsel's request for the award of one-third of the Settlement Amount in legal fees and expenses in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 is fair and reasonable as the Settlement would not have been possible without the diligent and aggressive prosecutorial efforts of Plaintiffs' Counsel.
- 6. I understand that the Class has been given notice of the request by Plaintiffs to seek an award for their efforts in representing the Class. Accordingly, I seek an award of \$15,000 in connection with my work in representing the Class. This request is based on the significant time and effort I have devoted to the litigation activities described above, time that I would have otherwise spent on other matters. I understand that it is in the Court's discretion to grant my request, in full or in part, or to deny the request.
- 7. Finally, I understand that after the settlement funds are distributed to Class Members, if there is any remaining balance in the Settlement Fund that cannot be feasibly distributed to me and the other Class Members, such balance will be donated to Bay Area Legal Aid. I have no connection to Bay Area Legal Aid, be it personal, professional or otherwise.
- I, Rustam Mustafin, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed this 11th day of June, 2024.

City of Montreal in Quebec, Canada

**RUSTAM MUSTAFIN** 

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15 16	In re TINTRI, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION	<ul><li>Lead Case No. 17-CIV-04312</li><li>(Consolidated with Nos. 17-CIV-04321;</li><li>17-CIV-04618; and 20-CIV-00980)</li></ul>		
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19	ALL ACTIONS.	<ul><li>SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR</li><li>FINAL APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND</li></ul>		
20		AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES		
21		Date: August 22, 2024		
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I, Henrik Thørring, hereby state the following:

- I am one of three named plaintiffs in the above-referenced action. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and, if called as a witness, could and would competently testify thereto.
- 2. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of: (a) final approval of the \$7,000,000 settlement (the "Settlement") in the litigation reached between plaintiffs Rustam Mustafin, Laurence Clayton and myself (collectively, "Plaintiffs") and Defendants; and (b) approval of Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses.
- 3. I have monitored the prosecution of this litigation and have been actively involved in significant events. I have also had regular correspondence and discussions with my attorneys at Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP ("GPM") regarding case strategy and discovery in pursuit of the alleged claims and actively engaged in the litigation. In particular, I: (a) produced my trading records to my attorneys at GPM; (b) regularly communicated with GPM attorneys regarding the posture and progress of the case; (c) reviewed all significant pleadings and briefs filed in this action; (d) reviewed the Court's orders and discussed them with attorneys at GPM; (e) provided documents, and written responses and objections, to Defendants' requests for the production of documents; (f) responded to interrogatories; (g) prepared for my deposition and was deposed; (h) moved for class certification and to serve as the class representative; (i) consulted with GPM attorneys regarding the settlement negotiations; and (j) evaluated and approved the proposed Settlement.
- 4. I have evaluated the risks of continued litigation and trial, including the risk of no recovery at all, and, in light of that evaluation, authorized Lead Counsel to settle this action for \$7,000,000. I believe the Settlement is fair and reasonable, represents an exceptional result and is in the best interest of the Class.
- While I understand that the determination of attorneys' fees is left up to the Court, I
   believe counsel's request for the award of one-third of the Settlement Amount in legal fees and

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- 7. Finally, I understand that after the settlement funds are distributed to Class Members, if there is any remaining balance in the Settlement Fund that cannot be feasibly distributed to me and the other Class Members, such balance will be donated to Bay Area Legal Aid. I have no connection to Bay Area Legal Aid, be it personal, professional or otherwise.
- I, Henrik Thørring, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed this 20th day of June, 2024.

HENRIK THØRRING



I, Laurence Clayton, hereby state the following:

- 1. I am one of three named plaintiffs in the above-referenced action. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and, if called as a witness, could competently testify thereto.
- 2. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of: (i) final approval of the \$7,000,000 settlement (the "Settlement") in the litigation reached between plaintiffs Rustam Mustafin, Henrik Thørring, and myself (collectively, "Plaintiffs") and Defendants; and (ii) approval of lead counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses.<sup>1</sup>
- 3. I have monitored the prosecution of this litigation and have been actively involved in significant events. I reviewed the complaint prior to it being filed and authorized my counsel to file it on my behalf. I have also had regular correspondence and discussions with Plaintiffs' counsel regarding case strategy and discovery in pursuit of the alleged claims and actively engaged in the litigation, including: (i) searching for and collecting records of my transactions in Tintri, Inc. common stock; (ii) providing documents, and written responses and objections, to Defendants' requests for production of documents, (iii) responding to interrogatories; (iv) preparing and sitting for my deposition; (v) reviewing Plaintiffs' motion for class certification; (vi) reviewing pleadings and Court orders; and (vii) discussing settlement negotiations and the documentation of the Settlement.
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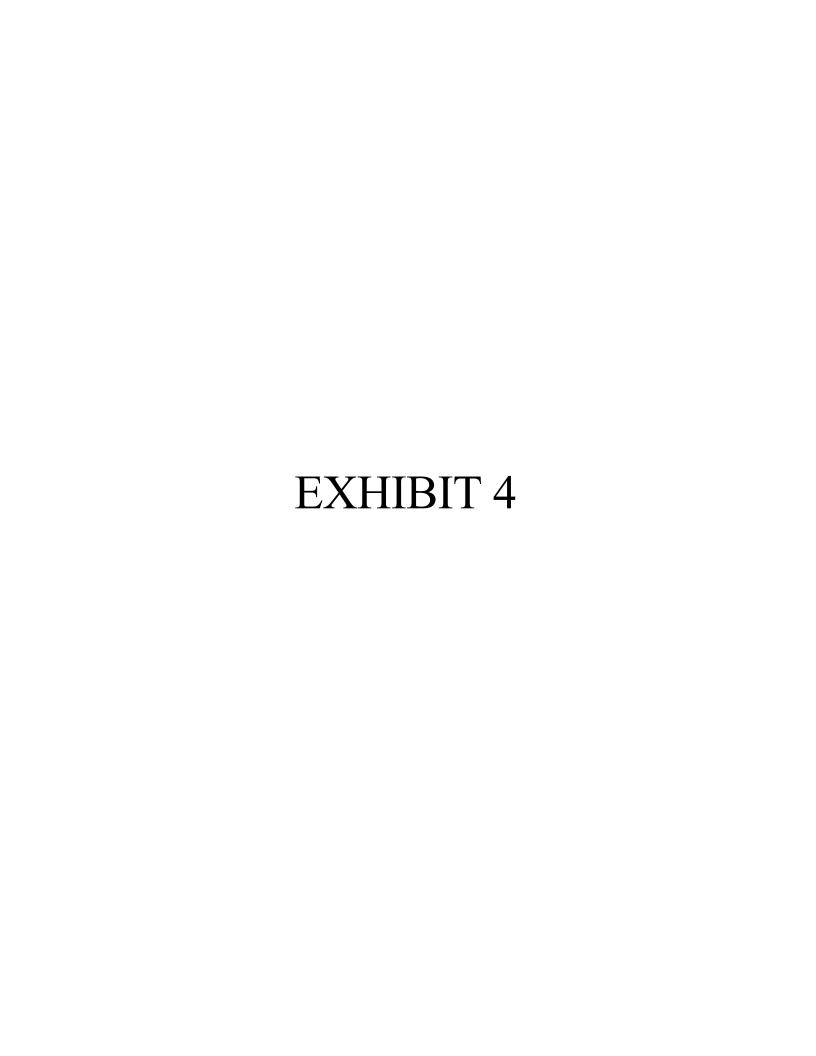
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- I, Laurence Clayton, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this \_\_\_ day of July, 2024.

LAURENCE CLAYTON

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19		APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES
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DECLARATION OF JAMES I. JACONETTE FILED ON BEHALF OF ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD LLP IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES 4881-6728-9287.v2

I, JAMES I. JACONETTE, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a member of the firm of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP ("Robbins Geller" or the "Firm"). I am submitting this declaration in support of the application for an award of attorneys' fees, expenses and charges ("expenses") in connection with services rendered in the above-entitled action (the "Litigation").
- This Firm is counsel of record for Plaintiffs Rustam Mustafin, Henrik Thørring,
   Laurence Clayton, and the Class herein.
- 3. The information in this declaration regarding the Firm's time and expenses is taken from time and expense reports and supporting documentation prepared and/or maintained by the Firm in the ordinary course of business. I am the partner who oversaw and/or conducted the day-to-day activities in the Litigation and I reviewed these reports (and backup documentation where necessary or appropriate) in connection with the preparation of this declaration. The purpose of this review was to confirm both the accuracy of the entries as well as the necessity for, and reasonableness of, the time and expenses committed to the Litigation. As a result of this review, reductions were made to both time and expenses in the exercise of billing judgment. Based on this review and the adjustments made, I believe that the time reflected in the Firm's lodestar calculation and the expenses for which payment is sought herein are reasonable and were necessary for the effective and efficient prosecution and resolution of the Litigation.
- 4. After the reductions referred to above, the number of hours spent on the Litigation by the Firm is 2,118.25. A breakdown of the lodestar is provided in the attached Exhibit A. The lodestar amount for attorney/paraprofessional time based on the Firm's current rates is \$1,682,715.75. The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A are the Firm's current rates in contingent cases set by the Firm for each individual. These hourly rates are consistent with hourly rates submitted by the Firm to state and federal courts in other securities class action litigation. The Firm's rates are set based on periodic

analysis of rates charged by firms performing comparable work both on the plaintiff and defense side. For personnel who are no longer employed by the Firm, the "current rate" used for the lodestar calculation is based upon the rate for that person in his or her final year of employment with the Firm.

- 5. The Firm seeks an award of \$136,791.06 in expenses and charges in connection with the prosecution of the Litigation. Those expenses and charges are summarized by category in the attached Exhibit B.
  - 6. The following is additional information regarding certain of these expenses:
- (a) Filing and Attorney Service Fees: \$4,891.84. These expenses have been paid to the Court for filing fees and to attorney service firms or individuals who either: (i) served process of the complaint or subpoenas; (ii) obtained copies of court documents for Plaintiffs; or (iii) delivered courtesy copies of documents to Judge's Chambers. The vendors who were paid for these services are set forth in the attached Exhibit C.
- (b) Transportation and Meals: \$795.47. In connection with the prosecution of this case, the Firm has paid for travel expenses to attend the mediation session held on August 6, 2019 in San Francisco, California.
- (c) Deposition Transcript: \$1,226.50. This amount was paid to Planet Depos, LLC for the deposition transcript of Laurence Clayton.
  - (d) Consultants/Investigators: \$77,952.82.
- (i) Tasta Group (d/b/a Caliber Advisors, Inc.): \$38,887.50. Through Caliber Advisors, Plaintiffs retained the services of Bjorn I. Steinholt, CFA ("Steinholt"), who specializes in financial analysis and related economic consulting services, providing expert testimony on various economic issues that typically arise in securities class actions. Steinholt's services included: (i) consulting with counsel; (ii) reviewing and analyzing numerous documents produced by the parties in discovery; (iii) reviewing and analyzing public filings by Tintri with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (iv) reviewing and analyzing price and volume data for Tintri's

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common stock; (v) reviewing and analyzing certain analyst reports and Bloomberg data related to Tintri; (vi) providing a declaration in support of Plaintiffs' motion for class certification explaining how to quantify damages under the Securities Act of 1933; (vii) reviewing, analyzing, and consulting with Plaintiffs' counsel regarding certain arguments raised by Defendants in opposition to Plaintiffs' motion for class certification; (viii) calculating various damages estimates for use at the mediation and consulting with Plaintiffs' counsel related to various damages-related arguments in that context; and (ix) consulting with Plaintiffs' counsel concerning the Plan of Allocation.

(ii) L.R. Hodges & Associates, Ltd. ("LRH&A"): \$30,489.10. Over a nine-month period (September through December 2017, January through May and July 2018) in which LRH&A provided investigative services to Lead Counsel, LRH&A expended 134 hours for combined fees of \$28,095.00, and incurred related expenses of \$2,394.10 for a total of \$30,489.10. LRH&A's research staff expended 27.1 hours to research, identify, and confirm the employment status of prospective witnesses, locating all key targets, as well as maintaining and updating an evolving witness list to support other investigative team members. This also involved research, retrieval, and analysis of relevant documents, including SEC filings, media articles, court filings, as well as other materials related to the case issues. The case manager and interviewing investigators expended a combined 106.9 hours to research, review, and analyze materials in preparation for the investigation; contacting and conducting interviews with targeted third-party witnesses; and thereafter, preparing comprehensive interview summaries and other case reports. In addition, these individuals were involved in analyzing key case issues, as well as establishing and executing the joint litigation-investigation team plan, and participating in numerous strategy sessions and investigation briefings with Lead Counsel.

(iii) Smith Katzenstein Jenkins LLP ("SKJ"): \$8,576.22. SKJ is a law firm that represents clients on a variety of matters in Delaware courts, including the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. Here, the firm represented Plaintiffs before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware in connection with responding to legal issues raised by Tintri's bankruptcy filing. SKJ reviewed Tintri's bankruptcy plan and related filings, consulted with

Plaintiffs' counsel, and drafted and filed a motion for relief from the automatic bankruptcy stay that paused litigation before this Court. The firm continued to participate in briefing related to the motion for relief from the stay and ultimately participated in negotiations to the terms of an agreed order to lift the bankruptcy plan injunction, allowing this Litigation to proceed.

- (e) In-House Photocopies: \$261.15. In connection with this case, the Firm made 1,741 black and white copies. Robbins Geller requests \$0.15 per copy for a total of \$261.15. Each time an in-house copy machine is used, our billing system requires that a case or administrative billing code be entered and that is how the number of in-house copies were identified as related to the Litigation.
- (f) Online Legal and Financial Research: \$1,967.94. This category includes vendors such as LexisNexis products, PACER, Thomson Financial, and Westlaw. These resources were used to obtain access to SEC filings, factual databases, legal research, and for proofreading and "blue-booking" court filings (including checking all legal authorities cited and quoted in briefs). This category represents the expenses incurred by Robbins Geller for use of these services in connection with this Litigation. The charges for these vendors vary depending upon the type of services requested. For example, Robbins Geller has flat-rate contracts with some of these providers for use of their services. When Robbins Geller utilizes online services provided by a vendor with a flat-rate contract, access to the service is by a billing code entered for the specific case being litigated. At the end of each billing period in which such service is used, Robbins Geller's costs for such services are allocated to specific cases based on the percentage of use in connection with that specific case in the billing period. As a result of the contracts negotiated by Robbins Geller with certain providers, the Class enjoys substantial savings in comparison with the "market-rate" for *a la carte* use of such services which some law firms pass on to their clients. For example, the "market-rate" charged to

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others by LexisNexis for the types of services used by Robbins Geller is more expensive than the rates negotiated by Robbins Geller.

- eDiscovery Database Hosting: \$10,505.90. Robbins Geller has installed top (g) tier database software, infrastructure, and security. The platform implemented, Relativity, is offered by over 100 vendors and is currently being used by 198 of the AmLaw200 firms. Over 50 servers are dedicated to Robbins Geller's Relativity hosting environment with all data stored in a secure SSAE 18 Tier III data center with automatic replication to a datacenter located in a different geographic location. By hosting in-house, Robbins Geller is able to charge a reduced, all-in rate that includes many services which are often charged as extra fees when hosted by a third-party vendor. Robbins Geller's hosting fee includes user logins, ingestion, processing, OCRing, TIFFing, bates stamping, productions, and archiving – all at no additional per unit cost. Also included is unlimited structured and conceptual analytics (i.e., email threading, inclusive detection, near-dupe detection, concept searching, active learning, clustering, and more). Robbins Geller is able to provide all these services for a cost that is typically much lower than outsourcing to a third-party vendor. Utilizing a secure, advanced platform in-house has allowed Robbins Geller to prosecute actions more efficiently, utilize advanced AI technology, and has reduced the expense associated with maintaining and searching electronic discovery databases. Similar to third-party vendors, Robbins Geller uses a tiered rate system to calculate hosting charges. The amount requested reflects charges for the hosting of over 139,000 pages of documents produced by parties and non-parties in this action.
- (h) Mediation Fees (Phillips ADR Enterprises, P.C.): \$38,818.75. The parties retained Phillips ADR Enterprises, P.C. in connection with two full-day mediations in this case and related pre-mediation and follow-up mediation services. The first mediation was on August 6, 2019, and was facilitated by Michelle Yoshida, a full-time mediator, arbitrator, and special master since 2007. Michelle Yoshida has been involved in the mediation of over five hundred disputes, including



#### **EXHIBIT A**

In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation, Lead Case No. 17-CIV-04312 Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP Inception through May 23, 2024

NAME		HOURS	RATE	LODESTAR
Jaconette, James I.	(P)	713.55	1075	\$ 767,066.25
Pintar, Theodore J.	(P)	168.80	1200	202,560.00
Robbins, Darren J.	(P)	4.25	1400	5,950.00
Rosen, Henry	(P)	250.10	1090	272,609.00
Hall, David W.	(A)	55.00	530	29,150.00
Dalgleish, Kimberle S.	(SA)	639.40	475	303,715.00
Economic Analysts		14.30	370-470	5,875.50
Research Analyst		7.10	325	2,307.50
Investigator		12.00	350	4,200.00
Litigation Support		25.50	190-315	7,437.50
Paralegals		208.25	325-410	79,645.00
Shareholder Relations		20.00	110	2,200.00
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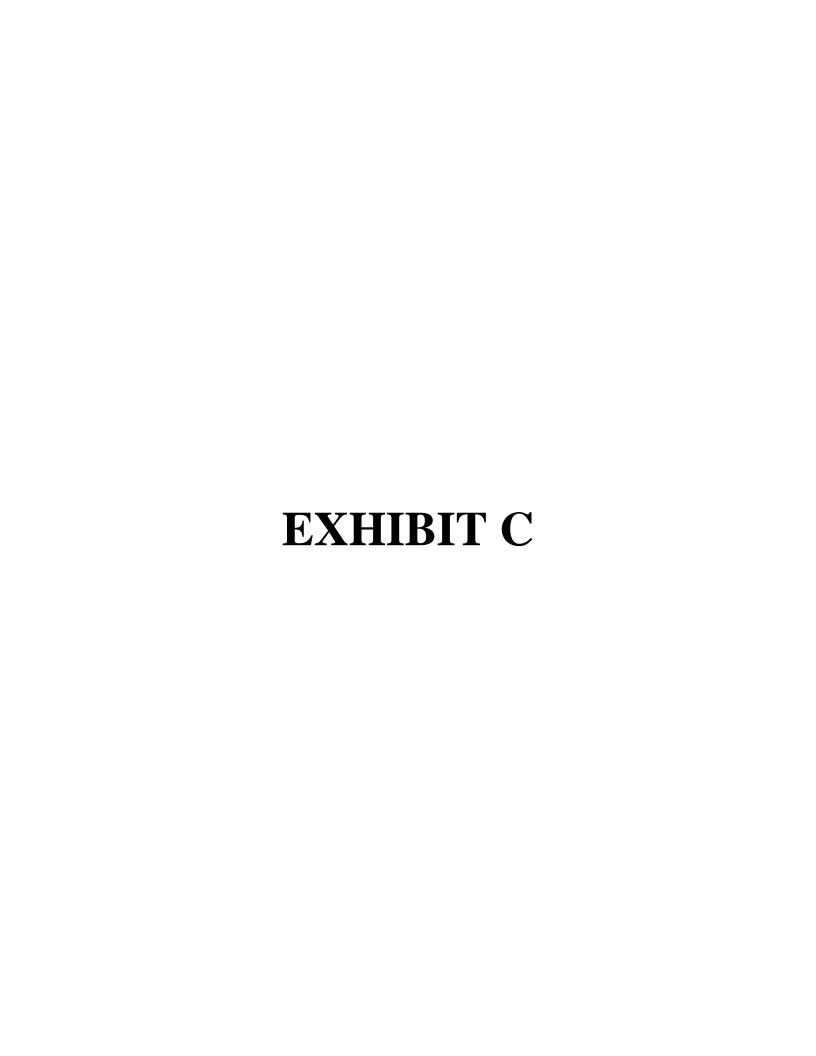
- (P) Partner
- (A) Associate
- (SA) Staff Attorney



#### **EXHIBIT B**

# In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation, Lead Case No. 17-CIV-04312 Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP Expense Summary Inception through January 31, 2024

CATEGORY		A.	MOUNT
Filing and Attorney Service Fees		\$	4,891.84
Transportation and Meals			795.47
Telephone			9.91
Postage			107.91
Messenger, Overnight Delivery			252.87
Deposition Transcript			1,226.50
Consultants/Investigators			77,952.82
Tasta Group (d/b/a Caliber Advisors, Inc.)	\$ 38,887.50		
L.R. Hodges & Associates, Ltd.	30,489.10		
Smith Katzenstein Jenkins LLP 8,576.22			
In-House Photocopies			
(1,741 copies @ \$0.15 per page)			261.15
Online Legal and Financial Research			1,967.94
eDiscovery Database Hosting			10,505.90
Mediation Fees (Phillips ADR Enterprises, P.C.)			38,818.75
TOTAL		\$	136,791.06



### **EXHIBIT C**

#### In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation, Lead Case No. 17-CIV-04312 Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP

Filing and Attorney Service Fees: \$4,891.84

DATE	VENDOR	PURPOSE
10/03/17	SAN MATEO COUNTY SUPERIOR	FILING OF EX PARTE APPLICATION
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	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	JURY FEES; NEW CASE FILING;
	INC.	SUMMONS; COMPLAINT; CIVIL
		CASE COVER SHEET; CERTIFICATE
		RE COMPLEX CASE DESIGNATION
10/10/17	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	NEW CASE FILING: SUMMONS;
	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	COMPLAINT; CIVIL CASE COVER
	INC.	SHEET; CERTIFICATE RE COMPLEX
		CASE DESIGNATION
01/31/18	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	SUBSTITUTED SERVICE: NEA 12
	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	GP: SUMMONS; CLASS ACTION
	INC.	COMPLAINT; CIVIL CASE COVER
		SHEET; CERTIFICATE RE COMPLEX
		CASE DESIGNATION; NOTICE OF
		CASE MANAGEMENT HEARING;
		ADR INFORMATION PACKAGE;
		CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT
01/31/18	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	PERSONAL SERVICE: MORGAN
	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	STANLEY & CO. LLC: SUMMONS;
	INC.	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT; CIVIL
		CASE COVER SHEET; CERTIFICATE
		RE COMPLEX CASE DESIGNATION;
		NOTICE OF CASE MANAGEMENT
		STATEMENT
01/31/18	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	PERSONAL SERVICE: KEYBANC
	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	CAPITAL MARKETS, INC.:
	INC.	SUMMONS; CLASS ACTION
		COMPLAINT; CIVIL CASE COVER
		SHEET; CERTIFICATE RE COMPLEX
		CASE DESIGNATION; NOTICE OF
		CASE MANAGEMENT HEARING;
		ADR INFORMATION PACKAGE;
		CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

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01/31/18	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	PERSONAL SERVICE: SILVER LAKE
	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	KRAFTWERK FUND L.P.:
	INC.	SUMMONS; CLASS ACTION
		COMPLAINT; CIVIL CASE COVER
		SHEET; CERTIFICATE RE COMPLEX
		CASE DESIGNATION; NOTICE OF
		CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT
01/31/18	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	SUBSTITUTED SERVICE: NEW
	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATES 12,
	INC.	LIMITED PARTNERSHIP:
		SUMMONS; CLASS ACTION
		COMPLAINT; CIVIL CASE COVER
		SHEET; CERTIFICATE RE COMPLEX
		CASE DESIGNATION; NOTICE OF
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		ADR INFORMATION PACKAGE;
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01/31/18	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	PERSONAL SERVICE: MERRILL
	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
	INC.	INCORPORATED: SUMMONS;
		CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT; CIVIL
		CASE COVER SHEET; CERTIFICATE
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01/31/18	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	PERSONAL SERVICE: RAYMOND
	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC.:
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		COMPLAINT; CIVIL CASE COVER
		SHEET; CERTIFICATE RE COMPLEX
		CASE DESIGNATION; NOTICE OF
		CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT
01/31/18	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	SUBSTITUTED SERVICE: NEEHAM
	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	& COMPANY, LLC: SUMMONS;
	INC.	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT; CIVIL
		CASE COVER SHEET; CERTIFICATE
		RE COMPLEX CASE DESIGNATION;
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01/31/18	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	PERSONAL SERVICE: PIPER
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	INC.	ACTION COMPLAINT; CIVIL CASE
		COVER SHEET; CERTIFICATE RE
		COMPLEX CASE DESIGNATION;
		NOTICE OF CASE MANAGEMENT
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	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC:
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	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	PARTNERS 12, LIMITED
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	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATES
	INC.	KRAFTWERK, L.P.: SUMMONS;
		CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT; CIVIL
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	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	GROUP, L.L.C.: SUMMONS; CLASS
	INC.	ACTION COMPLAINT; CIVIL CASE
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	INC.	SUMMONS; CLASS ACTION
		COMPLAINT; CIVIL CASE COVER
		SHEET; CERTIFICATE RE COMPLEX
		CASE DESIGNATION; NOTICE OF
		CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT
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	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES, INC.	SUMMONS & COMPLAINT
03/28/18	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	COURTESY COPY FOR JUDGE'S
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	INC.	SUPPORT OF MOTION TO REMAND
04/18/18	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	FILING: NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY
	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	DISMISSAL OF DEFENDANT
	INC.	CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA)
		LLC; DECLARATION OF DAVID
		HALL IN SUPPORT OF VOLUNTARY
		DISMISSAL
04/30/18	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	RESEARCH & COPY: STATUS OF
	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	PROPOSED ORDER GRANTING
	INC.	MOTION AND PEREMPTORY
		CHALLENGE
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	INC.	(PROPOSED) ORDER RE
		CONSOLIDATION OF RELATED
		ACTIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF
		LEAD COUNSEL
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	INC.	WITHDRAWAL OF DAVID HALL AS COUNSEL
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	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	CHAMBERS: JOINT CASE
	INC.	MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
		STATEMENT
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	INC.	COMPLAINT
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	LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES,	ORDER
	INC.	

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12/30/19	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH & LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES, INC.	FILING: JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENT
07/31/20	ODYSSEY EFILE CA	FILING: DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS
07/31/20	ODYSSEY EFILE CA	FILING: PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS
09/09/20	ODYSSEY FILE & SERVE	FILING: REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS
10/27/20	ODYSSEY FILE & SERVE	FILING: PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS' SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF RE (1) RESTORATION ROBOTICS DISMISSAL ORDER AND (2) AMICUS BRIEF SUBMITTED BY PLAINTIFFS
09/30/22	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH & LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES, INC.	OBTAIN ORDER REGARDING LIFTING THE STAY FILED 07/10/2020
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01/03/24	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH PENRYN CA	DOCUMENTS REJECTED BY THE CLERK OF THE COURT (REJECTION NOTICE, 12/26/23); PROPOSED ORDER
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### INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

### PRACTICE AREAS AND SERVICES

### **Securities Fraud**

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

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

The Firm's reputation for excellence has been repeatedly noted by courts and has resulted in the appointment of Firm attorneys to lead roles in hundreds of complex class-action securities and other 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 sixweek 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 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, ICCP 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 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.
- 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.].). 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. 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 "hardfought 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 consel, 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-ofquarter 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, ICCP 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 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 cocounsel, 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 cocounsel, obtained a \$146.25 million settlement on behalf of Duke Energy Corporation investors. The settlement resolves accusations that defendants misled investors regarding Duke's future leadership following its merger with Progress Energy, Inc., and specifically, their premeditated coup to oust William D. Johnson (CEO of Progress) and replace him with Duke's then-CEO, John Rogers. This historic settlement represents the largest recovery ever in a North Carolina securities fraud action, and one of the five largest recoveries in the Fourth Circuit.
- In re Rural Metro Corp. S'holders Litig., No. 6350-VCL (Del. Ch.). Robbins Geller and co-counsel were appointed lead counsel in this case after successfully objecting to an inadequate settlement that did not take into account evidence of defendants' conflicts of interest. In a post-trial opinion, Delaware Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster found defendant RBC Capital Markets, LLC liable for aiding and abetting Rural/Metro's board of directors' fiduciary duty breaches in the \$438 million buyout of Rural/Metro, citing "the magnitude of the conflict between RBC's claims and the evidence." RBC was ordered to pay nearly \$110 million as a result of its wrongdoing, the largest damage award ever obtained against a bank over its role as a merger adviser. The Delaware Supreme Court issued a landmark opinion affirming the judgment on November 30, 2015, RBC Cap. Mkts., LLC v. Jervis, 129 A.3d 816 (Del. 2015).
- In re Del Monte Foods Co. S'holders Litig., No. 6027-VCL (Del. Ch.). Robbins Geller exposed the unseemly practice by investment bankers of participating on both sides of large merger and acquisition transactions and ultimately secured an \$89 million settlement for shareholders of Del Monte. For efforts in achieving these results, the Robbins Geller lawyers prosecuting the case were named Attorneys of the Year by California Lawyer magazine in 2012.
- In re TD Banknorth S'holders Litig., No. 2557-VCL (Del. Ch.). After objecting to a modest recovery of just a few cents per share, the Firm took over the litigation and obtained a common fund settlement of \$50 million.

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

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

### Antitrust

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

- In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 1720 (E.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys, serving as co-lead counsel on behalf of merchants, obtained a settlement amount of \$5.54 billion. In approving the settlement, the court noted that Robbins Geller and co-counsel "demonstrated the utmost professionalism despite the demands of the extreme perseverance that this case has required, litigating on behalf of a class of over 12 million for over fourteen years, across a changing legal landscape, significant motion practice, and appeal Class counsel's pedigree and efforts alone speak to the quality of their and remand. representation."
- Dahl v. Bain Cap. Partners, LLC, No. 07-cv-12388 (D. Mass). Robbins Geller attorneys served as colead 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 pricefixing 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 anticompetitive 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 Gelller'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 Iv. 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. ICCP 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 antiunion 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 socioeconomic benefits associated with the use of PLAs on large-scale construction projects.

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

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

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

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

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

#### Pro Bono

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

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

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

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

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

### **Prominent Cases**

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 sixweek jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a securities fraud verdict in favor of the class. In 2015, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the jury's verdict that defendants made false or misleading statements of material fact about the company's business practices and financial results, but remanded the case for a new trial on the issue of whether the individual defendants "made" certain false statements, whether those false statements caused plaintiffs' losses, and the amount of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The quality of representation in this case was superb. Lead Counsel, [Robbins Geller], are nationally recognized leaders in complex securities litigation class actions. The quality of the representation is demonstrated by the substantial benefit achieved for the Class and the efficient, effective prosecution and resolution of this action. Lead Counsel defeated a volley of motions to dismiss, thwarting wellformed 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 ecommerce and advertising revenue. After almost four years of litigation involving extensive discovery, the Firm secured combined settlements for its opt-out clients totaling over \$629 million just weeks before The Regents' case pending in California state court was scheduled to go to trial. The Regents' gross recovery of \$246 million is the largest individual opt-out securities recovery in history.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.].). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel for a class of investors that purchased AT&T common stock. The case charged defendants AT&T and its former Chairman and CEO, C. Michael Armstrong, with violations of the federal securities laws in connection with AT&T's April 2000 initial public offering of its wireless tracking stock, one of the largest IPOs in American history. After two weeks of trial, and on the eve of scheduled testimony by Armstrong and infamous telecom analyst Jack Grubman, defendants agreed to settle the case for \$100 million. In granting approval of the settlement, the court stated the following about the Robbins Geller attorneys handling the case:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Precedent-Setting Decisions**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Additional Judicial Commendations

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

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

- 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 wellregarded 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-IO, Memorandum & Order (E.D.N.Y. Dec. 16, 2019).
- In October 2019, the Honorable Claire C. Cecchi noted that Robbins Geller is "capable of adequately representing the class, both based on their prior experience in class action lawsuits and based on their capable advocacy on behalf of the class in this action." The court further commended the Firm and co-counsel for "conduct[ing] the [l]itigation . . . with skill, perseverance, and diligent advocacy." Lincoln Adventures, LLC v. Those Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London Members, No. 2:08-cv-00235-CCC-JAD, Order at 4 (D.N.J. Oct. 3, 2019); Lincoln Adventures, LLC v. Those Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London Members of Syndicates, No. 2:08-cv-00235-CCC-JAD, Order Awarding Attorneys' Fees and Expenses/Charges and Service Awards at 3 (D.N.J. Oct. 3, 2019).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# ATTORNEY BIOGRAPHIES

## Mario Alba Jr. | Partner

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

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

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

### Michael Albert | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

# Matthew I. Alpert | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2019

# Darryl J. Alvarado | Partner

Darryl Alvarado is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He focuses his practice on securities fraud and other complex civil litigation. Alvarado was a member of the trial team in Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc., which recovered \$350 million for aggrieved investors. The First Solar settlement, reached on the eve of trial after more than seven years of litigation and an interlocutory appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, is the fifth-largest PSLRA recovery ever obtained in the Ninth Circuit. Alvarado recently litigated Monroe County Employees' Retirement System v. The Southern Company, which recovered \$87.5 million for investors after more than three years of litigation. The settlement resolved securities fraud claims stemming from defendants' issuance of misleading statements and omissions regarding the construction of a first-of-itskind "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

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

## X. Jay Alvarez | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2020

## Dory P. Antullis | Partner

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

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

Antullis has also been an integral part of Robbins Geller's history of successful privacy and data breach class action cases. She is currently serving as Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel in In re Luxottica of America, Inc. Data Breach Litig., No. 1:20-cv-00908 (S.D. Ohio), and Liaison Counsel in DeSue v. 20/20 Eye Care Network, Inc., No. 21-cv-61275 (S.D. Fla.) (\$3 million class settlement). Antullis's heavy lifting at every stage of the litigation in In re Yahoo! Inc. Customer Data Sec. Breach Litig., No. 5:16-md-02752 (N.D. Cal.), helped to secure a \$117.5 million recovery in the largest data breach in history. Antullis successfully defeated two rounds of dispositive briefing, worked with leadership and computer privacy and damages experts to plan a winning strategy for the case, and drafted an innovative motion for class certification that immediately preceded a successful mediation with defendants in that litigation. Antullis also provided meaningful "nuts-and-bolts" support in other data breach class actions, including In re Am. Med. Collection Agency, Inc., Customer Data Sec. Breach Litig., No. 2:19-md-02904 (D.N.].) (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 Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2022-2024; Leading Litigator in America, Lawdragon, 2024; National Merit Scholar, Rice University; Golden Key National Honor Society, Rice University; Nominated for The Rice Undergraduate academic journal, Rice University; Michael I. Sovern Scholar, Columbia Law School; Hague Appeal for Peace, Committee for a Just and Effective Response to 9/11, Columbia Law School; Columbia Mediation and Political Asylum Clinics, Columbia Law School; Harlem Tutorial Program, Columbia Law School; Journal of Eastern European Law, Columbia Law School; Columbia Law Women's Association, Columbia Law School

# Stephen R. Astley | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

### 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. Atwood is also part of the Firm's Delaware Practice Group.

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

# Aelish M. Baig | Partner

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

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

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

### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

## Randall J. Baron | Partner

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

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

### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

# James E. Barz | Partner

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

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

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

### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

## Lea Malani Bays | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

# Alexandra S. Bernay | Partner

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

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

### Kenneth J. Black | Partner

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

### Erin W. Boardman | Partner

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

## Douglas R. Britton | Partner

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

#### Education

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

## Honors / Awards

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

### Luke O. Brooks | Partner

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

### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

# Spencer A. Burkholz | Partner

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

## Michael G. Capeci | Partner

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

### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

# Jennifer N. Caringal | Partner

Jennifer Caringal is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where her practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Jennifer is a member of the Firm's Lead Plaintiff Advisory Team, which advises institutional investors in connection with lead plaintiff motions, and assists them in securing appointment as lead plaintiff. 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, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2022-2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers, 2021-2024; They've Got Next: The 40 Under 40, Bloomberg Law, 2022; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2021-2022; Best Lawyer in Southern California: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2021

### Rachel A. Cocalis | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

### Brian E. Cochran | Partner

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

Cochran was a member of the litigation team that achieved a \$1.21 billion settlement in the Valeant Pharmaceuticals securities litigation. Cochran also developed the Dynamic Ledger securities litigation, one of the first cases to challenge a cryptocurrency issuer's failure to register under the federal securities laws, which settled for \$25 million. In addition, Cochran was part of the team that secured a historic \$25 million settlement on behalf of Trump University students, which Cochran prosecuted on a pro bono basis. Other notable recoveries include: Rite Aid Merger (\$192.5 million); Exelon (\$173 million); Micro Focus (\$107.5 million); Walgreens (\$105 million); Scotts Miracle-Gro (up to \$85 million); Psychiatric Solutions (\$65 million); SQM Chemical & Mining Co. of Chile (\$62.5 million); GE ERISA (\$61 million); Grubhub (\$42 million); Big Lots (\$38 million); Credit Suisse (\$32.5 million); GoHealth (\$29.5 million); Reckitt Benckiser (\$19.6 million); DouYu (\$15 million); REV Group (\$14.25 million); Fifth Street Finance (\$14 million); Third Avenue Management (\$14 million); LJM (\$12.85 million); Sealed Air (\$12.5 million); Camping World (\$12.5 million); FTS International (\$9.875 million); and IPMorgan 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, 2023-2024; Leading Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2024; 40 & Under List, Benchmark Litigation, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2024; Next Generation Partner, The Legal 500, 2020-2023; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2020-2022; 40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 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 and is part of the Firm's Delaware Practice Group.

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

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

### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

# Joseph D. Daley | Partner

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

### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers, 2024; 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), In re Independent Living Systems Data Breach Litigation, No. 1:23-cv-21060-KMW (S.D. Fla.), Garner v. Amazon.com, Inc., No. 2:21-cv-00750-RSL (W.D. Wash.) (alleging Amazon's illegal

wiretapping through Alexa-enabled devices), In re American Financial Resources, Inc. Data Breach Litigation, No. 2:22-cv-01757-MCA-[SA (D.N.].), In re Fortra Tile Transfer Software Data Security Breach Litigation, No. 1:24-md-03090-RAR (S.D. Fla.) (representing Aetna patients), on Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in *In re* Lakeview Loan Servicing Data Breach Litigation, No. 1:22-cv-20955-DPG (S.D. Fla.), and on Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in In re FTX Cryptocurrency Exchange Collapse Litigation, No. 1:23-md-03076-KMM (S.D. Fla.). Davidson also currently represents the State of Arkansas in a major antitrust enforcement action, State of Arkansas ex rel. Griffin v. Syngenta Crop Protection AG, No. 4:22-cv-01287-BSM (E.D. Ark.).

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

## Jason C. Davis | Partner

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

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

### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

## Mark J. Dearman | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

## Honors / Awards

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

## Kathleen B. Douglas | Partner

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

Douglas was also a key member of the litigation team in In re United Health 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

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

### Travis E. Downs III | Partner

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

Downs was also part of the litigation team that obtained a \$67 million settlement in City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Stumpf, a shareholder derivative action alleging that Wells Fargo participated in the massprocessing 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, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2018-2024; Top 100 Leaders in Law Honoree, San Diego Business Journal, 2022; Top Lawyer in San Diego, San Diego Magazine, 2013-2022; Southern California Best Lawyer, Best Lawyers®, 2018-2021; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2008; B.A., Honors, Whitworth University, 1985

## Daniel S. Drosman | Partner

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

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

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

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

#### Education

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

## Honors / Awards

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

## Thomas E. Egler | Partner

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

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

### Alan I. Ellman | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

## Honors / Awards

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

## Jason A. Forge | Partner

Jason Forge is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He specializes in complex investigations, litigation, and trials. As a federal prosecutor and private practitioner, Forge has conducted and supervised scores of jury and bench trials in federal and state courts, including the month-long trial of a defense contractor who conspired with Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham in the largest bribery scheme in congressional history. He recently obtained 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 twoweek 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, 2023-2024; Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2022-2024; Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2019-2023; Southern California Best Lawyer, Best Lawyers®, 2019-2021; Local Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2020; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2018; Top 100 Lawyer, Daily Journal, 2017; Litigator of the Year, Our City San Diego, 2017; Two-time recipient of one of Department of Justice's highest awards: Director's Award for Superior Performance by Litigation Team; numerous commendations from Federal Bureau of Investigation (including commendation from FBI Director Robert Mueller III), Internal Revenue Service, and Defense Criminal Investigative Service; J.D., Magna Cum Laude, Order of the Coif, The University of Michigan Law School, 1993; B.B.A., High Distinction, The University of Michigan Ross School of Business, 1990

## William J. Geddish | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

## Honors / Awards

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

### Paul J. Geller | Partner

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

### Robert D. Gerson | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

## Honors / Awards

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

## Jonah H. Goldstein | Partner

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

## Benny C. Goodman III | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2018-2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2021; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2017

## Elise J. Grace | Partner

Elise Grace is a partner in the San Diego office and counsels the Firm's institutional clients on options to secure premium recoveries in securities litigation both within the United States and internationally. Grace is a frequent lecturer and author on securities and accounting fraud, and develops annual MCLE and CPE accredited educational programs designed to train public fund representatives on practices to protect and maximize portfolio assets, create long-term portfolio value, and best fulfill fiduciary duties. Grace has routinely been named a Recommended Lawyer by The Legal 500 and named a Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer by Lawdragon. Grace has prosecuted various significant securities fraud class actions, as well as the AOL Time Warner state and federal securities opt-out litigations, which resulted in a combined settlement of over \$629 million for defrauded investors. Before joining the Firm, Grace practiced at Clifford Chance, where she defended numerous Fortune 500 companies in securities class actions and complex business litigation.

#### Education

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles, 1993; J.D., Pepperdine School of Law, 1999

### Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Securities Litigation Lawyer of the Year, Lawyer Monthly, 2023; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2016-2017; J.D., Magna Cum Laude, Pepperdine School of Law, 1999; American Jurisprudence Bancroft-Whitney Award - Civil Procedure, Evidence, and Dalsimer Moot Court Oral Argument; Dean's Academic Scholarship Recipient, Pepperdine School of Law; B.A., Summa Cum Laude, University of California, Los Angeles, 1993; B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, University of California, Los Angeles, 1993

## Tor Gronborg | Partner

Tor Gronborg is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office and a member of the Firm's Management Committee. He often lectures on topics such as the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and electronic discovery. Gronborg has served as lead or co-lead counsel in numerous securities fraud cases that have collectively recovered more than \$4.4 billion for investors. Most recently, Gronborg and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys obtained an \$809 million settlement in In re Twitter, Inc. Sec. Litig., a case that did not settle until the day before trial was set to commence.

In addition to Twitter, Gronborg's work has included significant recoveries against corporations such as Valeant Pharmaceuticals (\$1.21 billion), Cardinal Health (\$600 million), Motorola (\$200 million), Duke Energy (\$146.25 million), Sprint Nextel Corp. (\$131 million), and Prison Realty (\$104 million), to name a few. Gronborg was also a member of the Firm's trial team in Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, Inc., No. SACV15-0865 (C.D. Cal.), a securities fraud class action that resulted in a verdict in favor of investors after a two-week jury trial and ultimately settled for 100% of the claimed damages plus prejudgment interest.

On three separate occasions, Gronborg's pleadings have been upheld by the federal Courts of Appeals (Broudo v. Dura Pharms., Inc., 339 F.3d 933 (9th Cir. 2003), rev'd on other grounds, 544 U.S. 336 (2005); In re Daou Sys., 411 F.3d 1006 (9th Cir. 2005); Staehr v. Hartford Fin. Servs. Grp., 547 F.3d 406 (2d Cir. 2008)).

#### Education

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1991; Rotary International Scholar, University of Lancaster, U.K., 1992; J.D., University of California, Berkeley, 1995

## Honors / Awards

Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2023-2024; Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2023-2024; Financial Leading Plaintiff Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Lawyer America, Lawdragon, 2022-2024; Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2022-2024; West Trailblazer, The American Lawyer, 2022; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2013-2022; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2019; Moot Court Board Member, University of California, Berkeley; AFL-CIO history scholarship, University of California, Santa Barbara

### Ellen Gusikoff Stewart | Partner

Ellen Stewart is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, and is a member of the Firm's Summer Associate Hiring Committee. She currently practices in the Firm's settlement department, negotiating and documenting complex securities, merger, ERISA, and derivative action settlements. Notable recent settlements include: Evanston Police Pension Fund v. McKesson Corp. (N.D. Cal. 2023) (\$141 million); In re Twitter Inc. Sec. Litig. (N.D. Cal. 2022) (\$809.5 million); In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig. (N.D. Cal. 2021) (\$650 million); In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig. (S.D.N.Y. 2020) (\$1.025 billion); Klein v. Altria Group, Inc. (E.D. Va. 2022) (\$90 million); KBC Asset Management v. 3D Systems Corp. (D.S.C. 2018) (\$50 million); and Luna v. Marvell Tech. Grp. (N.D. Cal. 2018) (\$72.5 million).

Stewart has served on the Federal Bar Association Ad Hoc Committee for the revisions to the Settlement Guidelines for the Northern District of California, was a contributor to the Guidelines and Best Practices – Implementing 2018 Amendments to Rule 23 Class Action Settlement Provisions manual of the Bolch Judicial Institute at the Duke University School of Law, and speaks at conferences around country on current settlement and notice issues.

#### Education

B.A., Muhlenberg College, 1986; J.D., Case Western Reserve University, 1989

## Honors / Awards

Rated Distinguished by Martindale-Hubbell

### Robert Henssler | Partner

Bobby Henssler is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where he focuses his practice on securities fraud and other complex civil litigation. He has obtained significant recoveries for investors in cases such as Enron, Blackstone, and CIT Group. Henssler is currently leading a team of attorneys prosecuting fraud claims against Under Armour and the company's former CEO.

Most recently, Henssler and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys a \$1.21 billion settlement in In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig., a case that Vanity Fair reported as "the corporate scandal of its era" that had raised "fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations." This is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest ever.

Henssler was also lead counsel in Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc., which resulted in a \$215 million recovery for shareholders, the largest securities class action recovery ever in Tennessee. The recovery achieved represents more than 30% of the aggregate classwide damages, far exceeding the typical recovery in a securities class action. Henssler also led the litigation teams in Marcus v. J.C. Penney Company, Inc. (\$97.5 million recovery), Landmen Partners Inc. v. The Blackstone Group L.P. (\$85 million recovery), In re Novatel Wireless Sec. Litig. (\$16 million recovery), Carpenters Pension Trust Fund of St. Louis v. Barclays PLC (\$14 million settlement), and Kniec 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, 2020-2021, 2023-2024; Leading Litigator in America, Lawdragon, 2024; California Lawyer of the Year, Daily Journal, 2022; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2020; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2018-2019

### Steven F. Hubachek | Partner

Steve Hubachek is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He is a member of the Firm's appellate group, where his practice concentrates on federal appeals. He has more than 25 years of appellate experience, has argued over 100 federal appeals, including 3 cases before the United States Supreme Court and 7 cases before en banc panels of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to his work with the Firm, Hubachek joined Perkins Coie in Seattle, Washington, as an associate. He was admitted to the Washington State Bar in 1987 and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1990, practicing for many years with Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. He also had an active trial practice, including over 30 jury trials, and was Chief Appellate Attorney for Federal Defenders.

#### Education

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1983; J.D., University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, 1987

### Honors / Awards

AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell; Top Lawyer in San Diego, San Diego Magazine, 2014-2022; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2007-2009, 2019-2021; Assistant Federal Public Defender of the Year, National Federal Public Defenders Association, 2011; Appellate Attorney of the Year, San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association, 2011 (co-recipient); President's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service, Mid City Little League, San Diego, 2011; E. Stanley Conant Award for exceptional and unselfish devotion to protecting the rights of the indigent accused, 2009 (joint recipient); The Daily Transcript Top Attorneys, 2007; J.D., Cum Laude, Order of the Coif, Thurston Honor Society, University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, 1987

## James I. Jaconette | Partner

James Jaconette is one of the founding partners of the Firm and is located in its San Diego office. He manages cases in the Firm's securities class action and shareholder derivative litigation practices. He has served as one of the lead counsel in securities cases with recoveries to individual and institutional investors totaling over \$8 billion. He also advises institutional investors, including hedge funds, pension funds, and financial institutions. Landmark securities actions in which he contributed in a primary litigating role include In re Informix Corp. Sec. Litig., and In re Dynegy Inc. Sec. Litig. and In re Enron Corp. Sec. Litig., where he represented lead plaintiff The Regents of the University of California. Most recently, Jaconette was part of the trial team in Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc., which resulted in a \$215 million recovery for shareholders, the largest securities class action recovery ever in Tennessee. The recovery achieved represents more than 30% of the aggregate classwide damages, far exceeding the typical recovery in a securities class action.

#### Education

B.A., San Diego State University, 1989; M.B.A., San Diego State University, 1992; J.D., University of California Hastings College of the Law, 1995

### Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; J.D., Cum Laude, University of California Hastings College of the Law, 1995; Associate Articles Editor, Hastings Law Journal, University of California Hastings College of the Law; B.A., with Honors and Distinction, San Diego State University, 1989

## J. Marco Janoski Gray | Partner

Marco Janoski is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. His practice focuses on complex securities litigation and class actions. An experienced litigator, Janoski has secured record-setting recoveries for investors, including trial verdicts and large recoveries secured on the eve of trial.

In 2023, Janoski served on the litigation teams in two securities fraud cases that are among the top ten securities recoveries of the year: In re Envision Healthcare Corporation Securities Litigation (\$177.5 million recovery, pending court approval) and Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension & Relief Fund v. Cardinal Health, Inc. (\$109 million recovery). He served on the Firm's trial team in In re Twitter, Inc. Securities Litigation and helped secure an \$809.5 million recovery for investors. The Twitter case settled the day before trial was set to commence in 2021 and is the largest securities fraud class action recovery in the Ninth Circuit in the last decade. Likewise, he and a team of Firm lawyers secured a \$350 million settlement on the eve of trial in 2020 in Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc., the fifth-largest PSLRA settlement ever recovered in the Ninth Circuit at the time. Janoski also served on the Firm's trial team in Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, Inc., a securities fraud class action that resulted in a verdict in favor of investors after a two-week jury trial in federal court.

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), Daily Journal, 2024; 40 & Under List, Benchmark Litigation, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2023-2024; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2024; Leading Litigator in America, Lawdragon, 2024; 500 X - The Next Generation, Lawdragon, 2023; J.D., Magna Cum Laude, University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings), 2015

# Rachel L. Jensen | Partner

Rachel Jensen is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office who specializes in securities fraud, consumer fraud, RICO, and antitrust actions. Jensen has developed a 20-year track record of success in crafting impactful business reforms and helping to recover billions of dollars on behalf of working families, businesses, and government entities.

Jensen was one of the lead attorneys representing Trump University students nationwide in high-profile litigation that yielded nearly 100% of the "tuition" students paid, and did so on a pro bono basis. As courtappointed Plaintiffs' Steering Committee member in the Fiat Chrysler EcoDiesel litigation, Jensen helped obtain an \$840 million global settlement for concealed defeat devices in over 100,000 vehicles. Jensen also represented drivers against Volkswagen in one of the most brazen corporate frauds in recent history, helping recover \$17 billion for emissions cheating in "clean" diesel vehicles.

As reported in The Washington Post, in 2022, Jensen served as co-lead trial counsel in a qui tam case against a bus manufacturer to enforce a "good jobs" U.S. employment plan in a \$500 million procurement contract with LA Metro. The settlement included a historic multi-state community benefits agreement with workforce development programs, fair hiring, and equity measures in Ontario, California and Anniston, Alabama. A video about the case can be viewed here: https://fightforthefuture.rgrdlaw.com/. In another landmark case, Jensen worked tirelessly on behalf of California passengers to stop Greyhound from subjecting them to discriminatory immigration raids; since then, Greyhound has stopped allowing border patrol aboard without a warrant.

Among other recoveries, Jensen has played significant roles in In re LendingClub Sec. Litig. (N.D. Cal.) (\$125 million securities fraud settlement ranked among top 10 in N.D. Cal. at the time); Negrete v. Allianz Life Ins. Co. of N. Am. (C.D. Cal.) (\$250 million to senior citizens targeted for deferred annuities that would not mature in their lifetimes); In re Morning Song Bird Food Litig. (S.D. Cal.) (\$85 million in refunds for wild-bird food treated with pesticides hazardous to birds); City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Stumpf (N.D. Cal.) (\$67 million in homeowner down-payment assistance and credit counseling for cities hit by foreclosure crisis and computer integration for mortgage servicing in "robo-signing" case); In re Mattel, Inc., Toy Lead Paint Prods. Liab. Litig. (C.D. Cal.) (\$50 million in refunds and quality assurance reforms for toys made in China with lead and magnets); and In re Checking Account Overdraft Litig. (S.D. Fla.) (\$500 million recovered from banks for manipulating debit transactions to maximize overdraft fees).

Before joining the practice, Jensen clerked for the late Honorable Warren J. Ferguson on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; associated with Morrison & Foerster LLP in San Francisco; and worked abroad in Arusha, Tanzania as a law clerk in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda ("ICTR") and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia ("ICTY"), located in The Hague, Netherlands.

#### Education

B.A., Florida State University, 1997; University of Oxford, International Human Rights Law Program at New College, Summer 1998; J.D., Georgetown University Law School, 2000

### Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016-2024; Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2022-2024; Legend, Lawdragon, 2024; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2017-2024; Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2021-2023; Best Lawyer in Southern California: One to Watch, Best Lawyers, 2021; Top Woman Lawyer, Daily Journal, 2017, 2020; California Trailblazer, The Recorder, 2019; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2018; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015; Nominated for 2011 Woman of the Year, San Diego Magazine; Editor-in-Chief, First Annual Review of Gender and Sexuality Law, Georgetown University Law School; Dean's List 1998-1999; B.A., Cum Laude, Florida State University's Honors Program, 1997; Phi Beta Kappa

## Chad Johnson | Partner

Chad Johnson, a former Deputy Attorney General for the State of New York, is the Managing Partner of the Firm's Manhattan office. Johnson has been litigating securities cases and fiduciary duty actions for over 30 years and is one of the leaders of the Firm's Delaware Practice Group. 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.

In the private sector, Johnson represents 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 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. Johnson also directed 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) created 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 has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for class members in securities, ERISA, and complex class actions.

Kaufman served as lead counsel in the SandRidge Energy securities litigation and obtained a \$35.75 million global settlement, including \$21.8 million for SandRidge common stock purchasers. As lead counsel in the TD Banknorth litigation, Kaufman and the Firm achieved a \$50 million recovery after successfully objecting to a \$3 million settlement submitted to the court on behalf of the class. The court in the TD Banknorth litigation stated: "This is one of the cases – there's probably been a half a dozen since I've been a judge that I handled which have - really through the sheer diligence and effort of plaintiffs' counsel resulted in substantial awards for plaintiffs, after overcoming serious procedural and other barriers . . . it appears plainly from the papers that you and your co-counsel have diligently, and at great personal expense and through the devotion of many thousands of hours of your time, prosecuted this case to a successful conclusion."

Kaufman served as co-lead class counsel on behalf of 212,000 participants in General Electric's 401(k) plan and obtained \$61 million for the class, which was the largest recovery ever in an ERISA case alleging a retirement plan improperly offered proprietary funds. During the GE ERISA final settlement approval hearing, the court described the case as "hard-fought" with "interesting and difficult issues." Kaufman served as lead counsel or as an integral part of the team in other ERISA actions, including on behalf of participants in the retirement plans of Invesco, IP Morgan, and Wakemed.

Kaufman achieved notable results in numerous other securities class actions, including recovering \$26 million in the EnergySolutions litigation, and in cases against Lockheed Martin, State Street, Fidelity, Warner Chilcott, Talkspace, Third Avenue Management, and Giant Interactive, among others.

In the Third Avenue Management litigation, when approving the \$14.25 million settlement obtained by Kaufman and the Firm, the court commended the parties for their "wisdom" and "diligence" and concluded that "lead counsel diligently and with quality represented the interests of the class." In the Giant Interactive litigation, the court acknowledged the efforts of Kaufman and the Firm in achieving the favorable settlement for the class: "The Court also recognizes the diligence and hard work of plaintiffs' counsel in achieving such a settlement, particularly in light of the fact that this case (unlike many other securities class actions) was independently developed by plaintiffs' counsel, as opposed to following, or piggybacking on, a regulatory investigation or settlement."

#### Education

B.A., University of Michigan, 1992; J.D., Fordham University School of Law, 1995

## Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2013-2015, 2017-2020, 2023; Member, Fordham International Law Journal, Fordham University School of Law

## Ashley M. Kelly | Partner

Ashley Kelly is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where she represents large institutional and individual investors as a member of the Firm's antitrust and securities fraud practices. Her work is primarily federal and state class actions involving the federal antitrust and securities laws, common law fraud, breach of contract, and accounting violations. Kelly's case work has been in the financial services, oil & gas, e-commerce, and technology industries. In addition to being an attorney, she is a Certified Public Accountant. Kelly was an important member of the litigation team that obtained a \$500 million settlement on behalf of investors in Luther v. Countrywide Fin. Corp., which was the largest residential mortgage-backed securities purchaser class action recovery in history.

#### Education

B.S., Pennsylvania State University, 2005; J.D., Rutgers University-Camden, 2011

### Honors / Awards

500 X - The Next Generation, Lawdragon, 2023-2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2024; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016, 2018-2021

### David A. Knotts | Partner

David Knotts is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He focuses his practice on securities class action litigation in the context of mergers and acquisitions, representing both individual shareholders and institutional investors. Knotts is also part of the Firm's Delaware Practice Group. Knotts has significant trial experience in high-stakes corporate litigation.

Knotts has been counsel of record for shareholders on a number of significant recoveries in courts throughout the country, including serving as one of the lead litigators on Chabot v. Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc., which culminated in a \$192.5 million recovery for a class of Rite Aid investors. The Walgreens settlement was approved by the Middle District of Pennsylvania in February 2024 and resulted in the second largest securities recovery in Pennsylvania federal court history. That recovery represents a rarity in securities fraud litigation, whereby target-company investors obtained a significant cash recovery from an unaffiliated acquirer based on allegations that the acquirer issued misleading statements during the pendency of a merger.

In addition, Knotts served among lead counsel in In re Rural/Metro Corp. S'holders Litig., which resulted in a groundbreaking \$110 million post-trial recovery affirmed by the Delaware Supreme Court, as well as In re Del Monte Foods Co. S'holders Litig. (\$89.4 million), Websense (\$40 million), In re Onyx S'holders Litig. (\$30 million), Harman (\$28 million), and Joy Global (\$20 million). Websense and Onyx are both believed to be the largest post-merger class settlements in California state court history. When Knotts presented the settlement as lead counsel for the stockholders in Joy Global, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin noted that "this is a pretty extraordinary settlement, recovery on behalf of the members of the class. . . . [I]t's always a pleasure to work with people who are experienced and who know what they are doing." In addition to ongoing litigation work, Knotts has taught a full-semester course on M&A litigation at the University of California Berkeley School of Law.

Before joining Robbins Geller, Knotts was an associate at one of the largest law firms in the world and represented corporate clients in various aspects of state and federal litigation, including major antitrust matters, trade secret disputes, and unfair competition claims.

#### Education

B.S., University of Pittsburgh, 2001; J.D., Cornell Law School, 2004

## Honors / Awards

40 & Under List, Benchmark Litigation, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2024; 40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 2018, 2020-2021; Next Generation Partner, The Legal 500, 2019-2021; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2017-2019; Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services, State Bar of California; Casa Cornelia Inns of Court; J.D., Cum Laude, Cornell Law School, 2004

## Laurie L. Largent | Partner

Laurie Largent is a partner in the Firm's San Diego, California office. Her practice focuses on securities class action and shareholder derivative litigation and she has helped recover millions of dollars for injured shareholders. Largent was part of the litigation team that obtained a \$265 million recovery in *In re Massey* Energy Co. Sec. Litig., in which Massey was found accountable for a tragic explosion at the Upper Big Branch mine in Raleigh County, West Virginia. She also helped obtain \$67.5 million for Wyeth shareholders in City of Livonia Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Wyeth, settling claims that the defendants misled investors about the safety and commercial viability of one of the company's leading drug candidates. Most recently, Largent was on the team that secured a \$64 million recovery for Dana Corp. shareholders in Plumbers & Pipefitters Nat'l Pension Fund v. Burns, in which the Firm's Appellate Practice Group successfully appealed to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals twice, reversing the district court's dismissal of the action. Some of Largent's other cases include: In re Sanofi-Aventis Sec. Litig. (S.D.N.Y.) (\$40 million); In re Bridgepoint Educ., Inc. Sec. Litig. (S.D. Cal.) (\$15.5 million); Ross v. Abercrombie & Fitch Co. (S.D. Ohio) (\$12 million); Maiman v. Talbott (C.D. Cal.) (\$8.25 million); In re Cafepress Inc. S'holder Litig. (Cal. Super. Ct., San Mateo Cnty.) (\$8 million); and Krystek v. Ruby Tuesday, Inc. (M.D. Tenn.) (\$5 million). Largent's current cases include securities fraud cases against Dell, Inc. (W.D. Tex.) and Banc of California (C.D. Cal.).

Largent is a past board member on the San Diego County Bar Foundation and the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program. She has also served as an Adjunct Business Law Professor at Southwestern College in Chula Vista, California.

#### Education

B.B.A., University of Oklahoma, 1985; J.D., University of Tulsa, 1988

## Honors / Awards

California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), Daily Journal, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Board Member, San Diego County Bar Foundation, 2013-2017; Board Member, San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, 2014-2017

## Kevin A. Lavelle | Partner

Kevin Lavelle is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation.

Lavelle has served on numerous litigation teams and helped obtain over \$500 million for investors. His work includes several significant recoveries against corporations, including HCA Holdings, Inc. (\$215 million); Altria Group and JUUL Labs (\$90 million); Endo Pharmaceuticals (\$63 million); and Intercept Pharmaceuticals (\$55 million), among others.

#### Education

B.A., College of the Holy Cross, 2008; J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 2013

# Honors / Awards

500 X - The Next Generation, Lawdragon, 2023-2024; J.D., Cum Laude, Brooklyn Law School, 2013; B.A., Cum Laude, College of the Holy Cross, 2008

### Nathan R. Lindell | Partner

Nate Lindell is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on representing aggrieved investors in complex civil litigation. He has helped achieve numerous significant recoveries for investors, including: In re Enron Corp. Sec. Litig. (\$7.2 billion recovery); In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig. (\$671 million recovery); Luther v. Countrywide Fin. Corp. (\$500 million recovery); Fort Worth Emps.' Ret. Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. (\$388 million recovery); NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co. (\$272 million recovery); In re Morgan Stanley Mortg. Pass-Through Certificates Litig. (\$95 million recovery); Massachusetts Bricklayers & Masons Tr. Funds v. Deutsche Alt-A Sec., Inc. (\$32.5 million recovery); City of Ann Arbor Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Citigroup Mortg. Loan Trust Inc. (\$24.9 million recovery); Plumbers' Union Local No. 12 Pension Fund v. Nomura Asset Acceptance Corp. (\$21.2 million recovery); and Genesee Cnty. Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Thornburg Mortg., Inc. (\$11.25 million recovery). In October 2016, Lindell successfully argued in front of the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, for the reversal of an earlier order granting defendants' motion to dismiss in *Phoenix* Light SF Limited v. Morgan Stanley.

Lindell was also a member of the litigation team responsible for securing a landmark victory from the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in its precedent-setting NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co. decision, which dramatically expanded the scope of permissible class actions asserting claims under the Securities Act of 1933 on behalf of mortgage-backed securities investors, and ultimately resulted in a \$272 million recovery for investors.

#### Education

B.S., Princeton University, 2003; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2006

## Honors / Awards

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2017; Charles W. Caldwell Alumni Scholarship, University of San Diego School of Law; CALI/AmJur Award in Sports and the Law

# Ting H. Liu | Partner

Ting Liu is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where she represents large institutional and individual investors. Her practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Liu was a member of the trial team that obtained a \$350 million settlement on the eve of trial in Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc., the fifthlargest PSLRA settlement ever recovered in the Ninth Circuit. She was also a member of the Firm's trial team in Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, Inc., a securities fraud class action that resulted in a verdict in favor of investors after a two-week jury trial.

#### Education

B.A., University of Washington, 2012; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2015

## Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2024; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2023-2024

## Ryan Llorens | Partner

Ryan Llorens is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. Llorens' practice focuses on litigating complex securities fraud cases. He has worked on a number of securities cases that have resulted in significant recoveries for investors, including: In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig. (\$670 million); AOL Time Warner (\$629 million); In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig. (\$100 million); In re Fleming Cos. Sec. Litig. (\$95 million); and In re Cooper Cos., Inc. Sec Litig. (\$27 million).

#### Education

B.A., Pitzer College, 1997; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2002

### Honors / Awards

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015

#### Andrew S. Love | Partner

Andrew Love is a partner in the Firm's San Francisco office and a member of the Firm's Appellate Practice Group. His practice focuses primarily on appeals of securities fraud class actions. Love has successfully briefed and argued cases on behalf of defrauded investors and consumers in several U.S. Courts of Appeal, as well as in the California appellate courts. Recent published cases include New England Carpenters Guaranteed Annuity Pension Funds v. DeCarlo, 80 F.4th 158 (2d Cir. 2023), Stafford v. Rite Aid Corp., 998 F.3d 862 (9th Cir. 2021), Constr. Indus. & Laborers Joint Pension Tr. v. Carbonite, Inc., 22 F.4th 1 (1st Cir. 2021), and Friedman v. AARP, Inc., 855 F.3d 1047 (9th Cir. 2017). He was also co-counsel in Cyan, Inc. v. Beaver Cnty. Emps. Ret. Fund, 138 S. Ct. 1061 (2018).

Before joining the Firm and for more than two decades, Love represented inmates on California's death row in appellate and habeas corpus proceedings, successfully arguing capital cases in both the California Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit. He co-chaired the Capital Case Defense Seminar (2004-2013), recognized as the largest conference for death penalty practitioners in the country. Additionally, he was on the faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Post-Conviction Skills Seminar. Love is a member of the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

#### Education

University of Vermont, 1981; J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law, 1985

# Honors / Awards

J.D., Cum Laude, University of San Francisco School of Law, 1985; McAuliffe Honor Society, University of San Francisco School of Law, 1982-1985

### Erik W. Luedeke | Partner

Erik Luedeke is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where he represents individual and institutional investors in breach of fiduciary duty and securities fraud litigation in state and federal courts nationwide. Luedeke is a member of the Firm's Delaware Practice Group. As corporate fiduciaries, directors and officers are duty-bound to act in the best interest of the corporation and its shareholders. When they fail to do so they breach their fiduciary duty and may be held liable for harm caused to the corporation. Luedeke's shareholder derivative practice focuses on litigating breach of fiduciary duty and related claims on behalf of corporations and shareholders injured by wayward corporate fiduciaries. shareholder derivative actions in which he recently participated and the recoveries he helped to achieve include In re Community Health Sys., Inc. S'holder Derivative Litig. (\$60 million in financial relief and unprecedented corporate governance reforms), In re Lumber Liquidators Holdings, Inc. S'holder Derivative Litig. (\$26 million in financial relief plus substantial governance), and In re Google Inc. S'holder Derivative *Litig.* (\$250 million in financial relief to fund substantial governance).

Luedeke's practice also includes the prosecution of complex securities class action cases on behalf of aggrieved investors. Luedeke was a member of the litigation team in Jaffe v. Household Int'l, Inc., No. 02-C-5893 (N.D. Ill.), that resulted in a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial ending in a plaintiffs' verdict. He was also a member of the litigation teams in In re UnitedHealth Grp. Inc. PSLRA Litig., No. 06-CV-1691 (D. Minn.) (\$925 million recovery), and In re Questcor Pharms., Inc. Sec. Litig., No. 8:12-cv-01623 (C.D. Cal.) (\$38 million recovery).

#### Education

B.S./B.A., University of California Santa Barbara, 2001; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2006

## Honors / Awards

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2017; Student Comment Editor, San Diego International Law Journal, University of San Diego School of Law

## Christopher H. Lyons | Partner

Christopher Lyons is a partner in the Firm's Nashville and Wilmington offices, and manages the Wilmington office. He focuses his practice on representing institutional and individual investors in merger-related class action litigation and in complex securities litigation. Lyons has been a significant part of litigation teams that have achieved substantial recoveries for investors. include Bioverativ (Goldstein v. Denner) (\$84 million partial settlement, remaining claims set for trial), 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.

Both during and before his time at Robbins Geller, Lyons has litigated extensively in Delaware courts, having tried cases on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants in the Delaware Court of Chancery. Before joining Robbins Geller, Lyons practiced at a prominent Delaware law firm, where he mostly represented corporate officers and directors defending against breach of fiduciary duty claims in the Delaware Court of Chancery and in the Delaware Supreme Court. Before that, he clerked for Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster of the Delaware Court of Chancery. Lyons now applies the expertise he gained from those experiences to help investors uncover wrongful conduct and recover the money and other remedies to which they are rightfully entitled.

### Education

B.A., Colorado College, 2006; J.D., Vanderbilt University Law School, 2010

## Honors / Awards

Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2024; 40 & Under List, Benchmark Litigation, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2022-2024; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2018-2020, 2022-2023; 500 X - The Next Generation, Lawdragon, 2023; 40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; B.A., Distinction in International Political Economy, Colorado College, 2006; J.D., Law & Business Certificate, Vanderbilt University Law School, 2010

### Noam Mandel | Partner

Noam Mandel is a partner in the Firm's Manhattan office. Mandel has extensive experience in all aspects of litigation on behalf of investors, including securities law claims, corporate derivative actions, fiduciary breach class actions, and appraisal litigation. Mandel has represented investors in federal and state courts throughout the United States and has significant experience advising investors concerning their interests in litigation and investigating and prosecuting claims on their behalf.

Mandel has served as counsel in numerous outstanding securities litigation recoveries, including in In re Nortel Networks Corporation Securities Litigation (\$1.07 billion shareholder recovery), Ohio Public Employees Retirement System v. Freddie Mac (\$410 million shareholder recovery), and In re Satyam Computer Services, Ltd. Securities Litigation (\$150 million shareholder recovery). Mandel has also served as counsel in notable fiduciary breach class and derivative actions, particularly before the Court of Chancery of the State of These actions include the groundbreaking fiduciary duty litigation challenging the CVS/Caremark merger (Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System v. Crawford), which resulted in more than \$3.3 billion in additional consideration for Caremark shareholders. Mandel also served as counsel in In re Dell Technologies Inc. Class V Stockholders Litigation, which resulted in a \$1 billion recovery for stockholders.

#### Education

B.S., Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, 1998; J.D., Boston University School of Law, 2002

## Honors / Awards

J.D., Cum Laude, Boston University School of Law, 2002; Member, Boston University Law Review, Boston University School of Law

# Mark T. Millkey | Partner

Mark Millkey is a partner in the Firm's Melville office. He has significant experience in the areas of securities and consumer litigation, as well as in federal and state court appeals.

During his career, Millkey has worked on a major consumer litigation against MetLife that resulted in a benefit to the class of approximately \$1.7 billion, as well as a securities class action against Royal Dutch/Shell that settled for a minimum cash benefit to the class of \$130 million and a contingent value of more than \$180 million. Since joining Robbins Geller, he has worked on securities class actions that have resulted in more than \$1.5 billion in settlements.

#### Education

B.A., Yale University, 1981; M.A., University of Virginia, 1983; J.D., University of Virginia, 1987

# Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2013-2023

### David W. Mitchell | Partner

David Mitchell is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office and focuses his practice on antitrust and securities fraud litigation. He is a former federal prosecutor who has tried nearly 20 jury trials. As head of the Firm's Antitrust and Competition Law Practice Group, he has served as lead or co-lead counsel in numerous cases and has helped achieve substantial settlements for shareholders. His most notable antitrust cases include Dahl v. Bain Cap. Partners, LLC, obtaining more than \$590 million for shareholders, and In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litig., in which a settlement of \$5.5 billion was approved in the Eastern District of New York. This case was brought on behalf of millions of U.S. merchants against Visa and MasterCard and various card-issuing banks, challenging the way these companies set and collect tens of billions of dollars annually in merchant fees. The settlement is believed to be the largest antitrust class action settlement of all time.

Additionally, Mitchell served as co-lead counsel in the ISDAfix Benchmark action against 14 major banks and broker ICAP plc, obtaining \$504.5 million for plaintiffs. Currently, Mitchell serves as courtappointed 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, 2019-2024; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016-2024; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2020-2024; Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2018-2024; Top 50 Lawyers in San Diego, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, Best Lawyers®, 2018-2021; Honoree, Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice, American Antitrust Institute, 2018; Antitrust Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2015; "Best of the Bar," San Diego Business Journal, 2014

## Danielle S. Myers | Partner

Danielle Myers is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office and focuses her practice on complex securities litigation. Myers is one of the partners who oversees the Portfolio Monitoring Program® and provides legal recommendations to the Firm's institutional investor clients on their options to maximize recoveries in securities litigation, both within the United States and internationally, from inception to settlement.

Myers advises the Firm's clients in connection with lead plaintiff applications and has helped secure appointment of the Firm's clients as lead plaintiff and the Firm's appointment as lead counsel in hundreds of securities class actions, which cases have yielded more than \$4 billion for investors, including 2018-2023 recoveries in In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig., No. 3:15-cv-07658 (D.N.].) (\$1.2 billion); In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig., No. 1:15-mc-00040 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$1.025 billion); In re Twitter Inc. Sec. Litig., No. 4:16-cv-05314 (N.D. Cal.) (\$809.5 million); Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc., No. 2:12-cv-00555 (D. Ariz.) (\$350 million); Flynn v. Exelon Corp., No. 1:19-cv-08209 (N.D. Ill.) (\$173 million); City of Pontiac Gen. Ret. Sys. v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., No. 5:12-cv-5162 (W.D. Ark.) (\$160 million); Evellard v. LendingClub Corp., No. 3:16-cv-02627 (N.D. Cal.) (\$125 million); La. Sheriffs' Pension & Relief Fund v. Cardinal Health, Inc., No. 2:19-cv-03347 (S.D. Ohio) (\$109 million); Knurr v. Orbital ATK, Inc., No. 1:16-cv-01031 (E.D. Va.) (\$108 million); In re Novo Nordisk Sec. Litig., No 3:17-cv-00209 (D.N.J.) (\$100 million); Karinski v. Stamps.com, Inc., No. 2:19-cv-01828 (C.D. Cal.) (\$100 million); and Marcus v. J.C. Penney Co., Inc., No. 6:13-cv-00736 (E.D. Tex.) (\$97.5 million). Myers is also a frequent presenter on securities fraud and corporate governance reform at conferences and events around the world.

### Education

B.A., University of California at San Diego, 1997; J.D., University of San Diego, 2008

## Honors / Awards

Leading Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2020-2024; Future Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2019-2020, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2022-2024; Global Plaintiff Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2024; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2022-2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2021-2023; Top 100 Leaders in Law Honoree, San Diego Business Journal, 2022; Best Lawyer in Southern California: One to Watch, Best Lawyers, 2021; Next Generation Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2017-2019; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2019; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2018; One of the "Five Associates to Watch in 2012," Daily Journal; Member, San Diego Law Review; CALI **Excellence Award in Statutory Interpretation** 

### Eric I. Niehaus | Partner

Eric Niehaus is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on complex securities and derivative litigation. His efforts have resulted in numerous multi-million dollar recoveries to shareholders and extensive corporate governance changes. Notable examples include: In re NYSE Specialists Sec. Litig. (S.D.N.Y.); In re Novatel Wireless Sec. Litig. (S.D. Cal.); Batwin v. Occam Networks, Inc. (C.D. Cal.); Comme'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

40 & Under List, Benchmark Litigation, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2023-2024; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2024; Leading Litigator in America, Lawdragon, 2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers, 2021-2024; Top 40 Under 40, Daily Journal, 2023; 500 X - The Next Generation, Lawdragon, 2023; Rising Star, Law360, 2023; Best Lawyer in Southern California: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2021; J.D., Magna Cum Laude, University of San Diego School of Law, 2015; B.S., Cum Laude, San Diego State University, 2009

### Lucas F. Olts | Partner

Luke Olts is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on securities litigation on behalf of individual and institutional investors. Olts recently served as lead counsel in In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig., a cutting-edge class action concerning Facebook's alleged privacy violations through its collection of users' biometric identifiers without informed consent that resulted in a \$650 million settlement. Olts has focused on litigation related to residential mortgage-backed securities, and has served as lead counsel or co-lead counsel in some of the largest recoveries arising from the collapse of the mortgage market. For example, he was a member of the team that recovered \$388 million for investors in J.P. Morgan residential mortgage-backed securities in Fort Worth Emps.' Ret. Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., and a member of the litigation team responsible for securing a \$272 million settlement on behalf of mortgage-backed securities investors in NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co. Olts also served as co-lead counsel in In re Wachovia Preferred Sec. & Bond/Notes Litig., which recovered \$627 million under the Securities Act of 1933. He also served as lead counsel in Siracusano v. Matrixx Initiatives, Inc., in which the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously affirmed the decision of the Ninth Circuit that plaintiffs stated a claim for securities fraud under §10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and SEC Rule 10b-5. Olts also served on the litigation team in In re Deutsche Bank AG Sec. Litig., in which the Firm obtained a \$18.5 million settlement in a case against Deutsche Bank and certain of its officers alleging violations of the Securities Act of 1933. Before joining the Firm, Olts served as a Deputy District Attorney for the County of Sacramento, where he tried numerous cases to verdict, including crimes of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault.

### Education

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 2001; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2004

## Honors / Awards

Future Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2018-2020, 2023-2024; Global Plaintiff Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2024; Next Generation Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2017; Top Litigator Under 40, Benchmark Litigation, 2017; Under 40 Hotlist, Benchmark Litigation, 2016

# Steven W. Pepich | Partner

Steve Pepich is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. His practice has focused primarily on securities class action litigation, but has also included a wide variety of complex civil cases, including representing plaintiffs in mass tort, royalty, civil rights, human rights, ERISA, and employment law actions. Pepich has participated in the successful prosecution of numerous securities class actions, including: Carpenters Health & Welfare Fund v. Coca-Cola Co. (\$137.5 million recovery); In re Fleming Cos. Inc. Sec. & Derivative Litig. (\$95 million recovered); In re Boeing Sec. Litig. (\$92 million recovery); In re Louisiana-Pacific Corp. Sec. Litig. (\$65 million recovery); Haw. Structural Ironworkers Pension Trust Fund v. Calpine Corp. (\$43 million recovery); In re Advanced Micro Devices Sec. Litig. (\$34 million recovery); and Gohler v. Wood, (\$17.2 million recovery). Pepich was a member of the plaintiffs' trial team in Mynaf v. Taco Bell Corp., which settled after two months of trial on terms favorable to two plaintiff classes of restaurant workers for recovery of unpaid wages. He was also a member of the plaintiffs' trial team in Newman v. Stringfellow where, after a ninemonth 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

Future Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2018-2020, 2023-2024; 40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 2016-2020; Top 40 Under 40, Daily Journal, 2017; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2013-2017

## Theodore J. Pintar | Partner

Ted Pintar is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. Pintar has over 20 years of experience prosecuting securities fraud actions and derivative actions and over 15 years of experience prosecuting insurancerelated consumer class actions, with recoveries in excess of \$1 billion. He was part of the litigation team in the AOL Time Warner state and federal court securities opt-out actions, which arose from the 2001 merger of America Online and Time Warner. These cases resulted in a global settlement of \$618 million. Pintar was also on the trial team in Knapp v. Gomez, which resulted in a plaintiff's verdict. Pintar has successfully prosecuted several RICO cases involving the deceptive sale of deferred annuities, including cases against Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America (\$250 million), American Equity Investment Life Insurance Company (\$129 million), Midland National Life Insurance Company (\$80 million), and Fidelity & Guarantee Life Insurance Company (\$53 million). He has participated in the successful prosecution of numerous other insurance and consumer class actions, including: (i) actions against major life insurance companies such as Manufacturer's Life (\$555 million initial estimated settlement value) and Principal Mutual Life Insurance Company (\$380+ million), involving the deceptive sale of life insurance; (ii) actions against major homeowners insurance companies such as Allstate (\$50 million) and Prudential Property and Casualty Co. (\$7 million); (iii) actions against automobile insurance companies such as the Auto Club and GEICO; and (iv) actions against Columbia House (\$55 million) and BMG Direct, direct marketers of CDs and cassettes. Pintar and co-counsel recently settled a securities class action for \$32.8 million against Snap, Inc. in Snap Inc. Securities Cases, a case alleging violations of the Securities Act of 1933. Additionally, Pintar has served as a panelist for numerous Continuing Legal Education seminars on federal and state court practice and procedure.

#### Education

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1984; J.D., University of Utah College of Law, 1987

# Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Top Lawyer in San Diego, San Diego Magazine, 2013-2022; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2014-2017; CAOC Consumer Attorney of the Year Award Finalist, 2015; Note and Comment Editor, Journal of Contemporary Law, University of Utah College of Law; Note and Comment Editor, Journal of Energy Law and Policy, University of Utah College of Law

## Ashley M. Price | Partner

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

Most recently, Price was a key member of the Robbins Geller litigation team in Monroe County Employees' Retirement System v. The Southern Company in which an \$87.5 settlement was reached after three years of litigation. The settlement resolved claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 stemming from defendants' issuance of materially misleading statements and omissions regarding the status of construction of a first-of-its-kind "clean coal" power plant that was designed to transform coal into synthetic gas that could then be used to fuel the power plant.

#### Education

B.A., Duke University, 2006; J.D., Washington University in St. Louis, School of Law, 2011

## Honors / Awards

500 X - The Next Generation, Lawdragon, 2023-2024; 40 & Under List, Benchmark Litigation, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2023-2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2023-2024; 40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016-2021

### Willow E. Radcliffe | Partner

Willow Radcliffe is a partner in the Firm's San Francisco office, where she concentrates her practice in securities class action litigation in federal court. She has been significantly involved in the prosecution of numerous securities fraud claims, including actions filed against Pfizer, Inc. (\$400 million recovery), CoreCivic (Grae v. Corrections Corporation of America) (\$56 million recovery), Flowserve Corp. (\$55 million recovery), Santander Consumer USA Holdings Inc. (\$47 million), NorthWestern Corp. (\$40 million recovery), Ashworth, Inc. (\$15.25 million recovery), and Allscripts Healthcare Solutions, Inc. (\$9.75 million recovery). Additionally, Radcliffe has represented plaintiffs in other complex actions, including a class action against a major bank regarding the adequacy of disclosures made to consumers in California related to access checks. Before joining the Firm, she clerked for the Honorable Maria-Elena James, Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

#### Education

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles 1994; J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law, 1998

### Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2021-2024; Best Lawyer in Northern California: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2021; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2020; J.D., Cum Laude, Seton Hall University School of Law, 1998; Most Outstanding Clinician Award; Constitutional Law Scholar Award

## Frank A. Richter | Partner

Frank Richter is a partner in the Firm's Chicago office, where he focuses on shareholder, antitrust, and class action litigation.

Richter was an integral member of the Robbins Geller team that secured a \$1.21 billion settlement in *In re* Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig. (D.N.].), 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, 2023-2024; 40 & Under List, Benchmark Litigation, 2024; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2017-2022; 40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; J.D., Summa Cum Laude, Order of the Coif, CALI Award for highest grade in seven courses, DePaul University College of Law, 2012

# Darren J. Robbins | Partner

Darren Robbins is a founding partner of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP. Over the last two decades, Robbins has served as lead counsel in more than 100 securities class actions and has recovered billions of dollars for investors. Robbins served as lead counsel in In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig., a securities class action arising out of improper accounting practices, recovering more than \$1 billion for class members. The American Realty settlement represents the largest recovery as a percentage of damages of any major class action brought pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and resolved prior to trial. The \$1+ billion settlement included the largest personal contributions (\$237.5 million) ever made by individual defendants to a securities class action settlement.

Robbins also led Robbins Geller's prosecution of wrongdoing related to the sale of residential mortgagebacked 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

California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), Daily Journal, 2022, 2024; Ranked by Chambers USA, 2014-2024; Hall of Fame, The Legal 500, 2023-2024; Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2023-2024; California - Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2024; Top 10 Lawyers in San Diego, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2024; Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2010-2024; Lawyer of the Year: Litigation – Securities, Best Lawyers®, 2023; Leading Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2020-2022; Top 50 Lawyers in San Diego, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015, 2021; Litigator of the Week, The American Lawyer, 2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, Best Lawyers®, 2012-2021; Local Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2013-2018, 2020; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2011, 2017, 2019; Benchmark California Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2019; State Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2019; Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers, 2017; Influential Business Leader, San Diego Business Journal, 2017; Litigator of the Year, Our City San Diego, 2017; One of the Top 100 Lawyers Shaping the Future, Daily Journal; One of the "Young Litigators 45 and Under," The American Lawyer; Attorney of the Year, California Lawyer; Managing Editor, Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law, Vanderbilt Law School

## Robert J. Robbins | Partner

Robert Robbins is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office. He focuses his practice on investigating securities fraud, initiating securities class actions, and helping institutional and individual shareholders litigate their claims to recover investment losses caused by fraud. Representing shareholders in all aspects of class actions brought pursuant to the federal securities laws, Robbins provides counsel in numerous securities fraud class actions across the country, helping secure significant recoveries for investors.

Recently, Robbins was a key member of the Robbins Geller litigation team that secured a \$1.21 billion settlement in In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig., a case that Vanity Fair reported as "the corporate scandal of its era" that had raised "fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations." This is the ninth largest securities class action settlement ever and the largest against a pharmaceutical manufacturer. Robbins has also been a member of Robbins Geller litigation teams responsible for securing hundreds of millions of dollars in securities class action settlements, including: Hospira (\$60 million recovery); 3D Systems (\$50 million); CVS Caremark (\$48 million recovery); Baxter International (\$42.5 million recovery); Grubhub (\$42 million); R.H. Donnelley (\$25 million recovery); Spiegel (\$17.5 million recovery); TECO Energy (\$17.35 million recovery); AFC Enterprises (\$17.2 million recovery); Accretive Health (\$14 million recovery); Lender Processing Services (\$14 million recovery); Lexmark Int'l (\$12 million); Imperial Holdings (\$12 million recovery); Mannatech (\$11.5 million recovery); Newpark Resources (\$9.24 million recovery); CURO Group (\$8.98 million); Gilead Sciences (\$8.25 million recovery); TCP International (\$7.175 million recovery); Cryo Cell International (\$7 million recovery); Gainsco (\$4 million recovery); and Body Central (\$3.425 million recovery).

#### Education

B.S., University of Florida, 1999; J.D., University of Florida College of Law, 2002

## Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Leading Litigator in America, Lawdragon, 2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2024; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2017; J.D., High Honors, University of Florida College of Law, 2002; Member, Journal of Law and Public Policy, University of Florida College of Law; Member, Phi Delta Phi, University of Florida College of Law; Pro bono certificate, Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida; Order of the Coif

### David A. Rosenfeld | Partner

David Rosenfeld, a partner in the Firm's Melville office, has focused his legal practice for more than 20 years in the area of securities litigation. He has argued in courts throughout the country, has been appointed lead counsel in dozens of securities fraud lawsuits, and has successfully recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for defrauded shareholders.

Rosenfeld works on all stages of litigation, including drafting pleadings, arguing motions, and negotiating settlements. Most recently, he led the teams of Robbins Geller attorneys in recovering \$95 million for shareholders of Tableau Software, Inc., \$90 million for shareholders of Altria Group, Inc., \$40 million for shareholders of BRF S.A, \$20 million for shareholders of Grana y Montero (where shareholders recovered more than 90% of their losses), and \$34.5 million for shareholders of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.

Rosenfeld also led the Robbins Geller team in recovering in excess of \$34 million for investors in Overseas Shipholding Group, which represented an outsized recovery of 93% of bond purchasers' damages and 28% of stock purchasers' damages. The creatively structured settlement included more than \$15 million paid by a bankrupt entity. Rosenfeld also led the effort that resulted in the recovery of nearly 90% of losses for investors in Austin Capital, a sub-feeder fund of Bernard Madoff. In connection with this lawsuit, Rosenfeld met with and interviewed Madoff in federal prison in Butner, North Carolina.

Rosenfeld has also achieved remarkable recoveries against companies in the financial industry. In addition to being appointed lead counsel in the securities fraud lawsuit against First BanCorp (\$74.25 million recovery), he recovered \$70 million for investors in Credit Suisse Group and \$14 million for Barclays investors.

#### Education

B.S., Yeshiva University, 1996; J.D., Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, 1999

# Honors / Awards

Future Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2016-2020, 2023-2024; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2014-2023; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2018; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2011-2013

### Robert M. Rothman | Partner

Robert Rothman is a partner in the Firm's Melville office and a member of the Firm's Management Committee. He has recovered well in excess of \$1 billion on behalf of victims of investment fraud, consumer fraud, and antitrust violations.

Recently, Rothman served as lead counsel in In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig. where he obtained a \$1.025 billion cash recovery on behalf of investors. Rothman and the litigation team prosecuted nine different claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933, involving seven different stock or debt offerings and two mergers. The recovery represents the highest percentage of damages ever obtained in a major PSLRA case before trial and includes the largest personal contributions by individual defendants in history. Additionally, Rothman has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for investors in cases against First Bancorp, Doral Financial, Popular, iStar, Autoliy, CVS Caremark, Fresh Pet, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A&P), NBTY, Spiegel, American Superconductor, Iconix Brand Group, Black Box, OSI Pharmaceuticals, Gravity, Caminus, Central European Distribution Corp., OneMain Holdings, The Children's Place, CNinsure, Covisint, FleetBoston Financial, Interstate Bakeries, Hibernia Foods, Jakks Pacific, Jarden, Portal Software, Ply Gem Holdings, Orion Energy, Tommy Hilfiger, TD Banknorth, Teletech, Unitek, Vicuron, Xerium, W Holding, and dozens of others.

Rothman also represents shareholders in connection with going-private transactions and tender offers. For example, in connection with a tender offer made by Citigroup, Rothman secured an increase of more than \$38 million over what was originally offered to shareholders. He also actively litigates consumer fraud cases, including a case alleging false advertising where the defendant agreed to a settlement valued in excess of \$67 million.

#### Education

B.A., State University of New York at Binghamton, 1990; J.D., Hofstra University School of Law, 1993

# Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2022-2024; Global Plaintiff Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2024; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2011, 2013-2023; Northeast Trailblazer, The American Lawyer, 2022; New York Trailblazer, New York Law Journal, 2020; Dean's Academic Scholarship Award, Hofstra University School of Law; J.D., with Distinction, Hofstra University School of Law, 1993; Member, Hofstra Law Review, Hofstra University School of Law

## Samuel H. Rudman | Partner

Sam Rudman is a founding member of the Firm, a member of the Firm's Management Committee, and manages the Firm's New York offices. His 26-year securities practice focuses on recognizing and investigating securities fraud, and initiating securities and shareholder class actions to vindicate shareholder rights and recover shareholder losses. Rudman is also part of the Firm's SPAC Task Force, which is dedicated to rooting out and prosecuting fraud on behalf of injured investors in special purpose acquisition companies. A former attorney with the SEC, Rudman has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for shareholders, including a \$200 million recovery in Motorola, a \$129 million recovery in Doral Financial, an \$85 million recovery in Blackstone, a \$74 million recovery in First BanCorp, a \$65 million recovery in Forest Labs, a \$62.5 million recovery in SQM, a \$50 million recovery in TD Banknorth, a \$48 million recovery in CVS Caremark, a \$34.5 million recovery in L-3 Communications Holdings, a \$32.8 million recovery in *Snap*, *Inc.*, and a \$18.5 million recovery in *Deutsche Bank*.

### Education

B.A., Binghamton University, 1989; J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 1992

### Honors / Awards

Ranked by Chambers USA, 2014-2024; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2018-2019, 2023-2024; Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2013, 2017-2019, 2023-2024; National Practice Area Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2019-2020, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2007-2023; Top 10 Most Influential Securities Litigation Attorney in New York, Business Today, 2023; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2016-2022; New York Trailblazer, New York Law Journal, 2020; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2020; Local Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2013-2020; Dean's Merit Scholar, Brooklyn Law School; Moot Court Honor Society, Brooklyn Law School; Member, Brooklyn Journal of International Law, Brooklyn Law School

# Joseph Russello | Partner

Joseph Russello is a partner in the Firm's Melville office. He began his career as a defense lawyer and now represents investors in securities class actions at the trial and appellate levels.

Rusello spearheaded the team that recovered \$85 million in litigation against The Blackstone Group, LLC, a case that yielded a landmark decision from the Second Circuit Court of Appeals on "materiality" in securities actions. Litwin v. Blackstone Grp., L.P., 634 F.3d 706 (2d Cir. 2011). He also led the team responsible for partially defeating dismissal and achieving a \$50 million settlement in litigation against BHP Billiton, an Australia-based mining company accused of concealing safety issues at a Brazilian ironore 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 PPDAI Grp. Sec. Litig., 64 Misc. 3d 1208(A), 2019 WL 2751278 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2019). Other notable settlements include: NBTY, Inc. (\$16 million); LaBranche & Co., Inc. (\$13 million); The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc. (\$12 million); and *Prestige Brands Holdings*, *Inc.* (\$11 million).

#### Education

B.A., Gettysburg College, 1998; J.D., Hofstra University School of Law, 2001

# Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2014-2020, 2023; Law360 Securities Editorial Advisory Board, 2017-2022

# Scott H. Saham | Partner

Scott Saham is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation. He is licensed to practice law in both California and Michigan. Most recently, Saham was a member of the litigation team that obtained a \$125 million settlement in In re LendingClub Sec. Litig., a settlement that ranked among the top ten largest securities recoveries ever in the Northern District of California. He was also part of the litigation teams in Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc., which resulted in a \$215 million recovery for shareholders, the largest securities class action recovery ever in Tennessee, and Luna v. Marvell Tech. Grp., Ltd., which resulted in a \$72.5 million settlement that represents approximately 24% to 50% of the best estimate of classwide damages suffered by investors. He also served as lead counsel prosecuting the *Pharmacia* securities litigation in the District of New Jersey, which resulted in a \$164 million recovery. Additionally, Saham was lead counsel in the In re Coca-Cola Sec. Litig. in the Northern District of Georgia, which resulted in a \$137.5 million recovery after nearly eight years of litigation. He also obtained reversal from the California Court of Appeal of the trial court's initial dismissal of the landmark Countrywide mortgage-backed securities action. This decision is reported as Luther v. Countrywide Fin. Corp., 195 Cal. App. 4th 789 (2011), and following this ruling that revived the action the case settled for \$500 million.

#### Education

B.A., University of Michigan, 1992; J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 1995

### Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Distinguished Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, Casa Cornelia Law Center, 2022

## Juan Carlos Sanchez | Partner

Juan Carlos "J.C." Sanchez is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He specializes in complex securities litigation and has extensive experience advising investors on their exposure to securities fraud and advising them on their litigation options for recovering losses. He has advised institutional and retail investors in more than 60 securities class actions that yielded more than \$600 million in class-wide recoveries.

Sanchez was a key member of the litigation team that secured the largest shareholder derivative recovery ever in Tennessee and the Sixth Circuit and unprecedented corporate governance reforms in In re Community Health Sys., Inc. S'holder Derivative Litig. His representation of California passengers in a landmark consumer and civil rights case against Greyhound Lines, Inc. led to a ruling recognizing that transit passengers do not check their rights and dignity at the bus door. Law360 honored Sanchez and the Greyhound litigation team as a Consumer Protection Group of the Year in 2019.

Before joining Robbins Geller, J.C. served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Nelva Gonzales Ramos of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2023-2024; Leading Litigator in America, Lawdragon, 2024

### Vincent M. Serra | Partner

Vincent Serra is a partner in the Firm's Melville office. His practice focuses primarily on complex securities and consumer actions, but has also included antitrust, employment, insurance, and environmental litigation. His efforts have contributed to the recovery of billions of dollars on behalf of aggrieved plaintiffs and class members and significant injunctive relief for individuals and municipalities throughout the country. Notably, Serra has contributed to several noteworthy recoveries, including Dahl v. Bain Cap. Partners, LLC (\$590.5 million recovery), an antitrust action against the world's largest private equity firms alleging collusive practices in multi-billion dollar leveraged buyouts, and Samit v. CBS Corp. (\$14.75 million recovery), a securities action alleging that defendants made false and misleading statements about their knowledge of former CEO Leslie Moonves's exposure to the #MeToo movement.

Additionally, Serra was a member of the litigation team that obtained a \$22.75 million settlement fund on behalf of route drivers in Veliz v. Cintas Corp., an action asserting violations of federal and state overtime laws. He was also part of the successful trial team in Lebrilla v. Farmers Grp., Inc., which involved Farmers' practice of using inferior imitation parts when repairing insureds' vehicles. Other notable cases include In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litig. (\$5.5 billion recovery), In re DouYu Int'l Holdings Ltd. Sec. Litig. (\$15 million state court securities recovery) and Kail v. Wolf Appliance, Inc. (confidential settlement in breach of warranty actions involving faulty blue porcelain oven cavities).

Serra has litigated several actions against manufacturers and retailers alleging the improper marketing and sale of purportedly "flushable" wipes products, including consumer fraud, nuisance, and strict product liability claims. For example, in Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Charleston (d.b.a. Charleston Water System) v. Costco Wholesale Corp., Serra led the prosecution of seven defendants resulting in industrywide settlements that secured commitments from the leading flushable wipes manufacturers and retailers to meet the national municipal wastewater standard for flushability and enhance "do not flush" labeling for non-flushable wipes, helping to meaningfully reduce wipes-related sewer impacts for municipalities and wastewater utilities nationwide. Serra is currently working to finalize an analogous nationwide settlement with Dude Products Inc. in a separate action pending in the District of South Carolina.

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers, 2024; Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services, State Bar of California

## Sam S. Sheldon | Partner

Sam Sheldon is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where he focuses on securities fraud and other complex civil litigation. Before joining the Firm in January 2024, Sheldon served more than five years as a United States Magistrate Judge in the Southern District of Texas, primarily in Houston. He wrote opinions in almost every area of the law, including securities fraud, intellectual property, class actions, labor and employment, False Claims Act, and criminal law. Before taking the federal bench, Sheldon was a partner with Quinn Emanuel in the Washington, D.C. office and headed the firm's Health Care Practice Group. He represented plaintiffs in landmark cases brought under the federal False Claims Act.

Sheldon previously served as Chief of the Health Care Fraud Unit in the DOJ Criminal Division in Washington, D.C., where he oversaw the prosecution of federal health care fraud throughout the United States. He also was an Assistant United States Attorney in Texas. Earlier in his career, Sheldon was a partner with Cozen O'Connor in the San Diego office. Sheldon has tried 25 cases as a federal prosecutor and civil litigator. He received numerous awards for his successful federal prosecutions from the DOI and other federal agencies including the Special Achievement Award presented by the United States Attorney General.

#### Education

B.A., University of Southern California, 1992; M.A., University of Southern California, 1994; J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 1997

### Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2024; Prosecutor Leadership Award presented by the Inspector General for the United States Department of Health and Human Services, 2013; Special Award from the Director of the FBI for excellent work with the Medicare Fraud Taskforce, 2013; Exceptional Service Award presented by the United States Assistant Attorney General, 2011; Special Achievement Award presented by the United States Attorney General for Sustained Superior Performance of Duty, 2010; International Achievement Award from the Assistant Director of the Department of Homeland Security for prosecuting the first illegal exportation of goods case in the Southern District of Texas (under 18 U.S.C. §554), 2010; Special Award from the Director of the FBI for prosecuting the first agricultural fraud case in the United States (under 7 U.S.C. §7711), 2009

## Arthur L. Shingler III | Partner

Arthur Shingler is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. Shingler has successfully represented both public and private sector clients in hundreds of complex, multi-party actions with billions of dollars in dispute. Throughout his career, he has obtained outstanding results for those he has represented in cases generally encompassing shareholder derivative and securities litigation, unfair business practices and antitrust litigation, publicity rights and advertising litigation, ERISA litigation, and other insurance, health care, employment, and commercial disputes.

Representative matters in which Shingler has served as a core member of the litigation team or settlement counsel include, among others: In re EpiPen (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Marketing, Sales Practices & Antitrust Litig., No. 2:17-md-02785 (D. Kan.) (\$609 million total recovery achieved weeks prior to trial in certified class action alleging antitrust claims involving the illegal reverse payment settlement to delay the generic EpiPen, which allowed the prices of the life-saving EpiPen to rise over 600% in 9 years); In re Remicade Antitrust Litig., No. 2:17-cv-04326 (E.D. Pa.) (\$25 million recovery for indirect purchasers in antitrust action); In re Liquid Aluminum Sulfate Antitrust Litig., No. 2:16-md-02687 (D.N.J.) (direct purchaser class settled in excess of \$100 million); NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co., No. 1:08-cv-10783 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$272 million recovery); In re Royal Dutch/Shell ERISA Litig., No. 3:04-cv-00374 (D.N.J.) (\$90 million settlement); In re Priceline.com Sec. Litig., No. 3:00-cv-01884 (D. Conn.) (\$80 million settlement); In re General Motors ERISA Litig., No. 05-71085 (E.D. Mich.) (\$37.5 million settlement, in addition to significant revision of retirement plan administration); Wood v. Ionatron, Inc., No. 4:06-cv-00354 (D. Ariz.) (\$6.5 million settlement); In re Lattice Semiconductor Corp. Derivative Litig., No. C 043327CV (Or. Cir. Ct., Wash. Cnty.) (corporate governance settlement, including substantial revision of board policies and executive management); In re 360networks Class Action Sec. Litig., No. 1:02-cv-04837 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$7 million settlement); and Rothschild v. Tyco Int'l (US), Inc., 83 Cal. App. 4th 488 (2000) (shaped scope of California's Unfair Practices Act as related to limits of State's False Claims Act).

In addition, Shingler is currently working on behalf of plaintiffs in several class actions, including, for example, In re National Prescription Opiate Litig., No. 1:17-md-02804 (N.D. Ohio), and In re American Airlines/JetBlue Antitrust Litig., No. 1:22-cv-07374 (E.D.N.Y.).

#### Education

B.A., Point Loma Nazarene College, 1989; J.D., Boston University School of Law, 1995

# Honors / Awards

B.A., Cum Laude, Point Loma Nazarene College, 1989

## Jessica T. Shinnefield | Partner

Jessica Shinnefield is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. Currently, her practice focuses on initiating, investigating, and prosecuting securities fraud class actions. Shinnefield 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. Shinnefield 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.

Shinnefield 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. Shinnefield 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. Shinnefield has also successfully appealed lower court decisions in the Second, Seventh, and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals.

#### Education

B.A., University of California at Santa Barbara, 2001; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2004

# Honors / Awards

California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), Daily Journal, 2024; Top Woman Lawyer, Daily Journal, 2024; Future Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2023; Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2021; Litigator of the Week, The American Lawyer, 2020; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2019; 40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 2018-2019; B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, University of California at Santa Barbara, 2001

### Elizabeth A. Shonson | Partner

Elizabeth Shonson is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office. She concentrates her practice on representing investors in class actions brought pursuant to the federal securities laws. Shonson has litigated numerous securities fraud class actions nationwide, helping achieve significant recoveries for aggrieved investors. She was a member of the litigation teams responsible for recouping millions of dollars for defrauded investors, including: In re Massey Energy Co. Sec. Litig. (S.D. W.Va.) (\$265 million); Nieman v. Duke Energy Corp. (W.D.N.C.) (\$146.25 million recovery); In re ADT Inc. S'holder Litig. (Fla. Cir. Ct., 15th Jud. Cir.) (\$30 million settlement); Eshe Fund v. Fifth Third Bancorp (S.D. Ohio) (\$16 million); City of St. Clair Shores Gen. Emps. Ret. Sys. v. Lender Processing Servs., Inc. (M.D. Fla.) (\$14 million); and In re Synovus Fin. Corp. (N.D. Ga.) (\$11.75 million).

#### Education

B.A., Syracuse University, 2001; J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2005

### Honors / Awards

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016-2019; J.D., Cum Laude, University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2005; Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Technology Law & Policy; Phi Delta Phi; B.A., with Honors, Summa Cum Laude, Syracuse University, 2001; Phi Beta Kappa

## Trig Smith | Partner

Trig Smith is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office where he focuses his practice on complex securities litigation. He has been involved in the prosecution of numerous securities class actions that have resulted in over a billion dollars in recoveries for investors. His cases have included: In re Cardinal Health, Inc. Sec. Litig. (\$600 million recovery); Jones v. Pfizer Inc. (\$400 million recovery); Silverman v. Motorola, Inc. (\$200 million recovery); and City of Livonia Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Wyeth (\$67.5 million). Most recently, he was a member of the Firm's trial team in Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, Inc., a securities fraud class action that resulted in a verdict in favor of investors after a two-week jury trial.

#### Education

B.S., University of Colorado, Denver, 1995; M.S., University of Colorado, Denver, 1997; J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 2000

# Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2024; 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 fifthlargest 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, 2019-2024; Global Plaintiff Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2024; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2017-2018; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2016-2017; Lizette Bentwich Law Prize, Trinity College, 1983 and 1984; Hollond Travelling Studentship, 1985; Harvard Law School Fellowship, 1985-1986; Member and Hardwicke Scholar of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

## Hillary B. Stakem | Partner

Hillary Stakem is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where her practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Stakem was a member of the litigation team in Jaffe v. Household Int'l, Inc., a securities class action that obtained a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs. She was also a member of the litigation teams that secured a \$388 million recovery for investors in J.P. Morgan residential mortgagebacked securities in Fort Worth Employees' Retirement Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., and that obtained a \$350 million settlement on the eve of trial in Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc., the fifth-largest PSLRA settlement ever recovered in the Ninth Circuit. Stakem also helped secure a \$131 million recovery in favor of plaintiffs in Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corp, a \$100 million settlement for shareholders in Karinski v. Stamps.com, a \$97.5 million recovery in Marcus v. J.C. Penney Company, Inc., and an \$87.5 million settlement in Monroe County Employees' Retirement System v. The Southern Company.

#### Education

B.A., College of William and Mary, 2009; J.D., UCLA School of Law, 2012

### Honors / Awards

500 X - The Next Generation, Lawdragon, 2023-2024; California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), Daily Journal, 2024; 40 & Under List, Benchmark Litigation, 2024; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2021-2022; 40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; B.A., Magna Cum Laude, College of William and Mary, 2009

# Jeffrey J. Stein | Partner

Jeffrey Stein is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where he practices securities fraud litigation and other complex matters. He was a member of the litigation team that secured a historic recovery on behalf of Trump University students in two class actions against President Donald J. Trump. The settlement provides \$25 million to approximately 7,000 consumers. This result means individual class members are eligible for upwards of \$35,000 in restitution. Stein represented the class on a pro bono basis.

Before joining the Firm, Stein focused on civil rights litigation, with special emphasis on the First, Fourth, and Eighth Amendments. In this capacity, he helped his clients secure successful outcomes before the United States Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

#### Education

B.S., University of Washington, 2005; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2009

# Christopher D. Stewart | Partner

Christopher Stewart is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. His practice focuses on complex securities and shareholder derivative litigation. Stewart served as lead counsel in In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig., a case arising out of ARCP's manipulative accounting practices, and obtained a \$1.025 billion recovery. For five years, he and the litigation team prosecuted nine different claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933, involving seven different stock or debt offerings and two mergers. The recovery represents the highest percentage of damages of any major PSLRA case prior to trial and includes the largest personal contributions by individual defendants in history. Most recently, Stewart served as lead counsel in Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc., and obtained a \$350 million settlement on the eve of trial. The settlement is fifth-largest PSLRA settlement ever recovered in the Ninth Circuit.

He was also part of the litigation team that obtained a \$67 million settlement in City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Stumpf, a shareholder derivative action alleging that Wells Fargo participated in the massprocessing of home foreclosure documents by engaging in widespread robo-signing. Stewart also served on the litigation team in In re Deutsche Bank AG Sec. Litig., in which the Firm obtained a \$18.5 million settlement in a case against Deutsche Bank and certain of its officers alleging violations of the Securities Act of 1933.

#### Education

B.S., Santa Clara University, 2004; M.B.A., University of San Diego School of Business Administration, 2009; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2009

### Honors / Awards

California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), Daily Journal, 2024; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2020; J.D., Magna Cum Laude, Order of the Coif, University of San Diego School of Law, 2009; Member, San Diego Law Review

## Sabrina E. Tirabassi | Partner

Sabrina Tirabassi is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office, where her practice focuses on complex securities litigation, including the Firm's lead plaintiff motion practice. In this role, Tirabassi remains at the forefront of litigation trends and issues arising under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Further, Tirabassi has been an integral member of the litigation teams responsible for securing significant monetary recoveries on behalf of shareholders, including: Villella v. Chemical and Mining Company of Chile Inc., No. 1:15-cv-02106 (S.D.N.Y.); In re ADT Inc. S'holder Litig., 502018CA003494XXXXMB-AG (Fla. Cir. Ct., 15th Jud. Cir.); KBC Asset Mgmt. NV v. Aegerion Pharms., Inc., No. 1:14-cv-10105-MLW (D. Mass.); Sohal v. Yan, No. 1:15-cv-00393-DAP (N.D. Ohio); McGee v. Constant Contact, Inc., No. 1:15-cv-13114-MLW (D. Mass.); and Schwartz v. Urban Outfitters, Inc., No. 2:13-cv-05978-MAK (E.D. Pa.).

#### Education

B.A., University of Florida, 2000; J.D., Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, 2006, Magna Cum Laude

### Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2024; 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 biometric 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, 2023-2024; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2018-2024; Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers, 2022-2024; Top Plaintiff Lawyer, Daily Journal, 2022; Most Influential Black Lawyers, Savoy, 2022; Legend, Lawdragon, 2022; Top 100 Lawyer, Daily Journal, 2019, 2021; California Trailblazer, The Recorder, 2019; Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar, Law360, 2019; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2019; Board Member, California Bar Foundation, 2012-2014

# Christopher M. Wood | Partner

Christopher Wood is the partner in charge of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP's Nashville office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation. He has been a member of litigation teams responsible for recoveries totaling hundreds of millions of dollars for investors, including some of the largest securities class action recoveries in Tennessee history. His cases include: In re Massey Energy Co. Sec. Litig. (\$265 million recovery); In re Envision Healthcare Co. Sec. Litig. (\$177.5 million recovery); In re VeriFone Holdings, Inc. Sec. Litig. (\$95 million recovery); Garden City Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Psychiatric Solutions, Inc. (\$65 million recovery); Grae v. Corrections Corporation of America (\$56 million recovery); In re Micron Tech., Inc. Sec. Litig. (\$42 million recovery); Jackson Cnty. Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Ghosn (\$36 million recovery); and Winslow v. BancorpSouth, Inc. (\$29.5 million recovery).

Working together with the ACLU of Tennessee and Public Funds Public Schools (a national campaign founded by the Southern Poverty Law Center and Education Law Center), Wood is litigating an action challenging Tennessee's school voucher program, which diverts critically needed funds from public school students in Nashville and Memphis. Wood has also provided pro bono legal services through Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors, Volunteer Lawyers & Professionals for the Arts, the Ninth Circuit's Pro Bono Program, and the San Francisco Bar Association's Volunteer Legal Services Program.

#### Education

B.A., Vanderbilt University, 2003; J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law, 2006

### Honors / Awards

Future Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2024; Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2023-2024; 40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2011-2013, 2015-2020

# Debra J. Wyman | Partner

Debra Wyman is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. She specializes in securities litigation and has litigated numerous cases against public companies in state and federal courts that have resulted in over \$2 billion in securities fraud recoveries. Wyman served as lead counsel in In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig., a case arising out of ARCP's manipulative accounting practices, and obtained a \$1.025 billion recovery. For five years, she and the litigation team prosecuted nine different claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933, involving seven different stock or debt offerings and two mergers. The recovery represents the highest percentage of damages of any major PSLRA case prior to trial and includes the largest personal contributions by individual defendants in history. Most recently, Wyman was part of the litigation team in Monroe County Employees' Retirement System v. The Southern Company in which an \$87.5 settlement was reached after three years of litigation. The settlement resolved claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 stemming from defendants' issuance of materially misleading statements and omissions regarding the status of construction of a first-of-its-kind "clean coal" power plant that was designed to transform coal into synthetic gas that could then be used to fuel the power plant.

Wyman was also a member of the trial team in Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc., which resulted in a \$215 million recovery for shareholders, the largest securities class action recovery ever in Tennessee. The recovery achieved represents more than 30% of the aggregate classwide damages, far exceeding the typical recovery in a securities class action. Wyman prosecuted the complex securities and accounting fraud case In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig., one of the largest and longest-running corporate frauds in history, in which \$671 million was recovered for defrauded HealthSouth investors. She was also part of the trial team that litigated *In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig.*, which was tried in the United States District Court, District of New Jersey, and settled after only two weeks of trial for \$100 million. Wyman was also part of the litigation team that secured a \$64 million recovery for Dana Corp. shareholders in *Plumbers &* Pipefitters National Pension Fund v. Burns, in which the Firm's Appellate Practice Group successfully appealed to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals twice, reversing the district court's dismissal of the action.

#### Education

B.A., University of California Irvine, 1990; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 1997

# Honors / Awards

California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY), Daily Journal, 2024; Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2023-2024; National Practice Area Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2024; California - Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2024; Top 250 Women in Litigation, Benchmark Litigation, 2021, 2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2020-2024; San Diego Litigator of the Year, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; Plaintiff Litigator of the Year, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; Top Woman Lawyer, Daily Journal, 2017, 2020; MVP, Law360, 2020; Litigator of the Week, The American Lawyer, 2020; Litigator of the Year, Our City San Diego, 2017; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016-2017

## Jonathan Zweig | Partner

Jonathan Zweig is a partner with the Firm and is based in the Manhattan office. Zweig's practice focuses primarily on complex securities litigation, corporate control cases, and breach of fiduciary duty actions on behalf of investors. He is also part of the Firm's Delaware Practice Group.

Before joining Robbins Geller, Zweig served for over six years as an Assistant Attorney General with the New York State Office of the Attorney General's Investor Protection Bureau, where he prosecuted civil securities fraud actions and tried two major cases on behalf of the State. On three occasions, Zweig was awarded the Louis J. Lefkowitz Award for Exceptional Service.

Zweig was previously a litigator at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP. Zweig also clerked for Judge Jacques L. Wiener, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and Judge Sarah S. Vance of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

#### Education

B.A., Yale University, 2007; J.D., Harvard Law School, 2010

## Honors / Awards

500 X - The Next Generation, Lawdragon, 2023-2024; Louis J. Lefkowitz Award for Exceptional Service, New York State Office of the Attorney General, 2015, 2020, 2021; J.D., Magna Cum Laude, Harvard Law School, 2010; B.A., Summa Cum Laude, Yale University, 2007

## Susan K. Alexander | Of Counsel

Susan Alexander is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the San Francisco office. Alexander's practice specializes in federal appeals of securities fraud class actions on behalf of investors. With nearly 30 years of federal appellate experience, she has argued on behalf of defrauded investors in circuit courts throughout the United States. Among her most notable cases are Mineworkers' Pension Scheme v. First Solar Inc. (\$350 million recovery), In re VeriFone Holdings, Inc. Sec. Litig. (\$95 million recovery), and the successful appellate ruling in Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Flowserve Corp. (\$55 million recovery). Other representative results include: Stoyas v. Toshiba Corp., 896 F.3d 933 (9th Cir. 2018) (reversing dismissal of securities fraud action and holding that the Exchange Act applies to unsponsored American Depositary Shares); W. Va. Pipe Trades Health & Welfare Fund v. Medtronic, Inc., 845 F.3d 384 (8th Cir. 2016) (reversing summary judgment of securities fraud action on statute of limitations grounds); In re Ubiquiti Networks, Inc. Sec. Litig., 669 F. App'x 878 (9th Cir. 2016) (reversing dismissal of §11 claim); Carpenters Pension Tr. Fund of St. Louis v. Barclays PLC, 750 F.3d 227 (2d Cir. 2014) (reversing dismissal of securities fraud complaint, focused on loss causation); Panther Partners Inc. v. Ikanos Comme'ns, Inc., 681 F.3d 114 (2d Cir. 2012) (reversing dismissal of §11 claim); City of Pontiac Gen. Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. MBIA, Inc., 637 F.3d 169 (2d Cir. 2011) (reversing dismissal of securities fraud complaint, focused on statute of limitations); In re Gilead Scis. Sec. Litig., 536 F.3d 1049 (9th Cir. 2008) (reversing dismissal of securities fraud complaint, focused on loss causation); Barrie v. Intervoice-Brite, Inc., 397 F.3d 249 (5th Cir.) (reversing dismissal of securities fraud complaint, focused on scienter), reh'g denied and op. modified, 409 F.3d 653 (5th Cir. 2005); and Pirraglia v. Novell, Inc., 339 F.3d 1182 (10th Cir. 2003) (reversing dismissal of securities fraud complaint, focused on scienter). Alexander's prior appellate work was with the California Appellate Project ("CAP"), where she prepared appeals and petitions for writs of habeas corpus on behalf of individuals sentenced to death. At CAP, and subsequently in private practice, she litigated and consulted on death penalty direct and collateral appeals for ten years.

#### Education

B.A., Stanford University, 1983; J.D., University of California, Los Angeles, 1986

# Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2021; American Academy of Appellate Lawyers; California Academy of Appellate Lawyers; Ninth Circuit Advisory Rules Committee; Appellate Delegate, Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference; ABA Council of Appellate Lawyers

### Laura M. Andracchio | Of Counsel

Laura Andracchio is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office. Having first joined the Firm in 1997, she was a Robbins Geller partner for ten years before her role as Of Counsel. As a partner with the Firm, Andracchio led dozens of securities fraud cases against public companies throughout the country, recovering hundreds of millions of dollars for injured investors. Her current focus remains securities fraud litigation under the federal securities laws.

Most recently, Andracchio was a member of the litigation team in In re American Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig. (S.D.N.Y.), in which a \$1.025 billion recovery was approved in 2020. She was also on the litigation team for City of Pontiac Gen. Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Walmart Stores, Inc. (W.D. Ark.), in which a \$160 million recovery for Walmart investors was approved in 2019. She also assisted in litigating a case brought against J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., Fort Worth Emps.' Ret. Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. (S.D.N.Y.), on behalf of investors in residential mortgage-backed securities, which resulted in a recovery of \$388 million in 2017.

Andracchio was also a lead member of the trial team in In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig., recovering \$100 million for the class after two weeks of trial in district court in New Jersey. Before trial, she managed and litigated the case, which was pending for four years. She also led the trial team in Brody v. Hellman, a case against Qwest and former directors of U.S. West seeking an unpaid dividend, recovering \$50 million for the class, which was largely comprised of U.S. West retirees. Other cases Andracchio has litigated include: City of Hialeah Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Toll Brothers, Inc.; Ross v. Abercrombie & Fitch Co.; In re GMH Cmtys. Tr. Sec. Litig.; In re Vicuron Pharms., Inc. Sec. Litig.; and In re Navarre Corp. Sec. Litig.

#### Education

B.A., Bucknell University, 1986; J.D., Duquesne University School of Law, 1989

# Honors / Awards

Order of the Barristers, J.D., with honors, Duquesne University School of Law, 1989

## Jason M. Avellino | Of Counsel

Jason Avellino is Of Counsel in the Firm's Wilmington office. He focuses his practice on corporate governance, shareholder rights, and complex securities litigation.

Before joining Robbins Geller, Avellino practiced at a prominent Delaware law firm, where he was a significant part of litigation teams that achieved substantial recoveries and meaningful governance reforms for investors. He also spent more than a decade representing major product manufacturers, contractors, marine terminal operators, retail establishments, and sports venues (including several Fortune 500 companies) in the evaluation and defense of commercial matters and civil lawsuits. During that time, Avellino was a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), a group of approximately 2,500 invitation-only, peer-reviewed members comprised of the world's leading corporate and insurance lawyers and insurance executives.

#### Education

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

#### Honors / Awards

B.S., Magna Cum Laude, Bloomsburg University, 2007

## Matthew J. Balotta | Of Counsel

Matt Balotta is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on securities fraud litigation. Balotta earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History, summa cum laude, from the University of Pittsburgh and his Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School. During law school, Balotta was a summer associate with the Firm and interned at the National Consumer Law Center. 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 highspeed traders versus all other investors, resulting in billions of dollars being diverted. Bandman was instrumental in the landmark state settlement with the tobacco companies for \$12.5 billion. Bandman also led an investigation with congressional representatives on behalf of artists into allegations of "pay for play" tactics, represented Emmy winning writers with respect to their claims involving a long-running television series, represented a Hall of Fame sports figure, and negotiated agreements in connection with a major motion picture. Recently, Bandman was chosen to serve on the Law Firm Advisory Board of the Association of Media & Entertainment Counsel, an organization made up of thousands of attorneys from studios, networks, guilds, talent agencies, and top media companies, dealing with protecting content distributed through a variety of formats worldwide.

#### Education

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles; J.D., University of Southern California

## Mary K. Blasy | Of Counsel

Mary Blasy is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the Firm's Melville and Washington, D.C. offices. Her practice focuses on the investigation, commencement, and prosecution of securities fraud class actions and shareholder derivative suits. Blasy has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for investors in securities fraud class actions against Reliance Acceptance Corp. (\$66 million); Sprint Corp. (\$50 million); Titan Corporation (\$15+ million); Martha Stewart Omni-Media, Inc. (\$30 million); and Coca-Cola Co. (\$137.5 million). Blasy has also been responsible for prosecuting numerous complex shareholder derivative actions against corporate malefactors to address violations of the nation's securities, environmental, and labor laws, obtaining corporate governance enhancements valued by the market in the billions of dollars.

In 2014, the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Second Department of the Supreme Court of the State of New York appointed Blasy to serve as a member of the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission, which until December 2018 reviewed the qualifications of candidates seeking public election to New York State Supreme Courts in the 10th Judicial District. She also served on the Law360 Securities Editorial Advisory Board from 2015 to 2016.

#### Education

B.A., California State University, Sacramento, 1996; J.D., UCLA School of Law, 2000

### Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016-2020, 2023; Law360 Securities Editorial Advisory Board, 2015-2016; Member, Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission, 2014-2018

# M. Lamontt Bowens | Of Counsel

Lamontt Bowens is Of Counsel to Robbins Geller in the Firm's Washington, D.C. office. He is a member of the Firm's client outreach team where his focus is working with institutional investor clients regarding the Firm's Portfolio Monitoring Program. He also practices complex securities, antitrust, and consumer fraud litigation.

Bowens began his career with Robbins Geller working in the mailroom. After his first year of law school, he worked as a summer associate with the Firm. Following his second year of law school, Bowens completed a summer internship in the office of the San Diego County Public Defender, where he worked at the direction of his supervising attorneys representing indigent clients. During law school, Bowens served as vice president of the Black Law Students Association. He also earned a CALI Award for excellence in Torts II and taught law to high school students for a semester, through his law school's Street Law program. In his last year of law school, Bowens returned to Robbins Geller as a law clerk before becoming an attorney. Bowens completed his law school course work for graduation a semester early.

#### Education

B.S., University of Phoenix, 2004; J.D., Golden Gate University School of Law, 2010

# William K. Cavanagh, Jr. | Of Counsel

Bill Cavanagh is Of Counsel in the Firm's Washington, D.C. office. Cavanagh concentrates his practice in employee benefits law and works with the Firm's Institutional Outreach Team. Prior to joining Robbins Geller, Cavanagh was employed by Ullico for the past nine years, most recently as President of Ullico Casualty Group. The Ullico Casualty Group is the leading provider of fiduciary liability insurance for trustees in both the private as well as the public sector. Prior to that he was President of the Ullico Investment Company.

Preceding Cavanagh's time at Ullico, he was a partner at the labor and employee benefits firm Cavanagh and O'Hara in Springfield, Illinois for 28 years. In that capacity, Cavanagh represented public pension funds, jointly 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, 2023-2024; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2024; Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2015-2024; Top Lawyer in San Diego, San Diego Magazine, 2013-2022; Southern California Best Lawyer, Best Lawyers®, 2015-2021; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2010-2020; Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers®, 2020; Hall of Fame, Lawdragon, 2018; Litigator of the Year, Our City San Diego, 2017; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2014-2016; Litigator of the Week, The American Lawyer, 2015; Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation 2013; Directorship 100, NACD Directorship, 2012; Attorney of the Year, California Lawyer, 2010; Top 100 Lawyers, Daily Journal, 2009; B.A., Magna Cum Laude, Fordham University, 1981

## Christopher T. Gilroy | Of Counsel

Christopher Gilroy is Of Counsel in the Firm's Manhattan office. His practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Since joining the Firm, Gilroy has played a significant role in the following litigations: Landmen Partners, Inc. v. The Blackstone Grp., L.P (\$85 million recovery on the eve of trial); In re OSG Sec. Litig. (\$34 million recovery, representing 87% of the maximum Section 11 damages); City of Austin Police Ret. Sys. v. Kinross Gold Corp. (\$33 million recovery); Citiline Holdings, Inc. v. iStar Fin. Inc. (\$29 million recovery); City of Pontiac Gen. Emps. Ret. Sys. v. Lockheed Martin Corp. (\$19.5 million recovery); Carpenters Pension Tr. Fund of St. Louis v. Barclays PLC (\$14 million recovery); Beaver Cnty. Emps' Ret. Fund v. Tile Shop Holdings, Inc. (\$9.5 million recovery); IBEW Local 90 Pension Fund v. Deutsche Bank AG (confidential settlement); In re Ply Gem Holdings, Inc., Sec. Litig. (\$25.9 million recovery); In re BRF S.A. Sec. Litig. (\$40 million recovery pending final approval); and In re SandRidge Energy, Inc. Sec. Litig. (successfully obtaining class certification in an ongoing litigation). Gilroy also performed an exhaustive factual investigation in In re Satcon Tech. Corp., on behalf of Satcon's Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee, resulting in a seven-figure settlement in an action alleging breaches of fiduciary duties against former Satcon directors and officers.

#### Education

B.A., City University of New York at Queens College, 2005; J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 2010

## Honors / Awards

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2019-2021; B.A., Cum Laude, City University of New York at Queens College, 2005

# Richard W. Gonnello | Of Counsel

Richard Gonnello is Of Counsel in the Firm's Manhattan office. He has two decades of experience litigating complex securities actions.

Gonnello has successfully represented institutional and individual investors. He has obtained substantial recoveries in numerous securities class actions, including In re Royal Ahold Sec. Litig. (D. Md.) (\$1.1 billion) and In re Tremont Sec. Law, State Law & Ins. Litig. (S.D.N.Y.) (\$100 million). Gonnello has also obtained favorable recoveries for institutional investors pursuing direct opt-out claims, including cases against Owest Communications International, Inc. (\$175 million) and Tyco International Ltd (\$21 million).

Gonnello has co-authored the following articles appearing in the New York Law Journal: "Staehr Hikes Burden of Proof to Place Investor on Inquiry Notice" and "Potential Securities Fraud: 'Storm Warnings' Clarified."

#### Education

B.A., Rutgers University, 1995; J.D., UCLA School of Law, 1998

# Honors / Awards

B.A., Summa Cum Laude, Rutgers University, 1995

### Mitchell D. Gravo | Of Counsel

Mitchell Gravo is Of Counsel to the Firm and is a member of the Firm's institutional investor client services group. With more than 30 years of experience as a practicing attorney, he serves as liaison to the Firm's institutional investor clients throughout the United States and Canada, advising them on securities litigation matters.

Gravo's clients include Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau, UST Public Affairs, Inc., International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Alaska Seafood International, Distilled Spirits Council of America, RIM Architects, Anchorage Police Department Employees Association, Fred Meyer, and the Automobile Manufacturer's Association. Prior to joining the Firm, he served as an intern with the Municipality of Anchorage, and then served as a law clerk to Superior Court Judge J. Justin Ripley.

#### Education

B.A., Ohio State University; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law

# Bailie L. Heikkinen | Of Counsel

Bailie Heikkinen is Of Counsel in the Firm's Boca Raton office. Her practice focuses on complex class actions, including securities, corporate governance, and consumer fraud litigation.

Heikkinen has been an integral member of the litigation teams responsible for securing monetary recoveries on behalf of shareholders that collectively exceed \$100 million. Notable cases include: Medoff v. CVS Caremark Corp., No. 1:09-cv-00554 (D.R.I.); City of Lakeland Emps. Pension Plan v. Baxter Int'l Inc., No. 1:10-cv-06016 (N.D. Ill.); Wong v. Accretive Health, Inc., No. 1:12-cv-03102 (N.D. Ill.); and Local 731 I.B. of T. Excavators & Pavers Pension Tr. Fund v. Swanson, No. 1:09-cv-00799 (D. Del.).

#### Education

B.A., University of Florida, 2004; J.D., South Texas College of Law, 2007

# Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2023-2024; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2014, 2018

## Dennis J. Herman | Of Counsel

Dennis Herman is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Francisco office where he focuses his practice on securities class actions. He has led or been significantly involved in the prosecution of numerous securities fraud claims that have resulted in substantial recoveries for investors, including settled actions against Massey Energy (\$265 million), Coca-Cola (\$137 million), VeriSign (\$78 million), Psychiatric Solutions, Inc. (\$65 million), St. Jude Medical, Inc. (\$50 million), NorthWestern (\$40 million), BancorpSouth (\$29.5 million), America Service Group (\$15 million), Specialty Laboratories (\$12 million), 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®, 2018-2024; Northern Californa Best Lawyer, Best Lawyers®, 2018-2021; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2017-2018; Order of the Coif, Stanford Law School; Urban A. Sontheimer Award (graduating second in his class), Stanford Law School; Award-winning Investigative Newspaper Reporter and Editor in California and Connecticut

## Helen J. Hodges | Of Counsel

Helen Hodges is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office. She specializes in securities fraud litigation. Hodges has been involved in numerous securities class actions, including: Dynegy, which was settled for \$474 million; Thurber v. Mattel, which was settled for \$122 million; Nat'l Health Labs, which was settled for \$64 million; and Knapp v. Gomez, Civ. No. 87-0067-H(M) (S.D. Cal.), in which a plaintiffs' verdict was returned in a Rule 10b-5 class action. Additionally, beginning in 2001, Hodges focused on the prosecution of *Enron*, where a record \$7.2 billion recovery was obtained for investors.

#### Education

B.S., Oklahoma State University, 1979; J.D., University of Oklahoma, 1983

## Honors / Awards

Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell; Hall of Fame, Oklahoma State University, 2022; Top Lawyer in San Diego, San Diego Magazine, 2013-2022; served on the Oklahoma State University Foundation Board of Trustees, 2013-2021; Philanthropist of the Year, Women for OSU at Oklahoma State University, 2020; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2007

## David J. Hoffa | Of Counsel

David Hoffa is Of Counsel in the Firm's Washington D.C. office. He has served as a liaison to over 110 institutional investors in portfolio monitoring, securities litigation, and claims filing matters. His practice focuses on providing a variety of legal and consulting services to U.S. state and municipal employee retirement systems and single and multi-employer U.S. Taft-Hartley benefit funds. In addition to serving as a leader on the Firm's Israel Institutional Investor Outreach Team, Hoffa also serves as a member of the Firm's lead plaintiff advisory team, and advises public and multi-employer pension funds around the country on issues related to fiduciary responsibility, legislative and regulatory updates, and "best practices" in the corporate governance of publicly traded companies.

Early in his legal career, Hoffa worked for a law firm based in Birmingham, Michigan, where he appeared regularly in Michigan state court in litigation pertaining to business, construction, and employment related matters. Hoffa has also appeared before the Michigan Court of Appeals on several occasions.

#### Education

B.A., Michigan State University, 1993; J.D., Michigan State University College of Law, 2000

### Andrew W. Hutton | Of Counsel

Drew Hutton is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego and New York offices. Hutton has prosecuted a variety of securities actions, achieving high-profile recoveries and results. Representative cases against corporations and their auditors include In re AOL Time Warner Sec. Litig. (\$2.5 billion) and In re Williams Cos. Sec. Litig. (\$311 million). Representative cases against corporations and their executives include In re Broadcom Sec. Litig. (\$150 million) and In re Clarent Corp. Sec. Litig. (class plaintiff's 10b-5 jury verdict against former CEO). Hutton is also active in shareholder derivative litigation, achieving monetary recoveries and governance changes, including In re Affiliated Computer Servs. Derivative Litig. (\$30 million), In re KB Home S'holder Derivative Litig. (\$30 million), and In re KeyCorp Derivative Litig. (modified CEO stock options and governance). Hutton has also litigated securities cases in bankruptcy court (In re WorldCom, Inc. - \$15 million for individual claimant) and a complex options case before FINRA (eightfigure settlement for individual investor). Hutton is also experienced in complex, multi-district consumer Representative nationwide insurance cases include In re Prudential Sales Pracs. Litig. (\$4 billion), In re Metro. Life Ins. Co. Sales Pracs. Litig. (\$2 billion), and In re Conseco Life Ins. Co. Cost of Ins. Litig. (\$200 million). Representative nationwide consumer lending cases include a \$30 million class settlement of Truth-in-Lending claims against American Express and a \$24 million class settlement of RICO and RESPA claims against Community Bank of Northern Virginia (now PNC Bank).

Hutton is the founder of Hutton Law Group, a plaintiffs' litigation practice currently representing retirees, individual investors, and businesses. Before founding Hutton Law and joining Robbins Geller, Hutton was a public company accountant, Certified Public Accountant, and broker of stocks, options, and insurance products. Hutton has also served as an expert litigation consultant in both financial and corporate governance capacities. Hutton is often responsible for working with experts retained by the Firm in litigation and has conducted dozens of depositions of financial professionals, including audit partners, CFOs, directors, bankers, actuaries, and opposing experts.

#### Education

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1983; J.D., Loyola Law School, 1994

## Nancy M. Juda | Of Counsel

Nancy Juda is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the Firm's Washington, D.C. office. Her practice focuses on advising Taft-Hartley pension and welfare funds on issues related to corporate fraud in the United States securities markets. Juda's experience as an ERISA attorney provides her with unique insight into the challenges faced by pension fund trustees as they endeavor to protect and preserve their funds' assets.

Prior to joining Robbins Geller, Juda was employed by the United Mine Workers of America Health & Retirement Funds, where she began her practice in the area of employee benefits law. She was also associated with a union-side labor law firm in Washington, D.C., where she represented the trustees of Taft-Hartley pension and welfare funds on qualification, compliance, fiduciary, and transactional issues under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code.

Using her extensive experience representing employee benefit funds, Juda advises trustees regarding their options for seeking redress for losses due to securities fraud. She currently advises trustees of funds providing benefits for members of unions affiliated with North America's Building Trades of the AFL-CIO. Juda also represents funds in ERISA class actions involving breach of fiduciary claims.

#### Education

B.A., St. Lawrence University, 1988; J.D., American University, 1992

## Francis P. Karam | Of Counsel

Frank Karam is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the Firm's Melville office. Karam is a trial lawyer with 30 years of experience. His practice focuses on complex class action litigation involving shareholders' rights and securities fraud. He also represents a number of landowners and royalty owners in litigation against large energy companies. He has tried complex cases involving investment fraud and commercial fraud, both on the plaintiff and defense side, and has argued numerous appeals in state and federal courts. Throughout his career, Karam has tried more than 100 cases to verdict.

Karam has served as a partner at several prominent plaintiffs' securities firms. From 1984 to 1990, Karam was an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx, New York, where he served as a senior Trial Attorney in the Homicide Bureau. He entered private practice in 1990, concentrating on trial and appellate work in state and federal courts.

#### Education

A.B., College of the Holy Cross; J.D., Tulane University School of Law

## Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2019-2023; "Who's Who" for Securities Lawyers, Corporate Governance Magazine, 2015

## Arthur C. Leahy | Of Counsel

Art Leahy is a founding partner in the Firm's San Diego office and a member of the Firm's Management Committee. He has over 20 years of experience successfully litigating securities actions and derivative cases. Leahy has recovered well over two billion dollars for the Firm's clients and has negotiated comprehensive pro-investor corporate governance reforms at several large public companies. Most recently, Leahy helped secure a \$272 million recovery on behalf of mortgage-backed securities investors in NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co. In the Goldman Sachs case, he helped achieve favorable decisions in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of investors of Goldman Sachs mortgage-backed securities and again in the Supreme Court, which denied Goldman Sachs' petition for certiorari, or review, of the Second Circuit's reinstatement of the plaintiff's case. He was also part of the Firm's trial team in the AT&T securities litigation, which AT&T and its former officers paid \$100 million to settle after two weeks of trial. Prior to joining the Firm, he served as a judicial extern for the Honorable J. Clifford Wallace of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Alan C. Kay of the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii.

#### Education

B.A., Point Loma Nazarene University, 1987; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 1990

### Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2024; Top Lawyer in San Diego, San Diego Magazine, 2013-2022; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2021; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016-2017; J.D., Cum Laude, University of San Diego School of Law, 1990; Managing Editor, San Diego Law Review, University of San Diego School of Law

## Avital O. Malina | Of Counsel

Avital Malina is Of Counsel in the Firm's Melville office, where her practice focuses on complex securities litigation.

Malina has been recognized as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers Magazine for the New York Metro area numerous times. Before joining the Firm, she was an associate in the New York office of a large international law firm, where her practice focused on complex commercial litigations.

#### Education

B.A., Barnard College, 2005, J.D., Fordman 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 fourthlargest securities recovery ever in the Middle District of Tennessee and one of the largest in more than a decade.

Before joining the Firm, Martin served as the presidentially appointed United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee from May 2010 to April 2013. As U.S. Attorney, he made prosecuting financial, tax, and health care fraud a top priority. During his tenure, Martin co-chaired the Attorney General's Advisory Committee's Health Care Fraud Working Group. Martin has been recognized as a national leader in combatting fraud and has addressed numerous groups and associations, such as Taxpayers Against Fraud and the National Association of Attorneys General, and was a keynote speaker at the American Bar Association's Annual Health Care Fraud Conference.

#### Education

B.A., Dartmouth College, 1996; J.D., Stanford University, 1999

### Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016-2019

## Ruby Menon | Of Counsel

Ruby Menon is Of Counsel to the Firm and is a member of the Firm's legal, advisory, and business development group. She also serves as the liaison to the Firm's many institutional investor clients in the United States and abroad.

Menon began her legal career as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, gaining extensive training in trials and litigation. Later, for over 12 years, she served as the Chief Legal Counsel to two large multi-employer retirement plans, developing her expertise in many areas of employee benefits and pension administration, including legislative initiatives and regulatory affairs, investments, tax, fiduciary compliance, and plan administration. During her career as Chief Legal Counsel, Menon was a frequent instructor for several certificate and training programs and seminars for pension fund trustees, administrators, and other key decision makers of pension and employee benefits plans. She is a member of various legal and professional organizations in the United States and abroad.

Menon currently serves as a co-chair on the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys Membership Committee and as a board member on the Corporate Advisory Committee of the National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR). She has previously served as an advisory board member for the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute and as a committee member on the International Pension Employee & Benefits Lawyers Association. Menon also organized and participated in the ACAP Shareholder sessions in Singapore and Hong Kong.

#### Education

B.A., Indiana University, 1985; J.D., Indiana University School of Law, 1988

## Honors / Awards

Global Plaintiff Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2024

## Sara B. Polychron | Of Counsel

Sara Polychron is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office, where her practice focuses on complex securities litigation. She is part of the litigation team prosecuting actions against investment banks and the leading credit rating agencies for their role in the structuring and rating of residential mortgagebacked 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

I.D., University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany, 1996; Qualification for Judicial Office, Upper Regional Court Nuremberg, Germany, 1998; New York University, "U.S. Law and Methodologies," 2001

## Harini P. Raghupathi | Of Counsel

Harini Raghupathi is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office. She is a member of the Firm's Appellate Practice Group.

Before joining the Firm, Harini represented victims of serious injury in federal and state appellate courts. Her practice areas included mass torts, consumer protection, and civil rights. Additionally, for over a decade, Harini served as a federal public defender specializing in appeals. In that role, she obtained multiple published reversals on behalf of her clients.

In 2012, The Recorder named Harini an "Attorney of the Year" for her successful appeal in United States v. Leal-Del Carmen, 697 F.3d 964 (9th Cir. 2012). Harini serves as the Chair of the Ninth Circuit Advisory Committee on Rules of Practice. She is also a member of the San Diego Appellate Inn of Court and a volunteer-mentor with The Appellate Project.

#### Education

B.S., Stanford University, 2004; J.D., University of California, Berkeley School of Law, 2007

## Honors / Awards

Attorney of the Year, The Recorder, 2012

### Andrew T. Rees | Of Counsel

Andrew Rees is Of Counsel in the Firm's Boca Raton office. His practice focuses on complex class actions, including securities, corporate governance and consumer fraud litigation. He was on the litigation team that successfully obtained a \$146.25 million recovery in Nieman v. Duke Energy Corp., which is the largest recovery in North Carolina for a case involving securities fraud and one of the five largest recoveries in the Fourth Circuit.

Before joining the Firm, Rees worked as an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Hogan & Hartson LLP, where he practiced in the area of commercial transactions, including financings, stock purchases, asset acquisitions and mergers.

#### Education

B.A., Pennsylvania State University, 1997; J.D., William and Mary School of Law, 2002

### Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2024

## Jack Reise | Of Counsel

Jack Reise is Of Counsel in the Firm's Boca Raton office. Devoted to protecting the rights of those who have been harmed by corporate misconduct, his practice focuses on class action litigation (including securities fraud, shareholder derivative actions, consumer protection, antitrust, and unfair and deceptive insurance practices). Reise also dedicates a substantial portion of his practice to representing shareholders in actions brought under the federal securities laws. He is currently serving as lead counsel in more than a dozen cases nationwide. Most recently, Reise and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a \$1.21 billion settlement in In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig. (D.N.J.), a case that Vanity Fair reported as "the corporate scandal of its era" that had raised "fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations." This is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest ever. As lead counsel, Reise has also represented investors in a series of cases involving mutual funds charged with improperly valuating their net assets, which settled for a total of more than \$50 million. Other notable actions include: In re NewPower Holdings, Inc. Sec. Litig. (S.D.N.Y.) (\$41 million settlement); In re ADT Inc. S'holder Litig. (Fla. Cir. Ct., 15th Jud. Cir.) (\$30 million settlement); In re Red Hat, Inc. Sec. Litig. (E.D.N.C.) (\$20 million settlement); and In re AFC Enters., Inc. Sec. Litig. (N.D. Ga.) (\$17.2 million settlement).

#### Education

B.A., Binghamton University, 1992; J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 1995

## Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; American Jurisprudence Book Award in Contracts; J.D., Cum Laude, University of Miami School of Law, 1995; University of Miami Inter-American Law Review, University of Miami School of Law

## Stephanie Schroder | Of Counsel

Stephanie Schroder is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office. Schroder advises institutional investors, including public and multi-employer pension funds, on issues related to corporate fraud in the United States and worldwide financial markets. Schroder has been with the Firm since its formation in 2004, and has over 20 years of securities litigation experience.

Schroder has represented institutional investors in securities fraud litigation that has resulted in collective recoveries of over \$2 billion. Most recently, Schroder was part of the Robbins Geller team that obtained a \$1.21 billion settlement in In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig., a case that Vanity Fair reported as "the corporate scandal of its era" that had raised "fundamental questions about the functioning of our healthcare system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations." This is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest securities class action settlement ever. Additional prominent cases include: In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig. (\$100 million recovery at trial); In re FirstEnergy Corp. Sec. Litig. (\$89.5 million recovery); Rasner v. Sturm (FirstWorld Communications); and In re Advanced Lighting Sec. Litig. Schroder also specializes in derivative litigation for breaches of fiduciary duties by corporate officers and directors. Significant litigation includes In re OM Grp. S'holder Litig. and In re Chiquita S'holder Litig. Schroder previously represented clients that suffered losses from the Madoff fraud in the Austin Capital and Meridian Capital litigations, which were also successfully resolved. In addition, Schroder is a frequent lecturer on securities fraud, shareholder litigation, and options for institutional investors seeking to recover losses caused by securities and accounting fraud.

#### Education

B.A., University of Kentucky, 1997; J.D., University of Kentucky College of Law, 2000

### Kevin S. Sciarani | Of Counsel

Kevin Sciarani is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the San Diego office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Sciarani earned Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of California, San Diego. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law with a Juris Doctor degree, where he served as a Senior Articles Editor on the Hastings Law Journal.

During law school, Sciarani interned for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Antitrust Section of the California Department of Justice. In his final semester, he served as an extern to the Honorable Susan Illston of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Sciarani also received recognition for his pro bono assistance to tenants living in foreclosed properties due to the subprime mortgage crisis.

#### Education

B.S., B.A., University of California, San Diego, 2005; J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2014

### Honors / Awards

J.D., Magna Cum Laude, Order of the Coif, University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2014; CALI Excellence Award, Senior Articles Editor, Hastings Law Journal, University of California, Hastings College of the Law

## Leonard B. Simon | Of Counsel

Leonard Simon is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office. His practice has been devoted to litigation in the federal courts, including both the prosecution and the defense of major class actions and other complex litigation in the securities and antitrust fields. Simon has also handled a substantial number of complex appellate matters, arguing cases in the United States Supreme Court, several federal Courts of Appeals, and several California appellate courts. He has also represented large, publicly traded corporations. Simon served as plaintiffs' co-lead counsel in In re Am. Cont'l Corp./Lincoln Sav. & Loan Sec. Litig., MDL No. 834 (D. Ariz.) (settled for \$240 million), and In re NASDAQ Market-Makers Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 1023 (S.D.N.Y.) (settled for more than \$1 billion). He was also in a leadership role in several of the state court antitrust cases against Microsoft, and the state court antitrust cases challenging electric prices in California. He was centrally involved in the prosecution of In re Washington Pub. Power Supply Sys. Sec. Litig., MDL No. 551 (D. Ariz.), the largest securities class action ever litigated.

Simon is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Duke University, the University of San Diego, and the University of Southern California Law Schools. He has lectured extensively on securities, antitrust, and complex litigation in programs sponsored by the American Bar Association Section of Litigation, the Practicing Law Institute, and ALI-ABA, and at the UCLA Law School, the University of San Diego Law School, and the Stanford Business School. He is an Editor of California Federal Court Practice and has authored a law review article on the PSLRA.

#### Education

B.A., Union College, 1970; J.D., Duke University School of Law, 1973

### Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Top Lawyer in San Diego, San Diego Magazine, 2016-2022; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2008-2016; J.D., Order of the Coif and with Distinction, Duke University School of Law, 1973

## Laura S. Stein | Of Counsel

Laura Stein is Of Counsel in the Firm's Philadelphia office. Since 1995, she has practiced in the areas of securities class action litigation, complex litigation, and legislative law. Stein has served as one of the Firm's and the nation's top asset recovery experts with a focus on minimizing losses suffered by shareholders due to corporate fraud and breaches of fiduciary duty. She also seeks to deter future violations of federal and state securities laws by reinforcing the standards of good corporate governance. Stein works with over 500 institutional investors across the nation and abroad, and her clients have served as lead plaintiff in successful cases where billions of dollars were recovered for defrauded investors against such companies as: AOL Time Warner, TYCO, Cardinal Health, AT&T, Hanover Compressor, 1st Bancorp, Enron, Dynegy, Inc., Honeywell International, Bridgestone, LendingClub, Orbital ATK, and Walmart, to name a few. Many of the cases led by Stein's clients have accomplished groundbreaking corporate governance achievements, including obtaining shareholder-nominated directors. She is a frequent presenter and educator on securities fraud monitoring, litigation, and corporate governance.

#### Education

B.A., University of Pennsylvania, 1992; J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1995

### Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2024

## John J. Stoia, Jr. | Of Counsel

John Stoia is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the Firm's San Diego office. He is one of the founding partners and former managing partner of the Firm. He focuses his practice on insurance fraud, consumer fraud, and securities fraud class actions. Stoia has been responsible for over \$10 billion in recoveries on behalf of victims of insurance fraud due to deceptive sales practices such as "vanishing premiums" and "churning." He has worked on dozens of nationwide complex securities class actions, including In re Am. Cont'l Corp./Lincoln Sav. & Loan Sec. Litig., which arose out of the collapse of Lincoln Savings & Loan and Charles Keating's empire. Stoia was a member of the plaintiffs' trial team that obtained verdicts against Keating and his co-defendants in excess of \$3 billion and settlements of over \$240 million.

He also represented numerous large institutional investors who suffered hundreds of millions of dollars in losses as a result of major financial scandals, including AOL Time Warner and WorldCom. Currently, Stoia is lead counsel in numerous cases against online discount voucher companies for violations of both federal and state laws including violation of state gift card statutes.

#### Education

B.S., University of Tulsa, 1983; J.D., University of Tulsa, 1986; LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center, 1987

## Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Top Lawyer in San Diego, San Diego Magazine, 2013-2022; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2007-2017; Litigator of the Month, The National Law Journal, July 2000; LL.M. Top of Class, Georgetown University Law Center

## Christopher J. Supple | Of Counsel

Chris Supple is Senior Counsel to Robbins Geller, having joined the Firm after spending the past decade (2011-2021) as Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel at MassPRIM (the Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Management Board). While at MassPRIM, Supple also served for the last halfdecade 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.I.), 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®, 2019-2024; New Jersey Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2005, 2008-2011, 2014-2017, 2019-2022; B.A., with Honors, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1983

### Michael A. Troncoso | Of Counsel

Michael Troncoso is Of Counsel to Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP. His practice focuses on securities fraud class action litigation and other affirmative litigation. Prior to joining the Firm, Troncoso served as a prosecutor, senior in-house counsel, and legal and policy advisor across numerous sectors. He served as chief counsel and chief of public policy to then-California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris, overseeing the office's priority litigation, enforcement, and legislative matters. In this role, he served as lead counsel for the State of California in securing the National Mortgage Settlement, the largest consumer financial protection settlement in state history that brought \$20 billion in loan relief and direct payments to California homeowners. He led the state's Mortgage Fraud Task Force and its investigations of securities law violations arising from the issuance of residential mortgage-backed securities. His team recovered nearly \$1 billion in RMBS-related losses for California public pension funds.

Earlier in his career, Troncoso served for nearly six years as a trial attorney and assistant chief attorney for policy in the San Francisco District Attorney's office, where he tried multiple criminal cases to jury verdict and led the office's mortgage and investment fraud team, where he was responsible for investigating and prosecuting complex financial crimes from initial report through charging and trial.

Troncoso most recently served as Vice President at the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, a philanthropic organization, where he led bipartisan policy and advocacy efforts nationwide. He also served in the University of California's Office of General Counsel as managing counsel for health affairs and technology law and chief campus counsel, where he oversaw various litigation, regulatory, and data protection matters.

#### Education

B.A., University of California at Berkeley, 1999; J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2002

## Honors / Awards

Top 40 Under 40, Daily Journal, 2012

### David C. Walton | Of Counsel

David Walton was a founding partner of the Firm. For over 25 years, he has prosecuted class actions and private actions on behalf of defrauded investors, particularly in the area of accounting fraud. He has investigated and participated in the litigation of highly complex accounting scandals within some of America's largest corporations, including Enron (\$7.2 billion), HealthSouth (\$671 million), WorldCom (\$657 million), AOL Time Warner (\$629 million), Countrywide (\$500 million), and Dynegy (\$474 million), as well as numerous companies implicated in stock option backdating.

Walton is a member of the Bar of California, a Certified Public Accountant (California 1992), and is fluent in Spanish. In 2003-2004, he served as a member of the California Board of Accountancy, which is responsible for regulating the accounting profession in California.

### Education

B.A., University of Utah, 1988; J.D., University of Southern California Law Center, 1993

### Honors / Awards

Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2019; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2016; California Board of Accountancy, Member, 2003-2004; Southern California Law Review, Member, University of Southern California Law Center; Hale Moot Court Honors Program, University of Southern California Law Center

## Bruce Gamble | Special Counsel

Bruce Gamble is Special Counsel to the Firm in the Firm's Washington D.C. office and is a member of the Firm's institutional investor client services group. He serves as liaison with the Firm's institutional investor clients in the United States and abroad, advising them on securities litigation matters. Gamble formerly served as Of Counsel to the Firm, providing a broad array of highly specialized legal and consulting services to public retirement plans. Before working with Robbins Geller, Gamble was General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer for the District of Columbia Retirement Board, where he served as chief legal advisor to the Board of Trustees and staff. Gamble's experience also includes serving as Chief Executive Officer of two national trade associations and several senior level staff positions on Capitol Hill.

#### Education

B.S., University of Louisville, 1979; J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1989

## Honors / Awards

Executive Board Member, National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, 2000-2006; American Banker selection as one of the most promising U.S. bank executives under 40 years of age, 1992

### R. Steven Aronica | Forensic Accountant

Steven Aronica is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in the States of New York and Georgia and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Institute of Internal Auditors, and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Aronica has been instrumental in the prosecution of numerous financial and accounting fraud civil litigation claims against companies that include Lucent Technologies, Tyco, Oxford Health Plans, Computer Associates, Aetna, WorldCom, Vivendi, AOL Time Warner, Ikon, Doral Financial, First BanCorp, Acclaim Entertainment, Pall Corporation, iStar Financial, Hibernia Foods, NBTY, Tommy Hilfiger, Lockheed Martin, the Blackstone Group, and Motorola. In addition, he assisted in the prosecution of numerous civil claims against the major United States public accounting firms.

Aronica has been employed in the practice of financial accounting for more than 30 years, including public accounting, where he was responsible for providing clients with a wide range of accounting and auditing services; the investment bank Drexel Burnham Lambert, Inc., where he held positions with accounting and financial reporting responsibilities; and at the SEC, where he held various positions in the divisions of Corporation Finance and Enforcement and participated in the prosecution of both criminal and civil fraud claims.

#### Education

B.B.A., University of Georgia, 1979

## Andrew J. Rudolph | Forensic Accountant

Andrew Rudolph is the Director of the Firm's Forensic Accounting Department, which provides in-house forensic accounting expertise in connection with securities fraud litigation against national and foreign 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

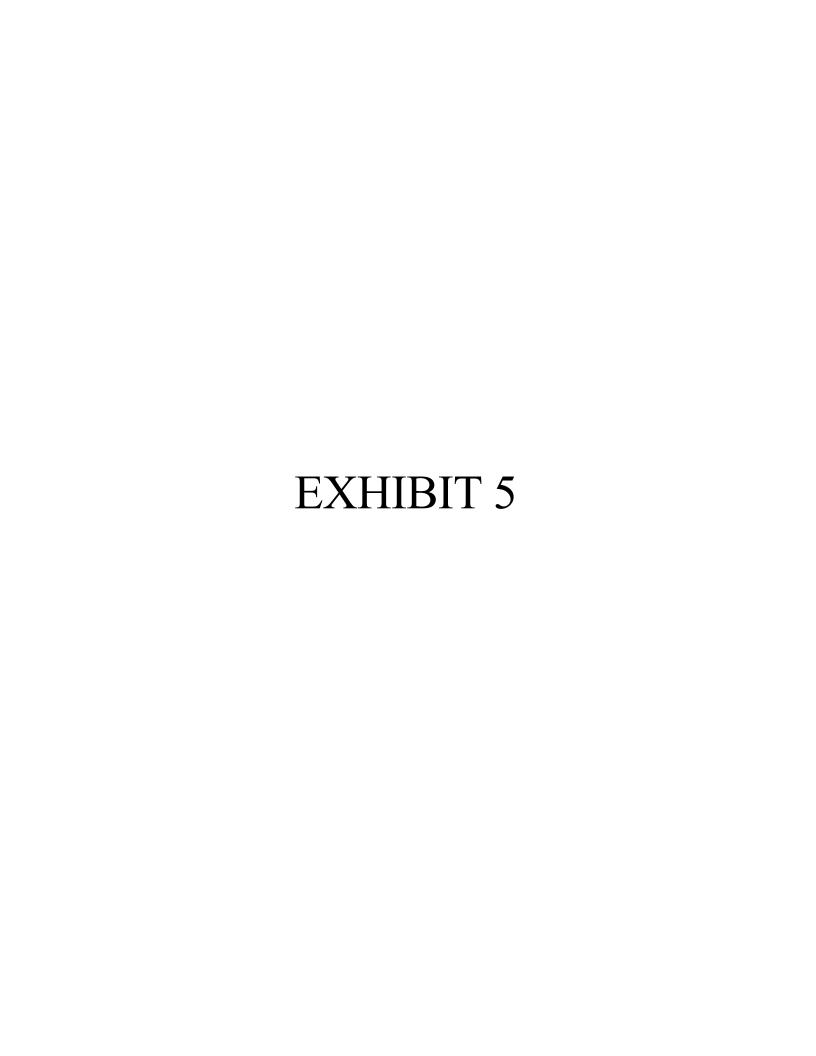
## Christopher Yurcek | Forensic Accountant

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



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14	In re TINTRI, INC. SECURITIES )	Lead Case No. 17-CIV-04312		
15	LITIGATION )	(Consolidated with Nos. 17-CIV-04321; 17-CIV-04618; and 20-CIV-00980)		
16 17	This Document Relates To:	CLASS ACTION		
18	ALL ACTIONS.	DECLARATION OF FRANCIS A. BOTTINI, JR. FILED ON BEHALF OF BOTTINI &		
19		BOTTINI, INC. IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF		
20		ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES		
21		Assigned for All Purposes to: Honorable Susan L. Greenberg		
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SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES

I, Francis A. Bottini, Jr., declare as follows:

- 1. I am a member of the firm of Bottini & Bottini, Inc. ("B&B" or the "Firm"). I am submitting this declaration in support of the application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses/charges ("expenses") in connection with services rendered in the above-entitled action.
- This Firm is Co-Lead counsel of record for plaintiffs Rustam Mustafin, Henrik Thørring, and Laurence Clayton.
- 3. The information in this declaration regarding the Firm's time and expenses is taken from time and expense reports and supporting documentation prepared and/or maintained by the Firm in the ordinary course of business. I am the partner who oversaw and/or conducted the day-to-day activities in the litigation and I reviewed these reports (and backup documentation where necessary or appropriate) in connection with the preparation of this declaration. The purpose of this review was to confirm both the accuracy of the entries as well as the necessity for, and reasonableness of, the time and expenses committed to the litigation. Based on this review, I believe that the time reflected in the Firm's lodestar calculation and the expenses for which payment is sought herein are reasonable and were necessary for the effective and efficient prosecution and resolution of the litigation.
- 4. The number of hours spent on the litigation by my Firm is 1,657.40. A breakdown of the lodestar is provided in Exhibit A. The lodestar amount for attorney/paraprofessional time based on the Firm's current rates is \$1,124,126.50. The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A are consistent with hourly rates submitted by the Firm in other securities class action litigation. The Firm's rates are set based on periodic analysis of rates charged by firms performing comparable work both on the plaintiff and defense side. For personnel who are no longer employed by the Firm, the "current rate" used for the lodestar calculation is based upon the rate for that person in his or her final year of employment with the Firm.

- 5. My Firm seeks an award of \$49,900.22 in expenses and charges in connection with the prosecution of the litigation. Those expenses and charges are summarized by category in Exhibit B.
  - 6. The following is additional information regarding certain of these expenses:
- (a) Filing, Witness and Other Fees: \$2,386.63. These expenses have been paid to the Court for filing fees and to attorney service firms or individuals who either (i) served process of the complaint or subpoenas, or (ii) obtained copies of court documents for plaintiffs. The vendors who were paid for these services are set forth in Exhibit C.
- (b) Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$2,159.78. In connection with the prosecution of this case, the Firm has paid for travel expenses to, among other things, attend court hearings and mediation. The date, destination, and purpose of each trip is set forth in Exhibit D.
  - (c) Experts/Consultants: \$8,036.22.
- (i) Smith Katzenstein Jenkins LLP was co-counsel to consult with regarding the related bankruptcy litigation.
- (d) Photocopies: \$8,721.30. In connection with this case, the Firm made 58,142 in-house photocopies, charging \$0.15 per copy for a total of \$8,721.30. Each time an in-house copy machine is used, our billing system requires that a case or administrative billing code be entered and that is how the 58,142 copies were identified as related to this case.
- (e) Online Legal and Financial Research: \$22,888.43. This category includes vendors such as LEXIS and Bloomberg Law. These resources were used to obtain access to SEC filings, factual databases, legal research, and for cite-checking of briefs. This expense represents the expense incurred by B&B for use of these services in connection with this litigation. The charges for these vendors vary depending upon the type of services requested.



## **EXHIBIT A**

## In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 17-CIV-04312 Bottini & Bottini, Inc. Inception through June 14, 2024

NAME		HOURS	RATE	LODESTAR
Francis A. Bottini, Jr.	(P)	449.40	\$995	\$447,153.00
Albert Y. Chang	(P)	11.50	\$840	\$9,660.00
Yury A. Kolesnikov	(A)	689.50	\$640	\$441,280.00
Tera Gazallo	(OC)	124.80	\$525	\$65,520.00
Nicholaus H. Woltering	(A)	24.30	\$475	\$11,542.50
Stephanie M. Ammirati	(PL)	292.50	\$440	\$128,700.00
Amelia Ardito	(PL)	65.10	\$310	\$20,181.00
Antonia Smith	(PL)	.30	\$300	\$90.00
TOTAL		1,657.40		\$1,124,126.50

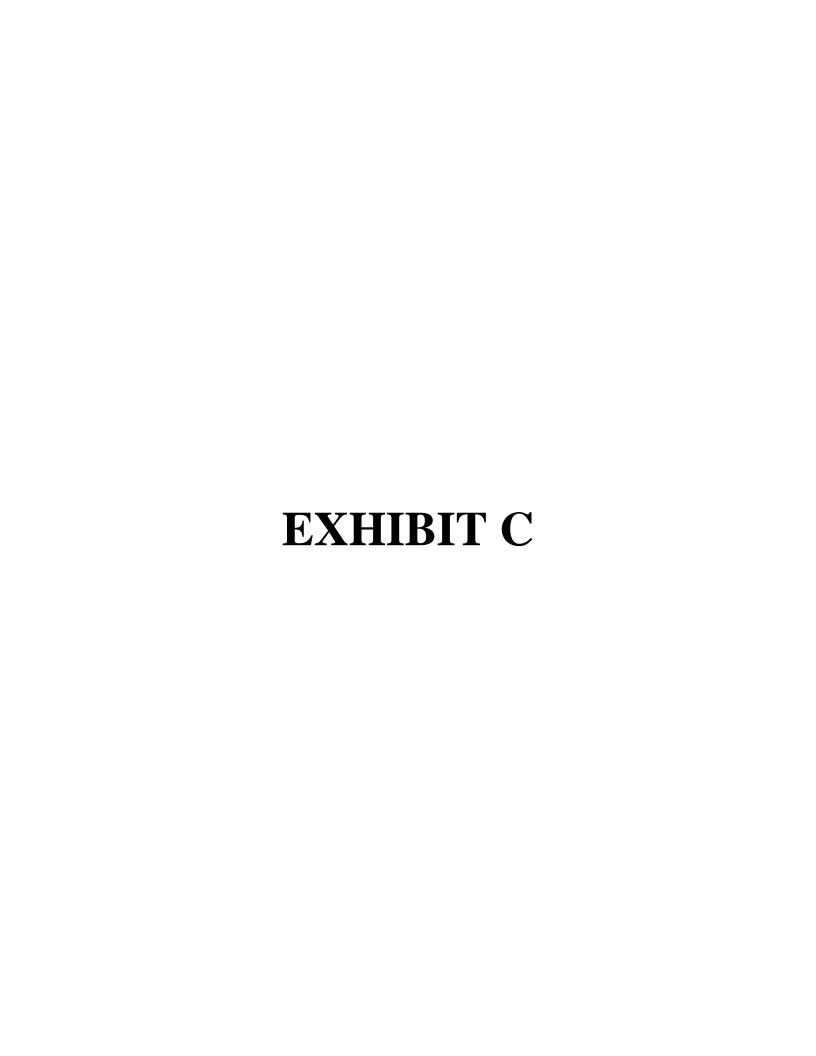
- (P) Partner
- (A) Associate
- (OC) Of Counsel
- (PL) Paralegal



## **EXHIBIT B**

## In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 17-CIV-04312 Bottini & Bottini, Inc. Inception through June 14, 2024

CATEGORY	AMOUNT	
Filing, Witness and Other Fees	\$2,386.63	
Transportation, Hotels and Meals	\$2,159.78	
Postage	\$301.02	
Messenger, Overnight Delivery	\$72.85	
Experts/Consultants (Bankruptcy Co-Counsel)		
Smith Katzenstein Jenkins LLP	\$8,036.22	\$8,036.22
Photocopies		
In-House: (58,142 copies at \$0.15 per page)	\$8,721.30	
Online Legal and Financial Research	\$22,888.43	
E-Discovery Services	\$4,629.68	
Staff Overtime	\$704.31	
TOTAL	\$49,900.22	



## **EXHIBIT C**

*In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 17-CIV-04312 Bottini & Bottini, Inc.

Filing, Witness and Other Fees: \$2,386.63

DATE	VENDOR	PURPOSE	
10/4/2017	One Legal	Class Action Complaint/Complex Litigation Fee	
6/22/2018	One Legal	Notice of Entry of Order	
12/23/2019	One Legal	Motion to Lift Stay	
2/7/2020	One Legal	Reply in Support of Motion to Lift Stay	
6/22/2020	One Legal	Brief in Response to 6/9/2020 Order	
7/9/2020	One Legal	Stipulation regarding Briefing Schedule	
7/10/2020	CourtCall	Telephonic Appearance of Y. Kolesnikov at Case Management Conference	
8/7/2020	One Legal	Stipulation regarding Page Limitations	
10/4/2020	One Legal	Plaintiffs' Supplemental Brief	
11/9/2020	One Legal	Joint CMC Statement	
4/1/2021	One Legal	Opposition to Motion to Stay	
7/19/2021	One Legal	Request for Dismissal of Credit Suisse	
7/21/2021	One Legal	Proposed Protective Order	
1/19/2022	One Legal	Stipulation re: Class Certification Briefing	
2/15/2022	One Legal	Stipulation re: Class Certification Briefing	
3/23/2022	One Legal	Motion for Class Certification	
8/25/2022	One Legal	Request for Dismissal of A. Porwal's Claims	
10/21/2022	One Legal	Reply in Support of Motion for Class Certification	

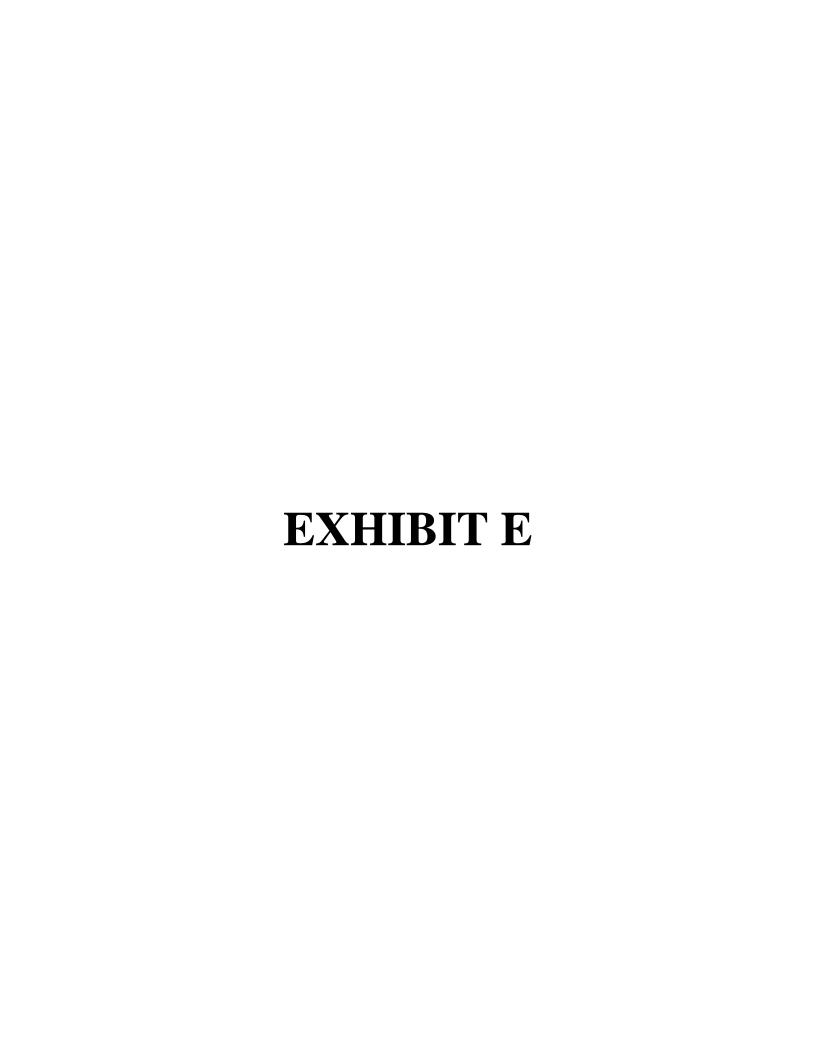


## **EXHIBIT D**

In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 17-CIV-04312 Bottini & Bottini, Inc.

Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$2,159.78

NAME	DATE	DESTINATION	PURPOSE
Francis A. Bottini, Jr.	6/15/2018	San Mateo, CA	Case Management Conference
Francis A. Bottini, Jr.	8/6/2019	San Francisco, CA	Mediation
Yury A. Kolesnikov	8/6/2019	San Francisco, CA	Mediation



# 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**

- Pampena v. Elon Musk, Case No. 22-cv-05937-CRB (United States District Court for the Northern District of California). By order dated April 24, 2023, the Hon. Charles Breyer appointed Bottini & Bottini, Inc. and Cotchett Pitre & McCarthy LLP to serve as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class. See Pampena v. Musk, 2023 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 71169 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 24, 2023). The case, which is a "seller class action," asserts securities fraud claims under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 against Defendant Elon Musk on behalf of all persons who sold Twitter stock between May 13, 2022 and October 4, 2022, inclusive. Plaintiffs allege that Musk made false statements to the public designed to drive Twitter's stock down so that Musk could attempt to renegotiate the merger price for his buyout of Twitter. Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint on June 8, 2023. By order dated December 11, 2023, Judge Breyer upheld all Plaintiffs' claims and denied Musk's motion to dismiss. See Pampena v. Musk, 2023 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 220240 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 11, 2023). The case is currently in the discovery phase.
- 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. 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.

- Dinko Mihaylov v. Tattooed Chef, Inc., et al. (In re Tattoeed Chef Inc. Sec. Litig.), Case No. CV 22-9311-GW-Ex (C.D. Cal.). By order dated March 24, 2023, the Hon. George Lu appointed Bottini & Bottini sole Lead Counsel over the competing applications of two other law firms in this securities class action brought under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and asserting claims under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 against the Company's officers and directors and accounting firm. See Mihaylov v. Tattooed Chef, Inc., 2023 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 62620 (Mar. 23, 2023). Plaintiffs filed a First Amended Complaint on June 1, 2023.
- Sterling v. Iris Energy Ltd., Case No. 2:22-cv-7273-JMV-MAH (D.N.J.). Bottini & Bottini was appointed sole Lead Counsel by the Court over competing lead plaintiff motions in an order dated March 27, 2023. The case is a securities class action asserting claims under the Securities Act of 1933 and Securities Exchange Act of 1934 against the Company's officers and directors and underwriters. The lawsuit seeks damages on behalf of investors who bought Iris Energy's stock in the Company's IPO and also on the open market after the IPO. Iris Energy is a bitcoin miner. On June 6, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a First Amended Complaint. The action is currently pending and being litigated.
- 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 one of the firms 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 asserted 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. 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.

- Wilhoite v. Xiaodi Hou (In re TuSimple Shareholder Deriv. Litig.), Case No. 3:23-cv-02333-BEN-MSB (United States District Court for the Southern District of California). Bottini & Bottini and Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP are Co-Lead Counsel for the plaintiffs, who are shareholders of TuSimple, Inc. Plaintiffs filed suit on December 22, 2023, seeking a preliminary injunction and damages under the federal Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 and the California Uniform Trade Secrets Act. Plaintiffs then promptly moved for a TRO and also filed an ex parte motion to expedite the hearing on the motion for TRO, which the court granted. On January 23, 2024, the court granted Plaintiffs' Motion for TRO and expedited discovery and enjoined the company's co-founder and others from:
  - 1. Violating the National Security Agreement between TuSimple, Holdings, Inc. and the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States ("CFIUS").
  - 2. Selling, transferring, or disclosing TuSimple trade secrets to people or entities outside the United States, including TuSimple's China-based businesses.
  - 3. Selling, transferring, or disclosing TuSimple trade secrets to Hydron, Inc.
  - 4. Transferring outside of the United States any proceeds obtained from the sale, transfer, or disclosure of TuSimple's trade secrets.
  - 5. Transferring outside of the United States any proceeds obtained from the sale, transfer, or disclosure of TuSimple's assets other than trade secrets.

See Wilhoite v. Xiaodi Hou, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12040 (S.D. Cal. Jan. 23, 2024) (order granting Plaintiffs' Motion for TRO to prevent company executives from transferring intellectual property to China).

- In re Google RTB Consumer Privacy Litig., Case No. 4:21-cv-02155-YGR (N.D. Cal.). Bottini & Bottini is serving as a member of the Executive Committee in this consumer privacy class action alleging that Google misappropriated consumers' personally identifiable information without consent and used the information for its own profit in connection with the operation of its "real time bidding" network with advertisers. Most of plaintiffs' claims have been upheld by the court. See In re Google RTB Consumer Priv. Litig., 606 F. Supp. 3d 935 (2022). The case is currently in the discovery phase and Daubert and dispositive motions are set for July 12, 2024.
- In re Franklin Wireless Shareholder Derivative Litigation, Case No. 21-cv-1837-

AJB-MSB (S.D. Cal.). The firm serves as Co-Lead Counsel in this shareholder derivative action, which asserts claims for violation of Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, breach of fiduciary duty, and unjust enrichment. The lawsuit involves alleged wrongdoing by the CEO and board members relating to the loss of the Company's largest customer (Verizon) due to the board's failure to adequately address and remediate the Company's defective products. After the claims were upheld, Plaintiffs engaged in full merits and expert discovery and prevailed on all claims against Defendants' motion for summary judgment. See In re Franklin Wireless Corp. Derivative Litig., 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 47516 (Mar. 18, 2024).

- 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.
- 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 2024.
- **Dollens v. Goosehead Insurance, Inc.**, C.A. No. 2022-1018-JTL (Delaware Chancery Court). In this shareholder class action filed in 2022, Plaintiffs, represented by Bottini & Bottini and Saxena White, alleged that in violation of DGCL Section 141(a), Goosehead's insiders adopted various shareholder agreements and terms in the company's governing documents that provided certain favored minority stockholders with contractual veto power over the most important decisions and functions properly entrusted to the Board under Delaware's corporate system, such as the hiring, firing, and compensation of the Company's CEO, CFO, and other most senior executive officers. The complaint also alleged that, in violation of Delaware

common law principles recognizing "[t]he shareholders' right to vote includes the right to nominate a contesting slate," *Hubbard v. Hollywood*, 1991 WL 3151, at \*8 (Del. Ch. Jan. 14, 1991), Goosehead provided the same favored minority stockholders with a contractual right to always designate the nominees for a majority of the seats on the Company's Board, including the Chair of the Board, so long as they continue to hold a mere 10% of the Company's total outstanding shares. As a result of Plaintiffs' efforts, the case was settled on August 8, 2023, with Goosehead agreeing to make significant changes to these agreements, including: (i) narrowing the consent rights provision of the Stockholders Agreement, (ii) clarifying the board nomination rights provision of the Stockholders Agreement, and (iii) adding a "fiduciary out" clause to both (collectively, the "Proposed Settlement"). The final approval hearing is set for Feb. 16, 2024 before the Hon. V.C. Laster.

• 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 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 BofI Holding, Inc. S'holder Litig., 848 Fed. Appx. 234 (9th Cir. Feb. 25, 2021). The case was remanded to the district court, where defendants filed another motion to dismiss. By order dated March 5, 2024, the Hon. Gonzalo Curiel denied the motion to dismiss without prejudice, stating that Plaintiffs had alleged new particularized facts demonstrating demand futility. See In re Bofi Holdings, Inc., 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 38599 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 5, 2024) (finding that "Plaintiff has supplemented his initial claims with information discovered in the course of the whistleblower action, including allegations regarding BofI's attempts following Erhart's termination to defame and harass Erhart with lawsuits. ECF No. 178 at 9 (sealed)" and rejecting Defendants' "attempt to brush aside Plaintiff's new allegations.").

- 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 was 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 offices 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. Zagel 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-232227 (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 counsel 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. After conducting broad-ranging discovery, including depositions in Paris and London, and defeating defendants' motion for summary judgment, 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 filed in 2009. 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, which was filed in 2010 and challenged 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 2004 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 in 2002, 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 class actions, consumer and privacy/data breach class actions, mergers & acquisitions, antitrust class actions, 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 numerous multi-million-dollar recoveries in securities, consumer, shareholder derivative, 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, Fifth, 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).
- Wilhoite v. Xiaodi Hou, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12040 (S.D. Cal. Jan. 23, 2024) (order granting Plaintiffs' Motion for TRO to prevent company executives from transferring intellectual property to China).
- 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);
- 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);
- 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);
- 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, data breach, 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.

### Aaron P. Arnzen

Aaron P. Arnzen is an experienced litigator and trial attorney who specializes in representing shareholders in class action and derivative litigation.

Prior to joining Bottini & Bottini, Mr. Arnzen was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of California. At the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Arnzen primarily focused on the investigation and prosecution of complex securities fraud schemes, including insider trading, accounting fraud, market manipulation, offering frauds, and Ponzi schemes. He was the lead prosecutor in the criminal case against Gina Champion-Cain, who carried out the largest Ponzi scheme in the history of the District. Mr. Arnzen has well-honed trial skills, having conducted jury trials on behalf of the United States in cases involving insider trading, pump-and-dump schemes, government procurement fraud, mortgage fraud, perjury, and drug smuggling. Mr. Arnzen was also named Chief of the Major Frauds and Public Corruption Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office, where he oversaw hundreds of white-collar investigations. In addition, Mr. Arnzen served as the Office's designated Financial Fraud Coordinator, responsible for providing input on all aspects of financial- and securities fraud-related investigations in the Office, and coordinating matters that intersected with other federal and state authorities.

Before he was a federal prosecutor, Mr. Arnzen served as a Staff Attorney and Senior Trial Counsel with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Enforcement, having been posted in the SEC's New York and San Francisco Regional Offices. While at the SEC, Mr. Arnzen acted as the primary SEC enforcement attorney dedicated to the investigation of Bernard Madoff and his co-conspirators. He also litigated and investigated cases focused on high frequency trading, asset management, broker-dealer practices, accounting fraud, Ponzi schemes, and manipulative trading.

Mr. Arnzen began his legal career with Cooley LLP, where he represented corporate and individual clients in criminal and regulatory inquiries, internal investigations, and class action securities litigation. He second-chaired the successful defense of a "Big 5" audit engagement partner in

successive federal criminal trials that cumulatively lasted more than five months. He also cochaired the firm-wide Associates Committee, and received the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program's award for Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year.

In addition, Mr. Arnzen has in-house business experience, having worked for a multi-national company as a Certified Public Accountant in financial reporting, internal auditing, and financial analysis roles.

Mr. Arnzen is a 2001 graduate, with honors, of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, School of Law, and a 1994 graduate of the University of Cincinnati, where he graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Business Administration. While at UNC, Mr. Arnzen served as an Articles Editor for the Law Review. His articles include *U.S. v. Dickerson: A Case Study in Executive Constitutional Interpretation*, 78 N.C. L. REV. 1153 (2000). Mr. Arnzen was certified as a public accountant by the Ohio Board of Accountancy (license currently inactive). He is admitted to California State Bar; District of Columbia Bar; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; and the United States District Courts for the Southern, Central, and Northern Districts of California.

### **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.

### 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. Deriv. Litig.*, No. 1:05cv41683 (Cal. Super. Ct., County of Santa Clara).

### 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 Iv. 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 classaction 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.

### 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.

### **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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I, Kara M. Wolke, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a Partner with the firm of Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP ("GPM" or the "Firm"). I am submitting this declaration in support of the application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses/charges ("expenses") in connection with services rendered in the above-entitled action.
  - 2. My Firm is Plaintiffs' Counsel and counsel of record for plaintiff Henrik Thørring.
- 3. The information in this declaration regarding the Firm's time and expenses is taken from time and expense reports and supporting documentation prepared and/or maintained by the Firm in the ordinary course of business. I am the Partner who oversaw and/or conducted the day-to-day activities in the litigation and I reviewed these reports (and backup documentation where necessary or appropriate) in connection with the preparation of this declaration. The purpose of this review was to confirm both the accuracy of the entries, as well as the necessity for, and reasonableness of, the time and expenses committed to the litigation. As a result of this review, reductions were made to both time and expenses in the exercise of billing judgment. Among other things, I have removed all timekeepers who billed less than five hours to the case. Based on this review and the adjustments made, I believe that the time reflected in the Firm's lodestar calculation and the expenses for which payment is sought herein are reasonable and were necessary for the effective and efficient prosecution and resolution of the litigation.
- 4. After the reductions referred to above, the number of hours spent on the litigation by my Firm is 2,101.25. A breakdown of the lodestar is provided in Exhibit A. The lodestar amount for attorney/paraprofessional time based on the Firm's current rates is \$1,437,845.75. The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A are consistent with hourly rates submitted by the Firm in other securities class action litigation. The Firm's rates are set based on periodic analysis of rates charged by firms performing comparable work both on the plaintiff and defense side. For personnel who are no

longer employed by the Firm, the "current rate" used for the lodestar calculation is based upon the rate for that person in his or her final year of employment with the Firm.

- 5. My Firm seeks an award of \$75,729.33 in expenses and charges in connection with the prosecution of the litigation. Those expenses and charges are summarized in Exhibit B.
  - 6. The following is additional information regarding certain of these expenses:
- (a) Filing, Witness and Other Fees: \$3,487.03. These expenses have been paid to the Court for filing fees and to attorney service firms or individuals who, *inter alia*, served process of the complaint or subpoenas.
- (b) Class Action Notices/Business Wire: \$130.00. This expense was necessary under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995's "early notice" requirements, which provides, among other things, that

Not later than 20 days after the date on which the complaint is filed, the plaintiff or plaintiffs shall cause to be published, in a widely circulated national business-oriented publication or wire service, a notice advising members of the purported plaintiff class – (I) of the pendency of the action, the claims asserted therein, and the purported class period; and (II) that, not later than 60 days after the date on which the notice is published, any member of the purported class may move the court to serve as lead plaintiff of the purported class.

See 15 U.S.C. 15 U.S.C. §77z-1(a)(3)(A)(i).

- (c) Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$780.45. In connection with the prosecution of this case, the Firm has paid for travel expenses to attend a mediation. The date, destination, and purpose of each trip is set forth in Exhibit C.
- (d) Deposition Reporting and Transcript: \$1,587.80. The vendor who was paid for deposition reporting and transcript is listed in Exhibit D.
  - (e) Experts/Consultants/Investigators: \$26,420.82.
- (i) Dees Research is a private investigation firm that was retained to assist GPM in its factual investigation into the claims asserted against Defendants: \$5,830.00.
  - (ii) Smith Katzenstein & Jenkins LLP is a bankruptcy firm that was



## **EXHIBIT A**

In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 17-CIV-04312 Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP Inception through June 24, 2024

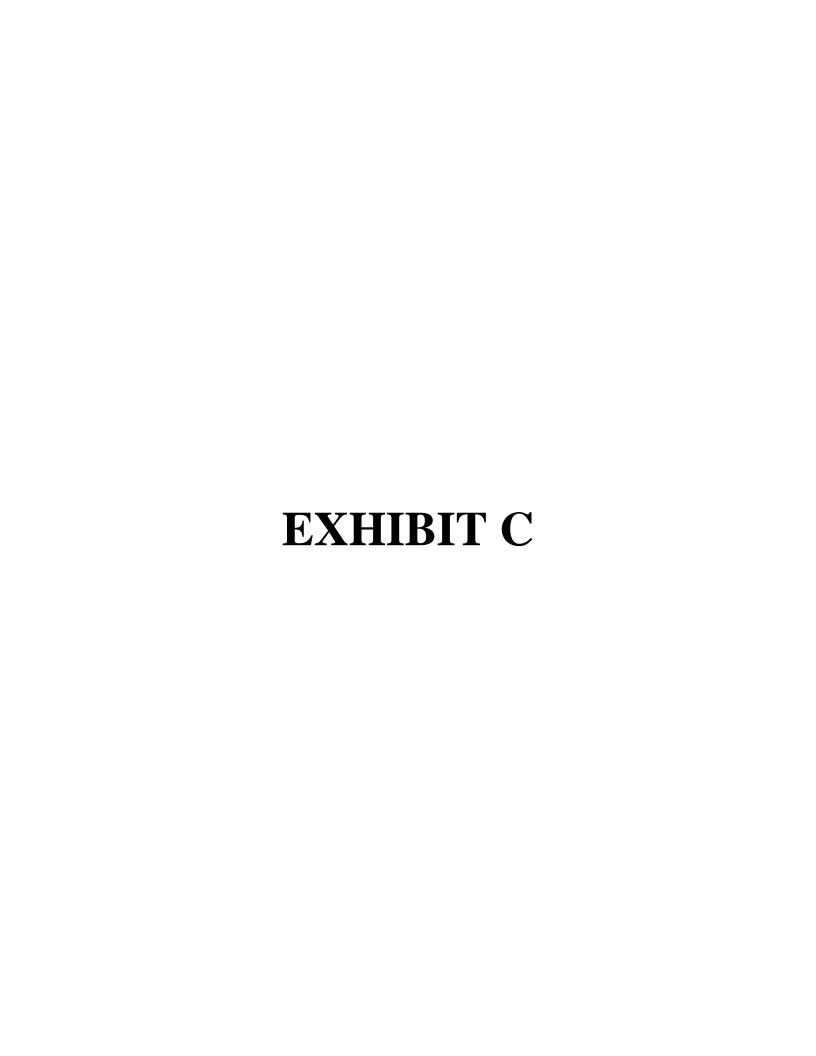
TIMEKEEPER/CASE	STATUS	HOURS	RATE	LODESTAR
ATTORNEYS:				
Robert Prongay	Partner	47.00	1,050.00	49,350.00
Joseph Cohen	Partner	40.50	1,195.00	48,397.50
Kara Wolke	Partner	281.10	1,050.00	295,155.00
Natalie S. Pang	Partner	94.50	895.00	84,577.50
Charles Linehan	Partner	5.00	895.00	4,475.00
Raymond Sulentic	Partner	517.60	875.00	452,900.00
Christopher Thoms	Senior Counsel	7.30	750.00	5,475.00
Jennifer Leinbach	Associate	49.40	625.00	30,875.00
Robert Yan	Associate	148.00	725.00	107,300.00
Alexa Mullarky	Associate	187.10	395.00	73,904.50
Robert H. Gruber	Associate	69.70	425.00	29,622.50
Ani Setian	Associate	8.00	395.00	3,160.00
Noreen R. Scott	Staff Attorney	463.50	410.00	190,035.00
TOTAL ATTORNEY	TOTAL	1,918.70		1,375,227.00
PARALEGALS:				
Harry Kharadjian	Senior Paralegal	39.80	350.00	13,930.00
Paul Harrigan	Senior Paralegal	52.15	325.00	16,948.75
Zabella Moore	Senior Paralegal	55.00	350.00	19,250.00
Emily Oswald	Paralegal	8.00	225.00	1,800.00
Jack Ligman	Research Analyst	5.80	400.00	2,320.00
John D. Belanger	Research Analyst	10.00	365.00	3,650.00
Michaela Ligman	Research Analyst	11.80	400.00	4,720.00
TOTAL PARALEGAL	TOTAL	182.55		62,618.75
TOTAL LODESTAR	TOTAL	2,101.25		1,437,845.75



## **EXHIBIT B**

# In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 17-CIV-04312 Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP Inception through June 24, 2024

CATEGORY	AMOUNT	
Filing, Witness and Other Fees (including Service		
of Process)	\$3,487.03	
Class Action Notices/Business Wire	\$130.00	
Transportation, Hotels and Meals	\$780.45	
Document Management/E-Discovery Vendor	\$10,198.11	
Messenger, Overnight Delivery	\$258.00	
Deposition Reporting/Transcripts and Videography	\$1,587.80	
Experts/Consultants/Investigators	\$26,420.82	
Dees Research	\$5,830.00	
Smith Katzenstein & Jenkins LLP	\$8,390.82	
Financial Markets Analysis LLC		
Photocopies	\$151.20	
In-House: (756 copies at \$0.20 per page)		
Online Legal and Financial Research	\$25,215.92	
Mediation Fees (Philips ADR Enterprises, P.C.)	\$7,500	
TOTAL	\$75,729.33	



## **EXHIBIT C**

In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 17-CIV-04312 Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP

Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$780.45

NAME	DATE	DESTINATION	PURPOSE
Kara Wolke	8/6/2019	San Francisco, CA	Mediation

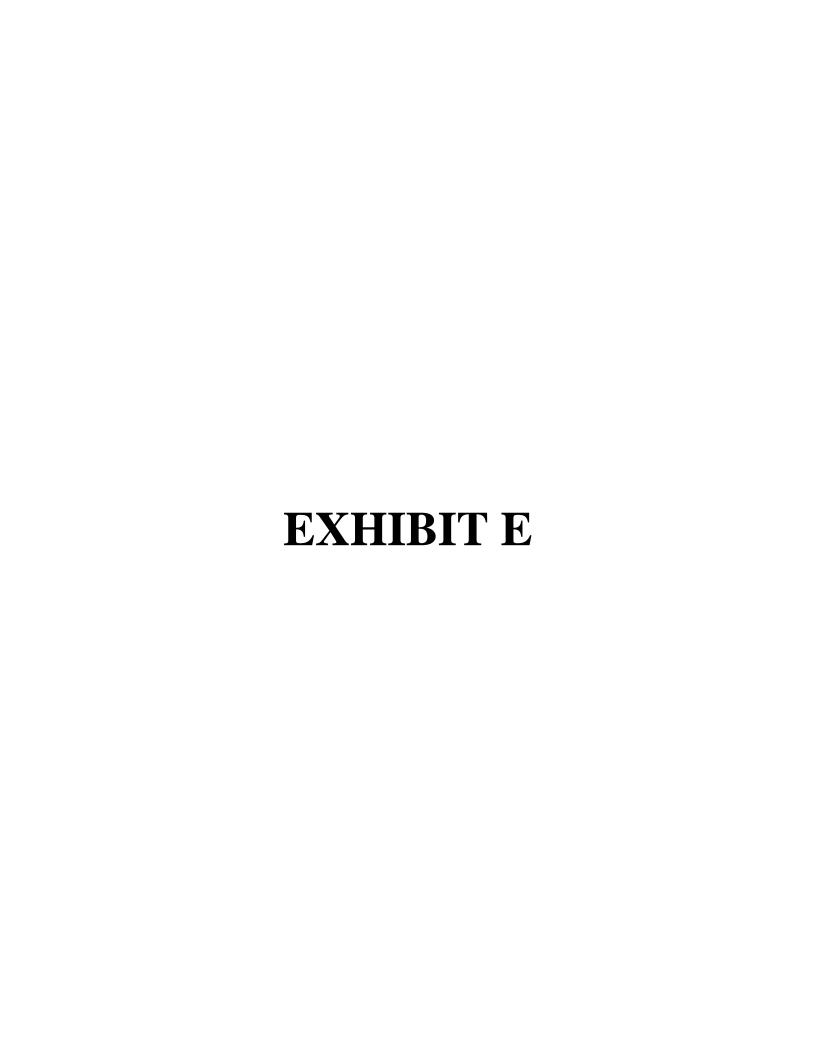


## **EXHIBIT D**

In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 17-CIV-04312 Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP

Deposition Reporting/Transcripts: \$1,587.80

DATE	VENDOR	PURPOSE
6/8/2022	Planet Depos, LLC	Deposition of Henrik Thørring





#### 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.

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*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.

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.

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.

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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.

*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.

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.

*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.

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.

*In re Ramp Networks, Inc. Securities Litigation*, USDC Northern District of California, Case No. C-00-3645-JCS, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of nearly \$7 million.

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Capri v. Comerica, Inc., USDC Eastern District of Michigan, Case No. 02-CV-60211-MOB, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$6.0 million.

Plumbing Solutions Inc. v. Plug Power, Inc., USDC Eastern District of New York, Case No. CV 00 5553-ERK, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of over \$5 million.

Ree v. Procom Technologies, Inc., USDC Southern District of New York, Case No. 02-CV-7613-JGK, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$2.7 million.

Tatz v. Nanophase Technologies Corp., USDC Northern District of Illinois, Case No. 01-C-8440-MCA, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class and achieved a settlement of \$2.5 million.

In re F & M Distributors Securities Litigation, USDC Eastern District of Michigan, Case No. 95 CV 71778-DT, a securities fraud class action in which the Firm served on the Executive Committee and helped secure a \$20.25 million settlement.

#### 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.

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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

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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

Other notable Firm cases are: *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 is also 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

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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. III.); 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., Middlesex County); 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.).

**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.

**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.

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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

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(\$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 (9<sup>th</sup> 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. III.), 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

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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. III. 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. III. 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. KRAJCER** 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.

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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.

**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

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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).

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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.

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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 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.

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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."

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**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** 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.

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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. III. July 13, 2018) (denying motion to dismiss); In re Flowers Foods, Inc. Sec. Litia., 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-Brillian 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*.

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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

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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.

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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,

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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.

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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.

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**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 Litigaiton, 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

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**JOSHUA L. CROWELL** concentrates his practice on prosecuting complex securities cases on behalf of investors.

Recently, he was co-lead counsel in *In re Yahoo! Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 17-CV-00373-LHK (N.D. Cal.), which resulted in an \$80 million settlement for the class. He also led the prosecution of *In re Akorn, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 1:15-cv-01944 (N.D. III.), achieving a \$24 million class settlement.

Prior to joining Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP, Joshua was an Associate at Labaton Sucharow LLP in New York, where he substantially contributed to some of the firm's biggest successes. There he helped secure several large federal securities class settlements, including:

- In re Countrywide Financial Corp. Securities Litigation, No. CV 07-05295 MRP (MANx)
   (C.D. Cal.) \$624 million
- In re Schering-Plough Corp. / ENHANCE Securities Litigation, No. 08-397 (DMC)
   (JAD) (D.N.J.) \$473 million
- In re Broadcom Corp. Class Action Litigation, No. CV-06-5036-R (CWx) (C.D. Cal.) \$173.5 million
- In re Fannie Mae 2008 Securities Litigation, No. 08-civ-7831-PAC (S.D.N.Y.) \$170 million
- Oppenheimer Champion Fund and Core Bond Fund actions, Nos. 09-cv-525-JLK-KMT and 09-cv-1186-JLK-KMT (D. Colo.) – \$100 million combined

He began his legal career as an Associate at Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP in New York, primarily representing financial services clients in commercial litigation.

Super Lawyers has selected Joshua as a Rising Star in the area of Securities Litigation from 2015 through 2017.

Prior to attending law school, Joshua was a Senior Economics Consultant at Ernst & Young LLP, where he priced intercompany transactions and calculated the value of intellectual property. Joshua received a J.D., cum laude, from The George Washington University Law School. During law school, he was a member of The George Washington Law Review and the Mock Trial Board. He was also a law intern for Chief Judge Edward J. Damich of the United States Court of Federal Claims. Joshua earned a B.A. in International Relations from Carleton College.

**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.

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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 Practicing 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

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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. III.), 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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Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Pang lead the mass torts department of her last firm, where she managed the cases of over two thousand individual clients. There, Ms. Pang worked on a wide variety of complex state and federal matters which included cases involving pharmaceutical drugs, medical devices, auto defects, toxic torts, false advertising, and uninhabitable conditions. Ms. Pang was also trial counsel in the notable case, *Celestino Acosta et al. v. City of Long Beach et al.* (BC591412) which was brought on behalf of residents of a mobile home park built on a former trash dump and resulted in a \$39.5 million verdict after an eleven-week jury trial in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Ms. Pang received her J.D. from Loyola Law School. While in law school, Ms. Pang received a Top 10 Brief Award as a Scott Moot Court competitor, was chosen to be a member of the Scott Moot Court Honor's Board, and competed as a member of the National Moot Court Team. Ms. Pang was also a Staffer and subsequently an Editor for Loyola's Entertainment Law Review as well as a Loyola Writing Tutor. During law school, Ms. Pang served as an extern for: the Hon. Rolf Treu (Los Angeles Superior Court), the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, and the Federal Public Defender's Office. Ms. Pang obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Southern California and worked in the healthcare industry prior to pursuing her career in law.

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Ms. Rajesh has unique writing experience from her judicial externship for the Patent Pilot Program in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, where she worked closely with the Clerk and judges in the program on patent cases. Drawing from this experience, Ms. Rajesh is passionate about expanding the firm's Intellectual Property practice, and she engages with experts to understand complex technology in a wide range of patents, including network security and videogame electronics.

Ms. Rajesh graduated from University of California, Santa Barbara with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. She received her Juris Doctor degree from UCLA School of Law. While in law school, Ms. Rajesh was an Associate Editor for the UCLA Law Review.

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Ms. Wright received her J.D. from the UC Davis School of Law in 2012, where she was a board member of Tax Law Society and externed for the California Board of Equalization's Tax Appeals Assistance Program focusing on consumer use tax issues. Ms. Wright also graduated from NYU School of Law, where she received her LL.M. in Taxation in 2013.

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Mr. Fallon earned his J.D. and a Certificate in Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine Law School in 2004. While attending law school, Christopher worked at the Pepperdine Special Education Advocacy Clinic and interned with the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General. Prior to attending law school, he graduated from Boston College with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a minor in Irish Studies, then served as Deputy Campaign Finance Director on a U.S. Senate campaign.

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RAY D. SULENTIC prosecutes complex class actions for GPM. He enjoys advocating for investors because he used to be one. Before law school, Mr. Sulentic worked on Wall Street for roughly a decade—on both the buy-side, and the sell-side. His experience includes working as a former Director of Investments for a private equity fund; a special situations analyst for a \$10.0 billion multi-asset class hedge fund; and as a sell-side equity and commodity analyst for Bear Stearns & Co. Inc. While at Bear Stearns, Mr. Sulentic's investment analysis was featured in Barron's.

Since leaving the investment world, Mr. Sulentic received his early legal training from one of the largest law firms in the world, where he defended multinational corporations in securities suits and government investigations.

While in law school, Mr. Sulentic authored several seminar papers on securities law topics including on: whether SLUSA conferred exclusive jurisdiction to federal courts deciding cases under the Securities Act of 1933; how to overcome a corporation's unilaterally adopted bylaw amendment purporting to confer exclusive forum in Delaware; and on the proliferation of appraisal arbitrage actions and whether public policy supports the Delaware Court of Chancery's role as an arbiter of market value.

He holds a B.S.M. in Finance from Tulane University; an M.B.A. with a concentration in Finance from Georgetown University; and a J.D. from the UCLA School of Law. The synergy of his finance and legal education and experience makes him well-suited for disputes related to complex accounting frauds, market manipulation matters, valuation disputes, and damages.

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15	In re TINTRI, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION	<ul><li>Lead Case No. 17-CIV-04312</li><li>(Consolidated with Nos. 17-CIV-04321;</li></ul>							
16		) 17-CIV-04618; and 20-CIV-00980)							
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18	ALL ACTIONS.	FILED ON BEHALF OF COHEN MILSTEIN SELLERS & TOLL PLLC IN SUPPORT OF							
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DECLARATION OF CHRISTINA D. SALER FILED ON BEHALF OF COHEN MILSTEIN SELLERS & TOLL PLLC IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES 4862-9092-6017.v1

I, Christina D. Saler, declare as follows:

- 1. I am partner with the firm of Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC ("Cohen Milstein" or the "Firm"). I am submitting this declaration in support of the application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses/charges ("expenses") in connection with services rendered in the above-entitled action.
  - 2. This Firm is counsel of record for representative plaintiff Rustam Mustafin.
- 3. The information in this declaration regarding the Firm's time and expenses is taken from time and expense reports and supporting documentation prepared and/or maintained by the Firm in the ordinary course of business. I am the partner who oversaw and/or conducted the day-to-day activities in the litigation and I reviewed these reports (and backup documentation where necessary or appropriate) in connection with the preparation of this declaration. The purpose of this review was to confirm both the accuracy of the entries as well as the necessity for, and reasonableness of, the time and expenses committed to the litigation. I believe that the time reflected in the Firm's lodestar calculation and the expenses for which payment is sought herein are reasonable and were necessary for the effective and efficient prosecution and resolution of the litigation.
- 4. The number of hours spent on the litigation by my Firm is 372.75. A breakdown of the lodestar is provided in Exhibit A. The lodestar amount for attorney/paraprofessional time based on the Firm's current rates is \$272,075.00. The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A are consistent with hourly rates submitted by the Firm in other securities class action litigation. The Firm's rates are based on periodic analysis of rates charged by firms performing comparable work both on the plaintiff and defense side. For personnel who are no longer employed by the Firm, the "current rate" used for the lodestar calculation is based upon the rate for that person in his or her final year of employment with the Firm.

- 5. My Firm seeks reimbursement of \$5,904.14 in expenses and charges in connection with the prosecution of the litigation. Those expenses and charges are summarized by category in Exhibit B.
  - 6. The following is additional information regarding certain of these expenses:
- (a) Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$1,387.08. In connection with the prosecution of this case, the Firm has paid for travel expenses to mediation as well as for meals in connection with the deposition of Rustam Mustafin. The date and destination of the mediation and total cost of the travel expenses related to the mediation is set forth in Exhibit C.
- (b) Court Hearing and Deposition Reporting, and Transcripts: \$1,829.85. The vendors who were paid for document translations and deposition transcripts are listed in Exhibit D.
- (c) Online Legal and Financial Research: \$235.08. This category includes vendors such as LEXIS/NEXIS and Pacer Service Center. These resources were used to obtain access to court filings, legal research, and for cite-checking of briefs. This expense represents the expense incurred by Cohen Milstein for use of these services in connection with this litigation. The charges for these vendors vary depending upon the type of services requested.
- (d) Plaintiff's Expenses \$2,329.30. This category includes Plaintiff Rustam Mustafin's travel expenses from his home in Montreal, Canada to Cohen Milstein's office in New York, New York for his deposition. Mr. Mustafin submitted receipts for his travel expenses to Cohen Milstein, and he was reimbursed.
- 7. The expenses pertaining to this case are reflected in the books and records of this Firm.

  These books and records are prepared from receipts, expense vouchers, check records, and other documents and are an accurate record of the expenses.
- 8. The identification and background of my Firm and its partners is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

1	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 17th
2	day of June, 2024, at Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.
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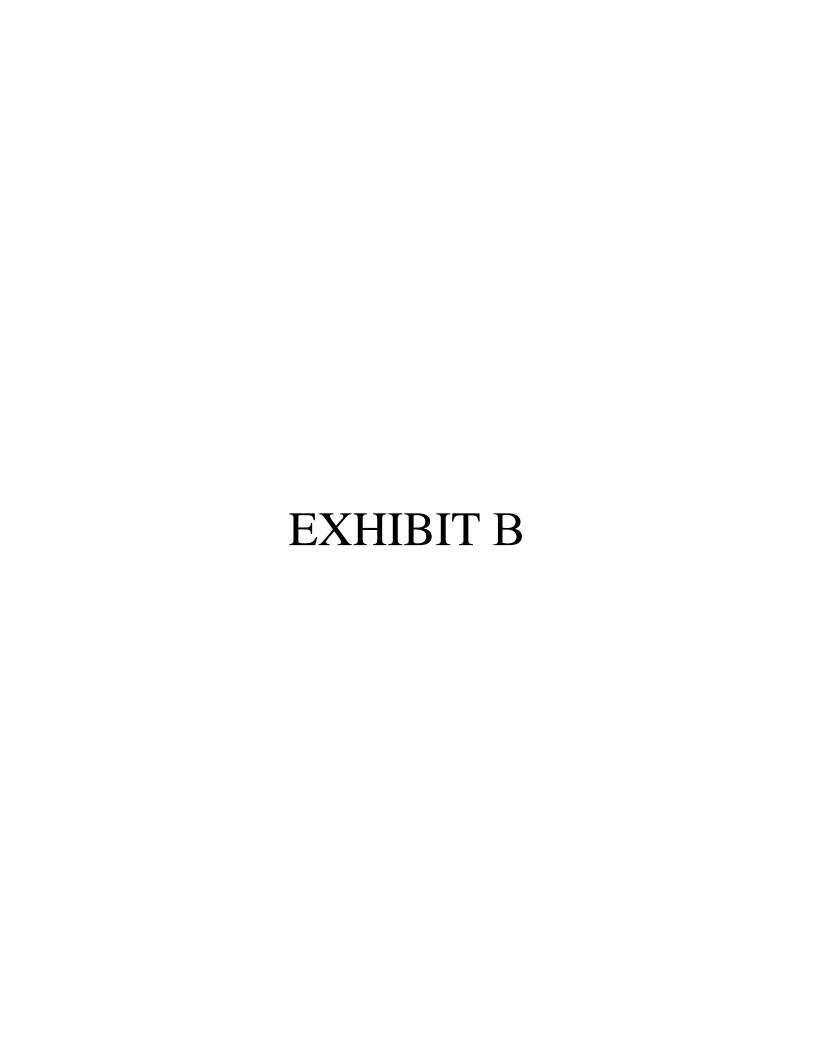


# **EXHIBIT A**

In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 17-CIV-04312 Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC Inception through June 10, 2024

NAME		HOURS	RATE	LODESTAR
Christina D. Saler	(P)	92.25	\$1,005.00	\$92,711.25
Daniel S. Sommers	(P)	3.0	\$1,240.00	\$3,720.00
Steven J. Toll	(P)	44.0	\$1,320.00	\$58,080.00
Eric Berelovich	(A)	2.25	\$560.00	\$1,260.00
Allen Dreschel	(A)	11.75	\$495.00	\$5,816.25
Times Wang	(A)	28.75	\$530.00	\$15,237.50
Susan Greenwood	(OC)	8.5	\$875.00	\$7,437.50
Investigator				
Emilio Blasse		137.5	\$525.00	\$72,187.50
Paralegals				
George Doehne		3.25	\$380.00	\$1,235.00
Joshua Kluger		11.25	\$335.00	\$3,768.75
JiHoon Lee		6.5	\$395.00	\$2,567.50
Ryan Marchbank		2.75	\$290.00	\$797.50
Monica Sebastian		3.75	\$325.00	\$1,218.75
Eric Trachtenberg		17.25	\$350.00	\$6,037.50
TOTAL		372.75		\$272,075.00

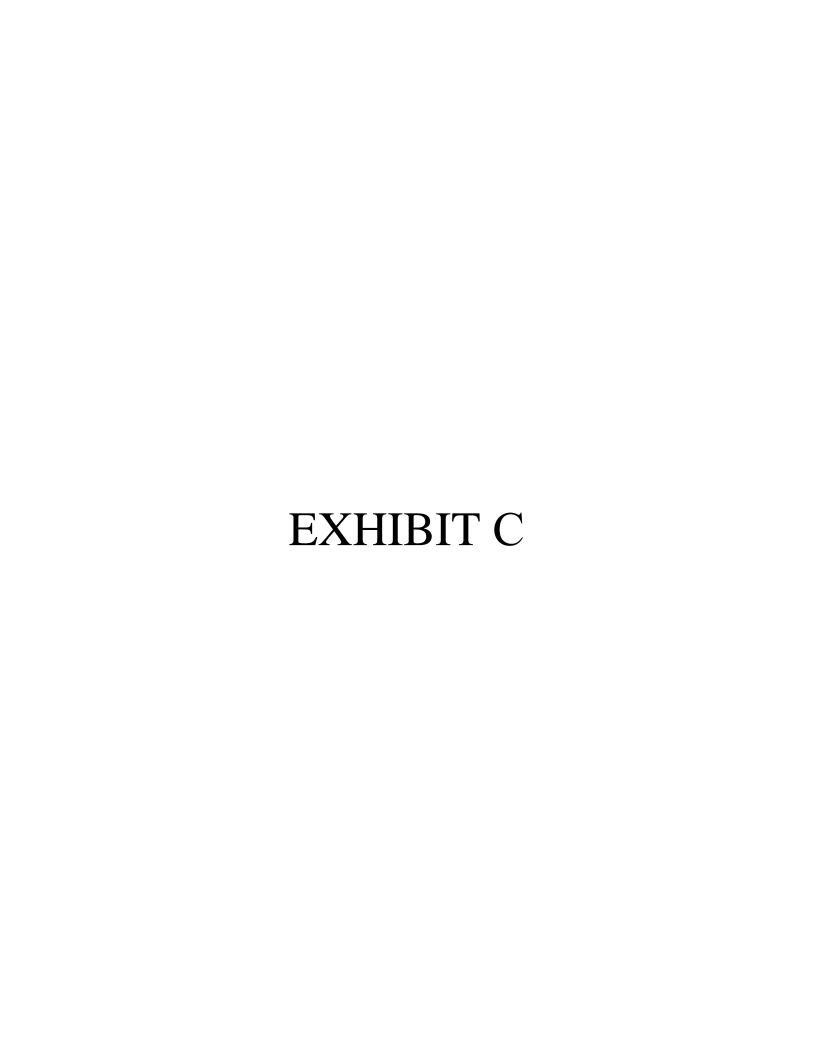
- (P) Partner
- (A) Associate
- (OC) Of Counsel



# **EXHIBIT B**

In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 17-CIV-04312 Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC Inception through June 10, 2024

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Transportation, Hotels and Meals	\$1,387.08
Messenger, Overnight Delivery	\$122.83
Court Hearing Transcripts and Deposition Reporting, Transcripts	
and Videography	\$1,829.85
Online Legal and Financial Research	\$235.08
Plaintiff's Transportation, Hotels and Meals	\$2,329.30
TOTAL	\$5,904.14

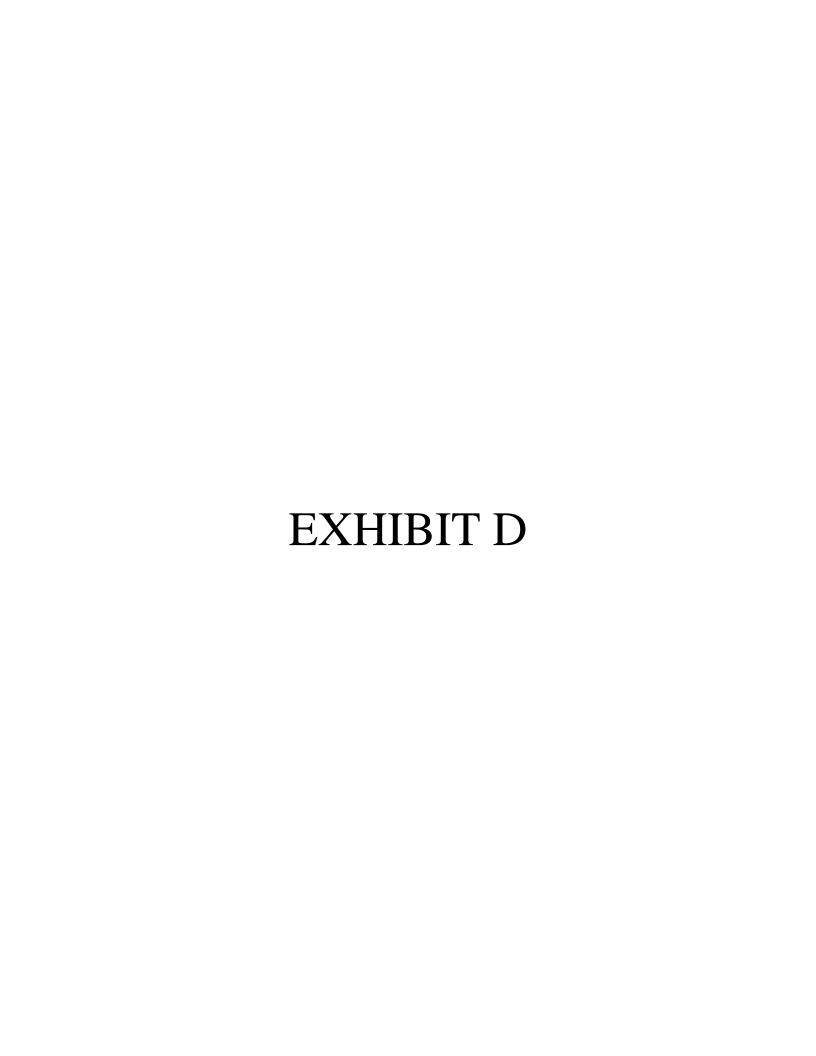


# **EXHIBIT C**

In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 17-CIV-04312 Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC

Transportation, Hotels & Meals for Mediation: \$1,278.33

NAME	DATE	DESTINATION	PURPOSE
Christina D.	08/25/2019	San Francisco, CA	Mediation
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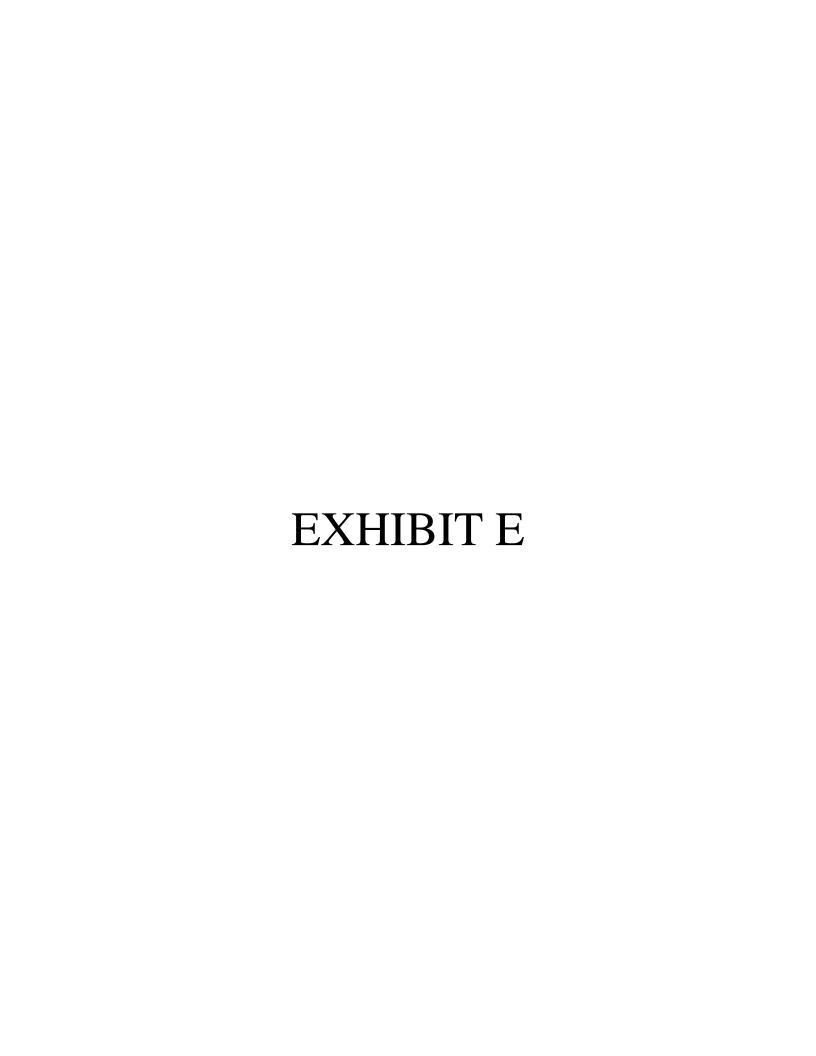


# **EXHIBIT D**

In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 17-CIV-04312 Cohn Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC

Court Hearing Transcripts and Deposition Reporting, Transcripts and Videography: \$1,829.85

DATE	VENDOR	PURPOSE
11/12/2021	Morningside Translation,	Translation of Rustam Mustafin's documents
	Inc.	from Russian to English
06/16/2022	Planet Depos, LLC	Video and transcript of the Deposition of
	_	Rustam Mustafin



# COHEMILSTEIN

## **COHEN MILSTEIN SELLERS & TOLL PLLC**

For decades, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC has represented individuals, small businesses, institutional investors, and employees in many of the major class action cases litigated in the United States for violations of the antitrust, securities, consumer protection, civil rights/discrimination, ERISA, employment, and human rights laws. Cohen Milstein is also at the forefront of numerous innovative legal actions that are expanding the quality and availability of legal recourse for aggrieved individuals and businesses both domestic and international. Over its history, Cohen Milstein has obtained many landmark judgments and settlements for individuals and businesses in the United States and abroad. The firm's most significant successes include:

- Wells Fargo & Co. Securities Litigation No. 1:20-cv-04494-GHW (S.D.N.Y.): We are Co-Lead Counsel representing Co-Lead Plaintiffs Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi and State of Rhode Island Office of the General Treasurer in this securities fraud class action. Plaintiffs allege that, in the wake of a widespread consumer banking scandal from 2016 to 2018, the company and certain current and former executives misrepresented to investors and Congress that it had improved its governance and oversight structure in compliance with three federal regulatory consent orders to ensure that the consumer abuses that had plagued the bank would not recur. On May 16, 2023, the Court granted preliminary approval of a historic \$1 billion cash settlement.
- Doe, Aceh, Indonesia v. ExxonMobil Corporation No. 01-1357 (D.D.C.): On May 15, 2023, eleven Indonesian villagers represented by Cohen Milstein settled a high-profile human rights lawsuit with ExxonMobil Corporation a week before a jury trial was scheduled to begin and shortly after the court denied ExxonMobil's final motion for summary judgment, in which it pointedly stated that most of Exxon's arguments were "entirely meritless." The confidential settlement brought an end to two decades of litigation, which was originally filed in 2001. The case set numerous legal precedents, during which it saw two trips to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals (decided January 2007 and July 2011) and one trip to the Supreme Court (certiorari was denied in 2008). Each time, novel issues of foreign policy impact, extraterritorial jurisdiction, and choice of law were briefed and considered by the Court of Appeals.
- <u>Jock et al. v. Sterling Jewelers Inc.</u> No. 11 160 0065508 (AAA; S.D.N.Y.): On November 15, 2022, the Arbitrator granted final approval of a \$175 million settlement in this rare, closely watched certified class arbitration, filed under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII) and the Equal Pay Act ("EPA"). The lawsuit, which involved approximately 70,000 claimants, was litigated before the AAA, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and involved novel legal issues and rulings related to class certification, class arbitration, and the threshold role of an arbitrator. On October 5, 2020, the Supreme Court declined to hear the petition for certiorari, allowing the case to move forward to trial as a certified class arbitration before the AAA.
- In re Ranbaxy Generic Drug Application Antitrust Litigation No. 1:19-md-02878-NMG (MDL No. 2878) (D. Mass.): On September 19, 2022, the Court granted final approval of a \$485 million global settlement to resolve claims against Ranbaxy in this antitrust, federal RICO, and state consumer protection MDL for allegedly manipulating the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's generic drug approval process to block competitors from coming to market and forcing purchasers to pay supracompetitive prices for its valganciclovir hydrochloride and valsartan products. Of the \$485 million global settlement, \$340 million will go to the certified class of Direct Purchasers. Cohen Milstein represented the certified Direct Purchaser Class.
- <u>FirstEnergy Shareholder Derivative Litigation</u> (S.D. Ohio, N.D. Ohio): On August 23, 2022, the Court granted final approval of a \$180 million global settlement of all shareholder derivative cases, including Employees

Retirement System of the City of St. Louis and Electrical Workers Pension Fund, Local 103, IBEW v. Charles E. Jones, FirstEnergy Corp., et al., (S.D. Ohio) that of Miller v. Anderson (N.D. Ohio) and In re FirstEnergy Corp., Stockholder Derivative Litigation, (Crt. of Common Pleas, Summit County). Plaintiffs represent that the settlement is "among the largest derivative recoveries ever achieved" in the United States and "three times greater than any prior derivative recovery in the history of the Sixth Circuit." Moreover, under the terms of the settlement, FirstEnergy will commit to a series of internal governance reforms, including the departure of six Directors, active Board oversight of FirstEnergy's political spending and lobbying activities, specific disclosures in the annual proxy statement issued to shareholders.

- <u>Dignity Health Church Plan Litigation</u> No. 3:13-cv-01450 (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein is Co-Counsel to a class of defined benefit participants, which alleges that Dignity Health is improperly claiming that its pension plans are exempt from ERISA's protections because they are "church plans," and as a result has underfunded its plans by over \$1.2 billion. In June 2017, the Supreme Court reversed previous rulings on consolidated church plan cases and ordered Plaintiffs, in this case, to file an amended complaint. On July 15, 2022, the Court granted final approval to the \$100 million settlement.
- <u>In re Pinterest Derivative Litigation</u> No. 3:20-cv-08331-WHA (N.D. Cal.): On June 9, 2022, the Court granted final approval of a \$50 million settlement in this consolidated shareholder derivative lawsuit. The settlement is the first of its kind to embrace diversity goals around a company's product. It also requires Pinterest to commit \$50 million to a holistic set of workplace and Board-level reforms designed to protect employees from discriminatory treatment and to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) throughout its workplace and product.
- L Brands, Inc. Derivative Litigation No. 2:20-cv-03068-MHW-EPD (S.D. Ohio): Cohen Milstein, in partnership with the State of Oregon, the Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund, and other shareholders, helped resolve allegations that officers and directors of L Brands, Inc., previous owners of Victoria's Secret, breached their fiduciary duties by maintaining ties with alleged sex offender and pedophile Jeffrey Epstein and fostering a culture of discrimination and misogyny at the company. Following a Delaware General Corporate Law Section 220 books and records demand and an extensive, proprietary investigation, L Brands and the now-standalone company, Victoria's Secret, agreed to stop enforcing non-disclosure agreements that prohibit the discussion of a sexual harassment claim's underlying facts; stop using forced arbitration agreements; implement sweeping reforms to their codes of conduct, policies and procedures related to sexual misconduct and retaliation; and to invest \$45 million each, for a total of \$90 million, in diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives and DEI Advisory Councils. On May 16, 2022, the Court granted final approval of this watershed settlement.
- In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation No. 1:16-cv-08637 TMD (N.D. III.): On December 20, 2021, the Court granted final approval to settlements worth \$181 million with six chicken processors, Tyson Foods, Fieldale Farms, Peco Foods, George's Inc., Pilgrim's Price Corp. and Mar-Jac, to resolve consumer claims that they conspired to inflate broiler chicken prices since 2009 and that Agri Stats, Inc., a third-party vendor, facilitated their unlawful scheme. Litigation against the dozen remaining defendants continues. Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Settlement Class Counsel.
- In re Flint Water Cases No. 16-cv-10444 (E.D. Mich.): On November 10, 2021, the Court granted final approval of a landmark \$626.25 million settlement between Flint residents and businesses and multiple governmental defendants, including the State of Michigan, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and individual defendants, including former Governor Rick Snyder, in this environmental toxic tort class action, affecting over 90,000 Flint residents and businesses. Litigation continues against other defendants, including two private engineering firms, Veolia North America and Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam (LAN), both charged with professional negligence, and separate litigation against the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency will also continue. Cohen Milstein's is Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel in this litigation.

- <u>Sutter Health Antitrust Litigation</u> No. CSG 14-538451 (Sup. Crt., San Fran. Cnty., Cal.): On August 27, 2021, the Court granted final approval of a \$575 million eve-of-trial settlement, which includes significant injunctive relief, in this closely-watched antitrust class action against Sutter Health, one of the largest healthcare providers in California, for restraining hospital competition through anticompetitive contracting practices with insurance companies. Cohen Milstein was one of five firms that litigated this case since 2014 on behalf of a certified class of self-insured employers and union trust funds against Sutter Health. California's Attorney General joined the suit in March 2018.
- National Opioids Litigation: On July 21, 2021, the state Attorneys General of Indiana, New Jersey, and Vermont announced historic settlement agreements, totaling \$704.8 million as a part of a \$26 billion national agreement with the nation's three major pharmaceutical distributors, Cardinal Health, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and opioids manufacturer Johnson & Johnson for their roles in promulgating the opioid epidemic in each of their states. (New Jersey's settlement with J&J/Janssen \$137.8 million; Indiana's settlement with the distributors and J&J/Janssen \$507 million; Vermont's settlement with the distributors and J&J/Janssen \$60 million) In addition, the courts ordered numerous injunctive relief requirements of the Defendants. Cohen Milstein represented the state Attorneys General of Indiana, New Jersey\*, and Vermont in investigations and litigation against these entities. \*J&J/Janssen only. Final approval of the resolution in the litigation against Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family is pending in bankruptcy court.
- State Attorneys General PBM Investigations & Litigation: We serve as special counsel to more than a dozen state Attorneys General in their respective investigations of the pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) that provide pharmacy benefits and services to their state's Medicaid program and state employee health plans. The PBMs under investigation include Centene's Envolve Pharmacy Solutions, OptumRx, Express Scripts, and CVS Caremark. In Ohio alone, the investigations have led to litigation against Centene, OptumRx and Express Scripts, for their alleged role in breaching provider agreements with the state. Since June 2021, we have helped achieve over \$950 million in settlements with Centene for our state Attorney General clients, including: California, Ohio, Mississippi, Illinois, Arkansas, and New Mexico. We are working with other state Attorneys General to finalize their settlements with Centene that will return hundreds-of-millions of dollars back to these states
- <u>Jien, et al. v. Perdue Farms, Inc., et al.</u>, No. 1:19-cv002521-ELH (D. Md.): Since July 20, 2021, the Court has preliminarily approved the first eight settlements against more than a dozen of the nation's largest poultry producers, totaling \$195.25 million, in this novel wage-fixing conspiracy class action. Plaintiffs allege that, since 2000, Tyson Foods Inc., Perdue Farms Inc. and other poultry processors conspired to depress the compensation of poultry processing workers in violation of the federal antitrust laws. The case is at the vanguard of the movement in antitrust law to protect workers. The Department of Justice filed a case against certain poultry processors based on the class action complaint which was the result of an independent private factual investigation. Cohen Milstein serves as Interim Co-Lead Counsel.
- Breen v. U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration No. 1:05-cv-00654 (D.D.C.): In April 2021, the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration agreed to a record-breaking \$43.8 million settlement the largest age discrimination settlement ever involving the federal government, ending a 16-year-old age discrimination lawsuit involving 670 former Flight Service Specialists, who were laid off in 2005 when the FAA conducted a reduction in force. More than 90% of these workers were over 40 years old and many lost their federal pension benefits.

- In re Alphabet Shareholder Derivative Litigation No. 19CV341522 (Sup. Crt. Cal., Santa Clara Cnty.): Cohen Milstein, as Co-Lead Counsel, represented Northern California Pipe Trades Pension Plan and Teamsters Local 272 Labor Management Pension Fund in this shareholder derivative action seeking to hold Alphabet's leadership accountable for a "culture of concealment," which involved covering up pervasive gender discrimination and sexual harassment and approving secretive, multi-million dollar payouts to high-level executives credibly accused of serious sexual misconduct against junior employees. In November 2020, the Court granted final approval of a historic settlement, which includes a \$310 million funding commitment and sweeping reforms to eliminate practices that silence victims and implement new measures to improve workplace equity and board oversight.
- Department of Homeland Security, et al. v. Regents of the University of California, et al. No. 18-587 (U.S. Supreme Court): In June 2020, the Supreme Court blocked the Trump Administration's plan to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, preserving immigration protections for approximately 650,000 current DACA recipients aka "Dreamers." The Court's 5-4 ruling upheld the partial summary judgment in Cohen Milstein's NAACP case (D.D.C.) one of three cases consolidated before the Supreme Court. The Opinion stated that the Court's affirmance of the NAACP order vacating the rescission made it unnecessary to examine the propriety of the nationwide preliminary injunctions that were issued in the consolidated cases. Cohen Milstein's case: NAACP, et al. v. Donald J. Trump, as President of the United States, et al., No. 1:17-cv-01907 (D.D.C.) was consolidated with and re-named: Trustees of Princeton University, et al. v. U.S. et al., No. 1:17-cv-02325 (D.D.C.).
- <u>LLE One, LLC v. Facebook</u> No.: 4:16-cv-06232-JSW (N.D. Cal.): In June 2020, the Court granted final approval of a \$40 million settlement in a consolidated, consumer class action against Facebook. The final approval also certified a class of U.S.-based Facebook account holders (advertisers) who paid for video ads on the platform from February 15, 2015, until September 23, 2016 and confirmed the appointment of Cohen Milstein as Co-Class Counsel. Plaintiffs alleged that Facebook misled them about viewer engagement of video ads by using inflated video-viewing metrics.
- Wynn Resorts, Ltd. Derivative Litigation No. A-18-770013-B (Eighth Jud. Dist. Crt., Clark Cnty., Nev.): Cohen Milstein represented New York State Common Retirement Fund and the New York City Pension Funds as Lead Counsel in a derivative shareholder lawsuit against certain officers and directors of Wynn Resorts, Ltd., arising out of their failure to hold Steve Wynn, the former CEO and Chairman of the Board, accountable for his longstanding pattern of sexual abuse and harassment of female employees. In March 2020, the Court granted final approval of a \$90 million settlement in the form of cash payments and landmark corporate governance reforms, placing it among the largest, most comprehensive derivative settlements in history.
- <u>National Association of the Deaf v. Harvard & MIT</u> (D. Mass.): In February 2020 and June 2020, Cohen Milstein and co-counsel successfully settled the second of two groundbreaking class actions on behalf and deaf and hearing-impaired individuals. The landmark settlements are historic because they require two of the most lauded academic research institutions in the world to include closed captioning on all content, including videos and podcasts, available to the public online, establishing a precedent for academia and business worldwide.
- In Re Equifax, Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litigation No. 1:17-md-2800-TWT (N.D. Ga.): On December 19, 2019 the Court granted final approval a landmark \$1.5 billion settlement concluding this data breach class action affecting more than 147 million people in the U.S. The settlement consists of a record-breaking \$425 million in monetary and injunctive benefits and requires Equifax to spend \$1 billion to upgrade its security and technology. Cohen Milstein was on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee.
- New Jersey Carpenters Health Fund v. Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC et al. No. 1:08-cv-05310-DAB-HBP (S.D.N.Y.): On March 8, 2019, the Honorable Deborah A. Batts granted final approval to a \$165 million all-

cash settlement, bringing this lawsuit, the last of 11 MBS class actions Cohen Milstein successfully handled, to conclusion. Cohen Milstein was Lead Counsel in this certified MBS class action.

- <u>In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litigation</u> No. 3:14-md-02521 (N.D. Cal.): Plaintiffs allege that Endo and Teikoku, manufacturers of the Lidoderm patch, paid Watson Pharmaceuticals to delay its generic launch. The case settled on the eve of trial and on September 20, 2018, Plaintiffs obtained final approval of a \$104.75 million settlement more than 40% of Plaintiffs' best-case damages estimate. This case was ranked by Law360 as "The Biggest Competition Cases Of 2017 So Far" (July 7, 2017).
- <u>In re Domestic Drywall Antitrust Litigation</u> No. 2:13-md-02437 (E.D. Pa.): Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel for a class of direct purchasers of drywall against drywall manufacturers for price-fixing. The Court approved settlements that total more than \$190 million. The Court commented that it had sided with Plaintiffs because of counsel's "outstanding work," and that Plaintiffs' counsel had a "sophisticated and highly professional approach." It complemented the attorneys as "highly skilled" and noted that their performance on class action issues was "imaginative." It also stated, "Few cases with no government action, or investigation, result in class settlements as large as this one."
- In re Anthem Data Breach Litigation No. 15-MD-02617-LHK (N.D. Cal.): On August 16, 2018, the Honorable Lucy H. Koh in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California granted final approval to a \$115 million settlement the largest data breach settlement in U.S. history ending claims that Anthem Inc., one of the nation's largest for-profit managed health care companies, put 78.8 million customers' personal information, including social security numbers and health date, at risk in a 2015 data breach. Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Counsel.
- Relvas v. The Islamic Republic of Iran, et al. No. 1:14-cv-01752-RCL (D.D.C.): On February 28, 2018 U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth, for the District of Columbia, ordered the Republic of Iran to pay \$920 million to 80 families of soldiers and other military service members who were killed or injured in the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon. The Beirut Marine Barracks bombing, which killed 241 American servicemembers and injured numerous others, was the deadliest state-sponsored terrorist attack against United States citizens before September 11, 2001.
- Moody's Litigation: Represented the co-lead state Mississippi and represented New Jersey in the \$864 million consumer fraud settlement achieved in January 2017 by 22 states and the U.S. Department of Justice with Moody's Corporation, Moody's Investors Service, Inc., and Moody's Analytics, Inc. Together with the S&P settlement, these cases against the nation's two largest credit rating agencies produced key industry reforms that provide greater transparency for consumers and that divested the credit rating agencies of more than \$2.2 billion for their conduct contributing to the national housing crisis and the Great Recession.
- <u>S&P Litigation:</u> Represented co-lead state Mississippi in the \$1.375 billion-dollar consumer fraud settlement achieved in 2015 by 20 states and the U.S. Department of Justice with Standard & Poor's. Together with the Moody's settlement, these cases against the nation's two largest credit rating agencies produced key industry reforms that provide greater transparency for consumers and that divested the credit rating agencies of more than \$2.2 billion for their conduct contributing to the national housing crisis and the Great Recession.
- In re BP Securities Litigation No. 4:10-MD-02185 (S.D. Tex.): Cohen Milstein represented the New York State Common Retirement Fund as Co-Lead Plaintiff in a securities class action filed in 2010, alleging that BP injured investors by intentionally downplaying the severity of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and preventing investors from learning the magnitude of the disaster. After successfully arguing for class certification to the district court, Cohen Milstein presented Plaintiffs' defense of that court's decision to the U.S. Court of

Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, which affirmed the class. The case settled for \$175 million a few weeks before trial was set to begin.

- Providence Health Services Church Plan Litigation No. 2:14-cv-01720-JCC (W.D. Wash.): Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel to a class of defined benefit participants of Providence's health & Service Case Balance Retirement Plan who alleged that fiduciaries underfunded the pension plan because they improperly operated it under the ERISA "church plan" exemption. In March 2017, the Court granted final approval of a \$315.9 million settlement, one of the largest settlements of its kind, and requires Providence to continue making minimum plan contributions that aim to fully fund the plan by 2029.
- <u>Bon Secours Health System Church Litigation</u> No. 1:16-cv-01079-RDB (D. Md.): Cohen Milstein served as Lead Counsel to a class of defined benefit participants of seven Bon Secours Health System Inc. pension plans which improperly operated under the "church plan" exemption of ERISA. In May 2017, the Court granted final approval of a settlement of over \$102 million, one of the largest settlements of its kind.
- <u>In re Animation Workers Litigation</u> No. 5:14-cv-04062 (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel representing a class of animation and visual effects workers who alleged that Pixar, Lucasfilm, DreamWorks, Disney and other studios conspired to suppress their pay primarily through no poach agreements. The Court granted final approval of \$168.95 million in settlements. To our knowledge, this is the most successful nopoach class action, achieving an average recovery per class member of nearly \$17,000.
- Mincey v. Honda Motor Company, et al. No. 22787197 (Circ. Crt. Duval Cty, Fla.): On July 15, 2016, Cohen Milstein resolved a closely watched lawsuit against the Japanese company and airbag maker, Takata, involving the injury and eventual death of a woman whose car was involved in a minor accident in 2014. The confidential resolution was announced moments before a critical hearing in which a judge in Jacksonville, Fla., could have considered allowing punitive damages and for the company's chief executive, Shigehisa Takada, to submit a civil deposition.
- HEMT MBS Litigation No. 1:08-cv-05653 (S.D.N.Y.): On May 10, 2016, U.S. District Judge Paul A. Crotty finally approved a \$110 million settlement in the mortgage-backed securities class action brought by investors against Credit Suisse AG and its affiliates. This settlement ends claims brought by the New Jersey Carpenters Health Fund and other investors who claimed that the offering documents for the mortgage-backed securities at issue violated the Securities Act as they contained false and misleading misstatements concerning compliance with underwriting standards.
- In re Urethane Antitrust Litigation (Polyether Polyol Cases) MDL No: 1616 (D. Kan.): Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of a class of direct purchasers of chemicals used to make many everyday products, from mattress foam to carpet cushion, who were overcharged as a result of a nationwide price-fixing conspiracy. On February 25, 2016, Cohen Milstein reached an agreement with The Dow Chemical Company to settle the case against Dow for \$835 million. Combined with earlier settlements obtained from Bayer, Huntsman, and BASF, the Dow settlement pushed the total settlements in the case to \$974 million. The settlement was approved on July 29, 2016.
- <u>United States of America et al., ex rel. Lauren Kieff, v. Wyeth</u> No. 03-12366 (D. Mass.): Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Counsel in this False Claims Act whistleblower case against pharmaceutical giant Wyeth (subsequently acquired by Pfizer), in which the whistleblowers alleged that Wyeth defrauded Medicaid, the joint federal/state healthcare program for the poor, when it reported falsely inflated prices for its acid suppression drug Protonix from 2001 through 2006 for Medicaid rebate purposes. Weeks before trial, in February 2016, in one of the largest qui tam settlements in U.S. history, Wyeth agreed to pay \$784.6 million to the U.S. government and the over 35 intervening states.

- RALI MBS Litigation No. 08-8781 (S.D.N.Y.): On July 31, 2015, Judge Katherine Failla gave final approval to a \$235 million settlement with underwriters Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co., and UBS Securities LLC. She also approved a plan for distribution to investors of those funds as well as the previously approved \$100 million settlement with RALI, its affiliates, and the individual defendants that was reached in in 2013. This global settlement marks an end to a long and complicated class action over MBS offerings that RALI and certain of its affiliates issued and sold to the New Jersey Carpenters Health Fund and other investors from 2006 through 2007. The case took seven years of intense litigation to resolve.
- In re: Bear Stearns Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Litigation No. 08-08093 (S.D.N.Y.): On May 27, 2015, U.S. District Judge Laura Taylor Swain finally approved a class action settlement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., which agreed to pay \$500 million and up to an additional \$5 million in litigation-related expenses to resolve claims arising from the sale of \$27.2 billion of mortgage-backed securities issued by Bear Stearns & Co. during 2006 and 2007 in 22 separate public offerings.
- <u>Harborview MBS Litigation</u> No. 08-5093 (S.D.N.Y.): In February 2014, Cohen Milstein reached a settlement with the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) in the Harborview MBS Litigation, resolving claims that RBS duped investors into buying securities backed by shoddy home loans. The \$275 million settlement is the fifth largest class action settlement in a federal MBS case. This case is one of eight significant MBS actions that Cohen Milstein has been named Lead or Co-Lead Counsel by courts and one of three that were nearly thrown out by the Court, only to be revived in 2012.
- In Re Electronic Books Antitrust Litigation No. 11-md-02293 (S.D.N.Y.): In August 2014, a New York federal judge approved a \$400 million antitrust settlement in the hotly contested ebooks price-fixing suit against Apple Inc. Combined with \$166 million in previous settlements with five defendant publishing companies, the final settlement totaled more than \$560 million. The settlement resolves damages claims brought by a class of ebook purchasers and attorneys general from 33 U.S. states and territories.
- <u>Countrywide MBS Litigation</u> No. 2:10-cv-00302 (C.D. Cal.): In April 2013, Plaintiffs in the landmark mortgage-backed securities (MBS) class action litigation against Countrywide Financial Corporation and others, led by Lead Plaintiff, the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS), agreed to a \$500 million settlement. It is the nation's largest MBS-federal securities class action settlement. The settlement was approved in December 2013 and brings to a close the consolidated class action lawsuit brought in 2010 by multiple retirement funds against Countrywide and other defendants for securities violations involving the packaging and sale of MBS. The settlement is also one of the largest (top 20) class action securities settlements of all time.
- <u>In re Beacon Associates Litigation</u> No. 09-cv-0777 (S.D.N.Y): Class action settlement of \$219 million for trustees and participants in ERISA-covered employee benefit plans whose assets were lost through investments made on their behalf by Beacon Associates LLC I & II in the investment schemes of Bernard Madoff.
- In re Plasma-Derivative Protein Therapies Antitrust Litigation No. 09 C 7666 (N.D III.): After four years of litigation, in October of 2013, CSL Limited, CSL Behring LLC, CSL Plasma, Inc. (collectively, "CSL"), and the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association ("PPTA") agreed to pay \$64 million dollars to settle a lawsuit brought by the University of Utah Hospital and other health care providers alleging that CSL, the PPTA, and Baxter agreed between 2003-2009 to restrict the supply of immunoglobulin and albumin and thereby increase the prices of those therapies. Two months later, Baxter International Inc. and Baxter Healthcare Corp. (collectively "Baxter") agreed to pay an additional \$64 million to settle these claims bringing the total recovery to the class to \$128 million.

- <u>Keepseagle v. Vilsack</u> Civil Action No. 1:99CV03119 (D.D.C.): A class of Native American farmers and ranchers allege that they have been systematically denied the same opportunities to obtain farm loans and loan servicing that have been routinely afforded white farmers by the USDA. A class was certified in 2001 by Judge Emmet Sullivan, District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and the D.C. Circuit declined USDA's request to review that decision. On October 19, 2010, the case reached a historic settlement, with the USDA agreeing to pay \$680 million in damages to thousands of Native American farmers and ranchers and forgive up to \$80 million worth of outstanding farm loan debt.
- In re Parmalat Securities Litigation No. 1:04-md-1653 (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein, as Co-Lead Counsel, successfully negotiated several settlements totaling approximately \$90 million, including two settlements with Parmalat's outside auditors. Judge Lewis A. Kaplan remarked that Plaintiffs' Counsel "did a wonderful job here for the class and were in all respects totally professional and totally prepared. I wish I had counsel this good in front of me in every case." Parmalat's bankruptcy filing was the biggest corporate bankruptcy in Europe, and in December 2003, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filed a suit charging Parmalat with "one of the largest and most brazen corporate financial frauds in history." During the litigation, the company subsequently emerged from bankruptcy, as a result we added "New Parmalat" as a defendant because of the egregious fraud committed by the now-bankrupt old Parmalat. New Parmalat strenuously objected and Judge Kaplan of the Southern District of New York ruled in the class plaintiffs' favor, a ruling which was affirmed on appeal. This innovative approach of adding New Parmalat enabled the class to obtain an important additional source of compensation, as we subsequently settled with New Parmalat for shares worth approximately \$26 million.
- <u>Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.</u> No. C-01-2252 (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein is Co-Lead Counsel in this sex discrimination case. In 2004, the U.S. District Court certified a nationwide class action lawsuit for all female employees of Wal-Mart who worked in U.S. stores anytime after December 26, 1998. This was the largest civil rights class action ever certified against a private employer, including approximately 1.5 million current and former female employees. That ruling was appealed, and while affirmed by the Ninth Circuit, was reversed by the Supreme Court in June 2011. Cohen Milstein argued the case for the plaintiffs-respondents in the Supreme Court. Since then, the *Dukes* action has been amended to address only the Wal-Mart regions that include stores in California, and other regional class cases have been or are soon to be filed. This litigation to resolve the merits of the claims whether Wal-Mart discriminates against its female retail employees in pay and promotions continues.
- Rubin v. MF Global, Ltd. No. 08-CV-02233 (S.D.N.Y.): Acting as Co-Lead Counsel in this class action, the Firm represented the Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund which was one of the co-lead plaintiffs in the case. In September 2010, as a result of Plaintiffs' decision to appeal, the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals vacated in part the lower court's dismissal of the case and remanded the case for further proceedings. In overturning the District Court decision, the Second Circuit issued a decision which differentiated between a forecast or a forward-looking statement accompanied by cautionary language which the Appellate Court said would be insulated from liability under the bespeaks caution doctrine from a factual statement, or non-forward-looking statement, for which liability may exist. Importantly, the Second Circuit accepted Plaintiffs' position that where a statement is mixed, the court can sever the forward-looking aspect of the statement from the non-forward-looking aspect. The Court further stated that statements or omissions as to existing operations (and present intentions as to future operations) are not protected by the bespeaks caution doctrine. Mediation followed this decision and resulted in a settlement comprised of \$90 million in cash.
- Hughes v. Huron Consulting Group No. 09-CV-04734 (N.D. III.): Cohen Milstein represented Lead Plaintiffs the Public School Teachers' Pension & Retirement Fund of Chicago and the Arkansas Public Employees

Retirement System ("APERS") in this case against Huron Consulting Group, founded by former Arthur Anderson personnel following its collapse in the wake of the Enron scandal. In August 2010, the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois denied Defendants' motions to dismiss in their entirety and upheld Plaintiffs' allegations that Defendants intentionally improperly accounted for acquisition-related payments, which allowed Plaintiffs to move forward with discovery. The case was settled for \$40 million, comprised of \$27 million in cash and 474,547 shares in Huron common stock, with an aggregate value at the time of final approval in 2011 of approximately \$13 million.

- <u>In re Lucent Technologies Securities Litigation</u> No. 00-621 (D.N.J.): A settlement in this massive securities fraud class action was reached in late March 2003. The class portion of the settlement amounts to over \$500 million in cash, stock and warrants and ranks as the second largest securities class action settlement ever completed. Cohen Milstein represented one of the co-lead plaintiffs in this action, a private mutual fund.
- Nate Pease, et al. v. Jasper Wyman & Son, Inc., et al. No. 00-015 (Knox County Superior Court, Me.): In 2004, a state court jury from Maine found three blueberry processing companies liable for participating in a four-year price-fixing and non-solicitation conspiracy that artificially lowered the prices Defendants paid to approximately 800 growers for wild blueberries. The jury ordered Defendants Cherryfield Foods, Inc., Jasper Wyman & Son, Inc., and Allen's Blueberry Freezer, Inc. to pay \$18.68 million in damages, the amount which the growers would have been paid absent the defendants' conspiracy. After a mandatory trebling of this damage figure under Maine antitrust law, the total amount of the verdict for the plaintiffs is just over \$56 million. The firm served as Co-Lead Counsel.
- In re StarLink Corn Products, Liability Litigation MDL No. 1403 (N.D. III.): Cohen Milstein successfully represented U.S. corn farmers in a national class action against Aventis CropScience USA Holding and Garst Seed Company, the manufacturer and primary distributor of StarLink corn seeds. StarLink is a genetically modified corn variety that the United States government permitted for sale as animal feed and for industrial purposes, but never approved for human consumption. However, StarLink was found in corn products sold in grocery stores across the country and was traced to widespread contamination of the U.S. commodity corn supply. The firm, as Co-Lead Counsel, achieved a final settlement providing more than \$110 million for U.S. corn farmers, which was approved by a federal district court in April 2003. This settlement was the first successful resolution of tort claims brought by farmers against the manufacturers of genetically modified seeds.
- Snyder v. Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company No. 97/0633 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Onondaga Cnty.): Cohen Milstein served as one of Plaintiffs' principal counsel in this case on behalf of persons who held life insurance policies issued by Nationwide through its captive agency force. The action alleged consumer fraud and misrepresentations. Plaintiffs obtained a settlement valued at more than \$85 million. The judge praised the efforts of Cohen Milstein and its co-counsel for having done "a very, very good job for all the people." He complimented "not only the manner" in which the result was arrived at, but also the "time ... in which it was done."
- Oncology & Radiation Associates, P.A. v. Bristol Myers Squibb Co., et al. No. 1:01CV02313 (D.D.C.): Cohen Milstein has been Co-Lead Counsel in this case since its inception in 2001. Plaintiffs alleged that Bristol-Myers Squibb unlawfully monopolized the United States market for paclitaxel, a cancer drug discovered and developed by the United States government, which Bristol sells under the brand name Taxol. Bristol's scheme included a conspiracy with American BioScience, Inc., a generic manufacturer, to block generic competition. Cohen Milstein's investigation and prosecution of this litigation on behalf of direct purchasers of Taxol led to a settlement of \$65,815,000 that was finally approved by U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan

- on August 14, 2003 and preceded numerous Taxol-related litigations brought by the Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General offices.
- Kruman v. Christie's International PLC, et al. No. 01-7309 (S.D.N.Y.): A \$40 million settlement on behalf of all persons who bought or sold items through Christie's or Sotheby's auction houses in non-internet actions was approved in this action. Cohen Milstein served as one of three Lead Counsel on behalf of foreign plaintiffs. The Court noted that approval of the settlement was particularly appropriate, given the significant obstacles that faced plaintiffs and plaintiffs' counsel in the litigation. The settlement marked the first time that claims on behalf of foreign plaintiffs under U.S. antitrust laws have been resolved in a U.S. court, a milestone in U.S. antitrust jurisprudence.
- Roberts v. Texaco, Inc. 94-Civ. 2015 (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein represented a class of African-American employees in this landmark litigation that resulted in the then-largest race discrimination settlement in history (\$176 million in cash, salary increases and equitable relief). The Court hailed the work of Class Counsel for, inter alia, "framing an imaginative settlement, that may well have important ameliorative impact not only at Texaco but in the corporate context as a whole ...".
- Trotter v. Perdue Farms, Inc. No. 99-893 (D. Del.): This suit on behalf of hourly workers at Perdue's chicken processing facilities which employ approximately 15,000 people forced Perdue to pay employees for time spent "donning and doffing," that is, obtaining, putting on, sanitizing and removing protective equipment that they must use both for their own safety and to comply with USDA regulations for the safety of the food supply. The suit alleged that Perdue's practice of not counting donning and doffing time as hours worked violated the Fair Labor Standards Act and state law. In a separate settlement with the Department of Labor, Perdue agreed to change its pay practices. In addition, Perdue is required to issue retroactive credit under one of its retirement plans for "donning and doffing" work if the credit would improve employees' or former employees' eligibility for pension benefits. Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Counsel.

# **Awards & Recognitions**

#### 2023

- In 2023, Legal 500 ranked Cohen Milstein "Leading Lawyers" in plaintiff-side Antitrust, Product Liability, Mass Tort & Class Action, and Securities Litigation.
- In 2023, Legal 500 ranked Rich Koffman, Ted Leopold, Sharon Robertson, Kit Pierson, Julie Reiser, and Steve Toll "Leading Lawyers" in their respective practices.
- In 2023, Legal 500 ranked Michael Eisenkraft and Brent Johnson "Next Generation Partners" in Antitrust and Securities Litigation, respectively.
- In 2023, Sharon K. Robertson was **"Top Ranked"** by Chambers USA for Antitrust: Plaintiff New York and **"Ranked"** in Antitrust: Plaintiff Nationwide.
- In 2023, Kit A. Pierson was "Ranked" by Chambers USA for Antitrust: Plaintiff Nationwide.
- In 2023, Michelle C. Yau and Kai Richter were "**Top Ranked**" by Chambers USA for ERISA Litigation: Plaintiff Nationwide.
- In 2023, Daniel R. Sutter was named "Associate to Watch" by Chambers USA for ERISA Litigation: Plaintiff.
- In 2023, Chambers USA ranked Cohen Milstein a "Leading Firm" in Antitrust, ERISA Litigation, Product Liability & Mass Torts, and Securities Litigation.
- In 2023, Twenty-Three Cohen Milstein attorneys were named to the 2022 Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff
   Financial Lawyers List.
- In 2023, Christine E. Webber was **"Top Ranked"** Employment Law Litigator by Chambers USA for Washington, D.C.
- In 2023, The National Law Journal named Joe Sellers winner of the "Lifetime Achievement Award," and Alison Deich & Daniel Sutter "Rising Stars."
- In 2023, Law360 named Laura Posner, Steven Toll, Julie Reiser, S. Douglas Bunch and Molly Bowen Law360's "Legal Lions Of The Week" for helping achieve a \$1 billion settlement in the Wells Fargo securities class action.
- In 2023, The National Law Journal named Carol Gilden "Plaintiffs' Attorneys Trailblazer."
- In 2023, Daniel McCuaig, Christine Webber, and Michelle Yau are appointed to Law360's editorial advisory boards for Competition, ERISA, and Wage & Hour Law.
- In 2023, 12 Cohen Milstein Attorneys Recognized as Super Lawyers & Rising Stars in Washington, D.C.
- In 2023, the American Lawyer named Agnieszka Fryszman and Nicholas Jacques "Litigator of the Week Runners-Up" for their work in settling a human rights lawsuit against ExxonMobil.
- In 2023, the American Lawyer named Steve Toll and Takisha Richardson "Litigator of the Week Runners-Up" for their work in a sexual abuse lawsuit against Washington Hebrew.
- In 2023, the American Lawyer named Kai Richter, Michelle Yau, and Ryan Wheeler "Litigator of the Week Runners-Up" for their Envision ESOP win before the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit.
- In 2023, Carol V. Gilden was named a 2023 Illinois Super Lawyer.
- In 2023, nine Cohen Milstein attorneys were named to the 2023 Lawdragon's 500 Leading Lawyers in America List, including Benjamin D. Brown, Agnieszka Fryszman, Leslie M. Kroeger, Theodore J. Leopold, Julie G. Reiser, Sharon Robertson.
- In 2023, Law360 named Cohen Milstein 2022 Practice Group of the Year in Benefits, Competition, and Securities.
- In 2023, Joseph M. Sellers was named to Lawdragon's 2023 Hall of Fame.

- In 2022, Benchmark Litigation named Julie Goldsmith Reiser a 2023 Benchmark Litigation Star.
- In 2022, the American Arbitration Institute named Cohen Milstein's **AAI's 2022 "Outstanding Antitrust** Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice."
- In 2022, Benchmark Litigation named Michael B. Eisenkraft, Laura H. Posner and Sharon K. Robertson **2023 Benchmark Litigation Future Stars.**
- In 2022, Benchmark Litigation named Steven J. Toll a 2023 Benchmark Litigation Star.
- In 2022, 17 Cohen Milstein attorneys named 2022 Super Lawyers; seven attorneys named Rising Stars.
- In 2022, Corporate Counsel named Julie G. Reiser a winner of the **2022 Women, Influence & Power in Law Awards.**
- In 2022, Crain's Chicago Business named Carol Gilden a 2022 "Notable Women in Law."
- In 2022, Who's Who Legal Competition 2022 Plaintiff Legal Marketplace Analysis named Richard A. Koffman a "Leading Individual USA."
- In 2022, Cohen Milstein recognized as leading firm for women in Law360's "2022 Glass Ceiling Report: Women in Law."
- In 2022, Seventeen Cohen Milstein attorneys recognized by "The Best Lawyers in America."
- In 2022, Benchmark Litigation named Julie G. Reiser to its 2022 "Top 250 Women in Litigation" list.
- In 2022, Benchmark Litigation named Sharon Robertson to its 2022 "40 & Under" list.
- In 2022, American Lawyer recognized Michael Eisenkraft in "Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs."
- In 2022, The National Law Journal named Cohen Milstein it's 2022 Elite Trial Lawyers of the Year—
  "Practice of the Year" for "Consumer Protection" and "Discrimination"
- In 2022, twenty-two Cohen Milstein attorneys named to the 2022 Lawdragon "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" list.
- In 2022, seven Cohen Milstein attorneys named to 2022 Lawdragon "500 Leading Plaintiff Employment & Civil Rights Lawyers."
- In 2022, Legal500 recognized Cohen Milstein's Antitrust attorneys as 2022 "Hall of Fame," "Leading Lawyers" and "Next Generation Partners."
- In 2022, Legal500 recognized Cohen Milstein Product Liability, Mass Tort & Class Action Attorneys as 2022 "Leading Lawyers."
- In 2022, Legal500 recognized Cohen Milstein Labor & Employment Attorneys as 2022 "Leading Lawyers" and "Next Generation Partners."
- In 2022, Legal500 recognized Cohen Milstein Securities Litigation Attorneys as 2022 "Leading Lawyers" and "Next Generation Partners."
- In 2022, Legal 500 named Cohen Milstein "Leading Firm" for Plaintiffs in Antitrust; Labor and Employment Disputes; Products Liability, Mass Torts & Class Action; and Securities Litigation.
- In 2022, Chambers USA named Michelle Yau a 2022 "Top Ranked" lawyer in ERISA Litigation: Plaintiff—
   Nationwide.
- In 2022, Chambers USA named Daniel R. Sutter a 2022 "Associate to Watch" in ERISA Litigation: Plaintiff
   Nationwide.
- In 2022, Chambers USA ranked Cohen Milstein a **2022 "Top Ranked"** firm in four categories Antitrust: Plaintiff, ERISA Litigation: Plaintiff, Product Liability & Mass Torts: Plaintiff, and Securities Litigation: Mainly Plaintiff
- In 2022, Chambers USA named Sharon K. Robertson a 2022 "Top Ranked" lawyer for Antitrust: Plaintiff—
   Nationwide and for Antitrust: Mainly Plaintiffs New York.
- In 2022, Chambers USA named Kit A. Pierson a 2022 "Ranked" lawyer in Antitrust: Plaintiff Nationwide.

- In 2022, *Law360* named Daniel H. Silverman and Molly J. Bowen **Law360 2022 "Rising Stars"** in Antitrust and Securities, respectively.
- In 2022, the *National Law Journal* named Cohen Milstein a **2022 "Elite Trial Lawyer Award"** finalist in eight practice areas, including Antitrust, Civil Rights, Consumer Protection, Discrimination, Employment Rights, Environmental Protection, Shareholder Rights, Class Action.
- In 2022, the *National Law Journal* named Jan E. Messerschmidt and Daniel H. Silverman **2022 "Rising Stars** of the Plaintiffs Bar" in the areas of Securities and Antitrust, respectively.
- In 2022, the *National Law Journal* named Christine E. Webber a **2022 "Elite Women of the PlaintiffsBar"** award winner.
- In 2022, the National Law Journal named Cohen Milstein a finalist for its 2022 "Diversity Initiative Award."
- In 2022, the American Lawyer named Carol Gilden was a 2022 American Lawyer "Trailblazer Midwest."
- In 2022, Lawdragon named eight Cohen Milstein attorneys to the "Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers 2022" list.
- In 2022, *Law360* appointed Cohen Milstein's Christine E. Webber to *Law360's* 2022 Discrimination Editorial Advisory Board.
- In 2022, *Law360* appointed Cohen Milstein's Douglas J. McNamara to *Law360's* 2022 Cybersecurity & Privacy Editorial Board and Michelle C. Yau to *Law360's* 2022 Benefits Editorial Advisory Board.
- In 2022, Global Competition Review named six Cohen Milstein attorneys to GCR "Who's Who Legal: Competition 2022."
- In 2022, Lawdragon recognized 12 Cohen Milstein lawyers in the "Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America" list.
- In 2022, Law360 recognized Cohen Milstein's Employee Benefits/ERISA practice as one of five law firms in the nation for its "Law360 2021 Practice Group of the Year Benefits" award for the firm's ERISA-related litigation accomplishments in 2021.
- In 2022, Law360 recognized Cohen Milstein as one of five law firms in the nation for its "Law360 2021 Practice Group of the Year Class Actions" for the firm's class action accomplishments in 2021.
- In 2022, Law360 recognized Cohen Milstein's Civil Rights & Employment practice for its "Law360 2021
   Practice Group of the Year Employment" for the firm's employment litigation accomplishments in 2021.

## 2021

- In 2021, the 2022 Edition of U.S. News Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" recognized Cohen Milstein among the "Top Firms Nationally."
- In 2021, The American Lawyer named Cohen Milstein a "National Boutique / Specialty Litigation Department of the Year" finalist.
- In 2021, Cohen Milstein's Leslie M. Kroeger received the 2021 **"B.J. and Tom Masterson Award for Professionalism"** from the Florida Justice Association.
- In 2021, Lawdragon selected eight Cohen Milstein attorneys for its "Leading Plaintiff Employment and Civil Rights Lawyers" guide.
- In 2021, Law360 named Cohen Milstein's Michelle Yau "Benefits MVP" for her representation of participants and beneficiaries of the Triad Manufacturing Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan in an ERISA suit claiming the company overcharged workers for company stock.
- In 2021, Law360 named Cohen Milstein's Joseph M. Sellers "Employment MVP" for his role in obtaining a settlement on behalf of some 700 fight service specialists alleging age discrimination by the Federal Aviation Administration.
- In 2021, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein's Theodore J. Leopold "Environmental MVP" for his work in securing a settlement for victims of the Flint, MI water crisis.

- In 2021, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein's Sharon K. Robertson "Life Sciences MVP" for her "pay for delay" antitrust class actions in the Life Sciences industry.
- In 2021, The Best Lawyers in America named three Cohen Milstein attorneys to its 2021 "Ones to Watch" list.
- In 2021, *The Best Lawyers in America* named 13 Cohen Milstein attorneys to its 2021 "Best Lawyers in America" list.
- In 2021, *The Best Lawyers in America* named Christine E. Webber "Lawyer of the Year" in the Employment Law Washington, DC category.
- In 2021, Lawdragon named 24 Cohen Milstein attorneys to its **"500 Leading Plaintiff Employment Lawyers"** list.
- In 2021, Cohen Milstein's named *The National Law Journal*/Law.com's 2021 Elite Trial Lawyers "Environmental Protection Practice of the Year Award."
- In 2021, Cohen Milstein's Laura H. Posner and Emmy L. Levens named The National Law Journal/Law.com's 2021 Elite Trial Lawyers "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar Award."
- In 2021, Cohen Milstein's Sharon K. Robertson named to Benchmark Litigation's 2021 **"40 & Under Hot List."**
- In 2021, three Cohen Milstein Attorneys named to Florida Trend's 2021 "Florida Legal Elite."
- In 2021, Cohen Milstein's Emmy L. Levens named to Bloomberg Law's inaugural "They've Got Next: The 40 Under 40."
- In 2021, Cohen Milstein's Richard A. Koffman recognized as GCR's "Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders –
   Competition 2022."
- In 2021, seven Cohen Milstein Antitrust attorneys named to GCR's "Who's Who Legal: Competition 2021."
- In 2021, twelve Cohen Milstein Attorneys Recognized as 2021 "Washington, DC Super Lawyers"; six recognized as 2021 "Washington, DC Rising Stars."
- In 2021, Legal 500 named Cohen Milstein a "Leading Firm" in Antitrust Litigation: Plaintiff; Labor and Employment Disputes: Plaintiff; Products Liability, Mass Torts & Class Action: Plaintiff; and Securities Litigation: Plaintiff.
- In 2021, Legal 500 named four Cohen Milstein attorneys "Next Generation Partners."
- In 2021, Legal 500 named eight Cohen Milstein partners "Leading Lawyers."
- In 2021, Cohen Milstein's Kit A. Pierson "Ranked" by Chambers USA for Antitrust: Plaintiff.
- In 2021, Cohen Milstein's Sharon K. Robertson "Top Ranked" by Chambers USA for Antitrust: Plaintiff.
- In 2021, eight Cohen Milstein lawyers named among the "Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers."
- In 2021, Cohen Milstein's Kalpana Kotagal receives Reel Works "Change Maker Award."
- In 2021, Cohen Milstein was recognized as a "Leading Firm" by Chambers USA in Three Categories— Antitrust: Plaintiff; Product Liability: Plaintiff; and Securities Litigation: Plaintiff.
- In 2021, Cohen Milstein named an "Elite Trial Lawyer" finalist in eight practice areas by The National Law Journal.
- In 2021, *Daily Business Review* recognized Theodore J. Leopold Recognized as a **"2021 Distinguished** Leader."
- In 2021, Law360 recognized Julie Goldsmith Reiser as a "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar."
- In 2021, *The National Law Journal* and *The Trial Lawyer* named Steven J. Toll among "America's 50 Most Influential Trial Lawyers."
- In 2021, Lawdragon named Agnieszka Fryszman Named to the "Lawdragon Global Litigation 500."
- In 2021, Lawdragon recognized 12 Cohen Milstein lawyers among the "500 Leading Lawyers in America."
- In 2021, Lawdragon inducted Steven J. Toll into the "Lawdragon 500 Hall of Fame."

- In 2020, Crain's New York Business recognized Laura H. Posner among New York's "Notable Womenin Law."
- In 2020, Law360 recognized Cohen Milstein as a "Class Action Group of the Year."
- In 2020, Law360 recognized Cohen Milstein as a "Environmental Group of the Year."
- In 2020, Law360 recognized Cohen Milstein as a "Life Sciences Group of the Year."
- In 2020, Law360 recognized Cohen Milstein as a "Securities Group of the Year."
- In 2020, Cumberland School of Law named Theodore J. Leopold its **"2020 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year."**
- In 2020, U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers named Cohen Milstein among their 2021 "Best Law Firms" nationally in ERISA Litigation, Employee Benefits Law, and Labor & Employment Litigation; for Washington, DC in Civil Rights Law, Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Employment Law Individuals, Labor Law Union, Litigation ERISA, and Litigation Labor & Employment; and for West Palm Beach, FL in Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions Plaintiffs Medical Malpractice Law Plaintiffs, Personal Injury Litigation Plaintiffs, and Product Liability Litigation Plaintiffs for West Palm Beach, FL.
- In 2020, Super Lawyers recognized five Cohen Milstein attorneys as "2020 New York Metro Super Lawyers."
- In 2020, Benchmark Litigation recognized Cohen Milstein as a 2021 "Top Plaintiffs Firm."
- In 2020, Law360's Glass Ceiling Report named Cohen Milstein among "The Best Law Firms for Female Attorneys."
- In 2020, Lawdragon named seven Cohen Milstein attorneys to its **"500 Leading Plaintiff Employment Lawyers"** list.
- In 2020, the Human Trafficking Legal Center named Agnieszka M. Fryszman "Human Trafficking Advocate of the Year."
- In 2020, Crain's Chicago Business named Carol V. Gilden one of its "Notable Women in Law."
- In 2020, Palm Beach Illustrated named six Cohen Milstein attorneys to its "Top Lawyers" list.
- In 2020, Lawdragon named 15 Cohen Milstein attorneys to its "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" list.
- In 2020, *The Best Lawyers in America* named 15 Cohen Milstein attorneys to its 2021 "Best Lawyers in America" list.
- In 2020, American Lawyer Media and The National Trial Lawyers named Cohen Milstein "Antitrust Law Firm of the Year."
- In 2020, Florida Trend named Poorad Razavi a "Legal Elite" in the Civil Trial section.
- In 2020, Law360 named Emmy L. Levens a "Rising Star Class Actions."
- In 2020, Law360 named Shaylyn Cochran a "Rising Star Employment."
- In 2020, *The Legal 500* named Cohen Milstein a "**Top-Tier**" firm in Labor and Employment: Labor and Employment Disputes (including Collective Actions): Plaintiff.
- In 2020, *The Legal 500* named Cohen Milstein a "Leading Practice" in Antitrust, Products Liability, and Securities Litigation.
- In 2020, Daily Business Review named Cohen Milstein's Leslie M. Kroeger a "2020 DBR Distinguished Leader."
- In 2020, Chambers USA recognized Cohen Milstein as a leading firm in the "Antitrust: Plaintiffs Nationwide" category.
- In 2020, Lawdragon recognized eight Cohen Milstein lawyers in the **"2020 Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers"** list.
- In 2020, Lawdragon recognized 12 Cohen Milstein lawyers in the "2020 Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America" list.
  - In 2020, American Lawyer Media and The National Trial Lawyers named Cohen Milstein "Antitrust Law Firm of the Year."

- In 2020, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein "Practice Group of the Year Benefits" for the firm's workin 2019.
- In 2020, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein "Practice Group of the Year Consumer Protection" for the firm's work in 2019.

#### 2019

- In 2019, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein's Sharon K. Robertson "Life Sciences MVP" for her cutting-edge "pay for delay" antitrust class actions in the Life Sciences industry.
- In 2019, Lawdragon named Cohen Milstein's Agnieszka Fryszman and Steve Toll to "Lawdragon Legends," a list recognizing 30 of the "nation's elite lawyers" who have been named to the Lawdragon 500 for at least ten years.
- In 2019, ALM and *The National Trial Lawyers* named seven of Cohen Milstein's practice areas to its "Elite Trial Lawyer Finalist" list.
- In 2019, the *Chicago Business Journal* named Cohen Milstein's Carol V. Gilden a 2019 "Woman of Influence."
- In 2019, Lawdragon named 15 Cohen Milstein lawyers to is 2019 "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" list.
- In 2019, The Best Lawyers in America named 12 Cohen Milstein attorneys to its 2020 "Best Lawyers in America" list.
- In 2019, Public Justice Foundation named Cohen Milstein one of five finalists for the "Trial Lawyer of the Year Award."
- In 2019, Cohen Milstein's Environmental Toxic Tort practice was named a winner of *The National Law Journal's* "Elite Trial Lawyers" Award, and Cohen Milstein's Agnieszka Fryszman and Sharon Robertson were named winners of *The National Law Journal's* "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar" Award.
- In 2019, six of Cohen Milstein lawyers were named among the "Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers."
- In 2019, Cohen Milstein's Carol V. Gilden received Lawyer Monthly Magazine's "Women in Law Award."
- In 2019, four of Cohen Milstein partners were named to Benchmark Litigation's "40 & Under Hot List."
- In 2019, Cohen Milstein's Christine E. Webber received the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs' "Roderic V.O. Boggs Award."
- In 2019, Cohen Milstein's Poorad Razavi was named to Florida Trend's "Legal Elite."
- In 2019, Cohen Milstein's Nicholas C. Johnson was appointed to serve on the AAJ Board of Governors.
- In 2019, *The National Law Journal* named Cohen Milstein an "Elite Trial Lawyer" finalist in five practice areas and named Agnieszka Fryszman and Sharon Robertson "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar."
- In 2019, Law360's 2019 Glass Ceiling Report named Cohen Milstein among "The Best Law Firms for Female Attorneys."
- In 2019, The Legal 500 recognized Cohen Milstein's Antitrust, Civil Rights & Employment, Products
  Liability, and Securities Litigation practices as "Leading Practices," and named seven Cohen Milstein
  attorneys among their "Leading Lawyers," "Next Generation Lawyers," and "Rising Stars."
- In 2019, Cohen Milstein was named to The National Law Journal's "Pro Bono Hot List."
- In 2019, 21 Cohen Milstein attorneys were recognized as "Super Lawyers," and nine Cohen Milstein attorneys were recognized as "Rising Stars."
- In 2019, six of Cohen Milstein's Civil Rights & Employment Litigation lawyers were named among the "Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Employment Lawyers 2019."
- In 2019, the Daily Business Review honored Cohen Milstein with three Professional Excellence Awards,

- including Theodore J. Leopold, DBR's 2019 "Distinguished Leaders" award.
- In 2019, four Cohen Milstein lawyers received "The Burton Awards' Law360 Distinguished Legal Writing Award Law Firm."
- In 2019, nine Cohen Milstein lawyers were named among the "Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America."

#### 2018

- In 2018, *The National Law Journal* and *Trial Lawyer Magazine*, named Steven J. Toll and Betsy A. Miller among "America's 50 Most Influential Trial Lawyers."
- In 2018, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein "Practice Group of the Year" in two categories: Consumer Protection and Environmental.
- In 2018, *Law360* named three partners MVP in the respective practices, including: Theodore J. Leopold as *Law360's* Environmental MVP, Andrew N. Friedman as *Law360's* Cybersecurity and Privacy MVP
- In 2018, The *National Law Journal* named Cohen Milstein winner of **"Elite Trial Lawyer of the Year"** in four categories, including Consumer Protection, Counterterrorism, Immigration, and Financial Products, and finalist in five other categories, including Antitrust, Civil Rights, Disability Rights, Employment Rights, and Racial Discrimination.
- In 2018, The National Law Journal named Julie Reiser "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar."
- In 2018, the American Antitrust Institute honored Sharon K. Robertson with its "Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement Award."
- In 2018, the NAACP honored Cohen Milstein with its "Foot Soldier in the Sand Award," in recognition of the firm's outstanding commitment to providing pro bono legal services.
- In 2018, *The Best Lawyers in America* recognized eleven Cohen Milstein attorneys as among the **Best Lawyers in America** (2019), in their respective areas of law.
- In 2018, *The Best Lawyers in America* singled out and named Joseph M. Sellers "The Best Lawyers in America 2019, Labor Law Lawyer of the Year Washington, D.C."
- In 2018, The Best Lawyers in America singled out and named Milstein's Leslie M. Kroeger "The Best
  Lawyers in America 2019, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions "Lawyer of the Year West Palm Beach,
  FL."
- In 2018, Palm Beach Illustrated named seven Cohen Milstein attorneys to its ""Top Lawyers" List."
- In 2018, Benchmark Litigation named four Cohen Milstein attorneys to its "40 & Under Hot List."
- In 2018, Florida Trend named five Cohen Milstein attorneys to its list of "Florida's Legal Elite."
- In 2018, Lawdragon 500 named five Cohen Milstein attorneys to "Leading Plaintiff Employment Lawyers."
- In 2018, Crain's named Carol V. Gilden one of Chicago's "Notable Women Lawyers."
- In 2018, the New York Law Journal named Sharon K. Robertson to its list of "New York Rising Stars."
- In 2018, The Legal 500: Guide to the US Legal Profession listed Cohen Milstein's Antitrust, Employment Disputes, and Securities Litigation practices among its "Leading Practices."
- In 2018, the Daily Business Review named Leslie M. Kroeger a "Distinguished Leader."
- In 2018, Law360 named Steven J. Toll a 2018 "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar."
- In 2018, Lawdragon named seven Cohen Milstein attorneys to the 2018 "Lawdragon 500," an annual list of the 500 Leading Lawyers in America.
- In 2018, Theodore J. Leopold was recognized as an "Energy and Environmental Trailblazer" by The National Law Journal.

#### 2017

In 2017, Law360 named Cohen Milstein a "Practice Group of the Year: Privacy."

- In 2017, Steven J. Toll was named a Law360 "MVP Class Action."
- In 2017, the *Daily Business Review* named Theodore J. Leopold a "Most Effective Lawyer of 2017: Class Action."
- In 2017, *The Best Lawyers in America* recognized seven Cohen Milstein partners as among the "Best Lawyers in America" for their respective practices of law.
- In 2017, Law360 named Cohen Milstein partners, S. Douglas Bunch and Kalpana Kotagal as "Rising Stars."
- In 2017, *The Legal 500* named Cohen Milstein a **Leading Firm** in "Antitrust: Civil Litigation / Class Actions" and "Dispute Resolution: Securities Litigation Plaintiff."
- In 2017, The Legal 500 named Richard A. Koffman to its "Legal 500 Hall of Fame."
- In 2017, *Legal 500* named Sharon K. Robertson and Brent W. Johnson as "Legal 500 Next Generation Lawyer" in the area of Antitrust: Civil Litigation/Class Actions.
- In 2017, Super Lawyers named Brent W. Johnson as a "Rising Star" and a "Top Rated Antitrust Litigation Attorney in Washington, DC."
- In 2017, Florida Trend named Manuel J. Dominguez a "Legal Elite."

# **Attorney Profiles – Executive Committee**

#### Benjamin D. Brown

Benjamin D. Brown is the managing partner at Cohen Milstein and co-chair of the Antitrust practice. Mr. Brown is also the chairman of the firm's Executive Committee.

Mr. Brown, who previously served in the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice, brings to his role extensive experience leading complex litigation, particularly antitrust class actions.

Mr. Brown has been appointed by federal courts to serve as co-lead counsel for plaintiffs in numerous important matters, such as In re Plasma-Derivative Protein Therapies Antitrust Litigation (N.D. III.); Carlin, et al. v. DairyAmerica, Inc. (E.D. Cal.); and Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Antitrust Litigation (D. Nev.). He has led cases through trial and argued appeals and stands ready to take cases through to the finish line.

Mr. Brown is also an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law School, where he teaches Complex Litigation, a course that explores the policy and procedures implicated by aggregated, high stakes, multi-party litigation, especially class actions.

Mr. Brown is also a leader in the area of takings cases, claims that are brought under the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution for the unconstitutional taking of property without compensation. He also represents individuals or groups in litigations and confidential arbitrations involving complex commercial disputes, particularly those involving regulated markets.

Currently, Mr. Brown is serving as lead or co-lead counsel on a number of large, complex antitrust cases. He charts the course of his cases from deciding on the claims to be brought, to the litigation strategy to be pursued, and through the approach to settlement or trial.

## Notable matters include:

- Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Antitrust Litigation (D. Nev.): Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a class action on behalf of MMA fighters alleging that Zuffa LLC commonly known as the Ultimate Fighting Championship or "UFC" has unlawfully monopolized the markets for promoting live professional MMA bouts and for purchasing the services of professional MMA fighters. The district court denied the defendant's motion to dismiss the case in September 2015 and discovery is ongoing. Mr. Brown is co-lead in this class action.
- Moehrl v. National Association of Realtors, et al. (N.D. II.): Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a class action on behalf of home sellers in twenty major metropolitan areas throughout the United States against the National Association of Realtors (NAR) and the nation's four largest real estate brokers and franchisors. Plaintiffs allege a conspiracy to require home sellers to pay the broker representing the buyer of their homes, and to pay at an inflated amount, in violation of federal antitrust law. The district court denied the defendants' motions to dismiss in October 2020 and Plaintiffs filed their motion for class certification in February of 2022. Mr. Brown is co-lead in this class action.
- In Re: Rail Freight Fuel Surcharge Antitrust Litigation II (D.D.C.): Mr. Brown represents three of the world's largest container shippers—Yang Ming, NYK, and "K" Line—in antitrust lawsuits filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia against the four largest United States railroads. Plaintiffs allege that,

- beginning as early as July 1, 2003, Defendants conspired to price fix Plaintiffs' intermodal contracts in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, including by agreeing to impose similar or identical rail freight fuel surcharges ("FSCs") in their multi-year contracts.
- Pacific Steel Group v. Commercial Metals Company, et al. (N.D. Ca.): Mr. Brown represents Pacific Steel
  Group, a steel rebar fabricator located in San Diego, California, seeking damages and injunctive relief
  against Commercial Metals Company or "CMC" for violations of antitrust and other laws. As alleged,
  Pacific Steel Group decided to build a steel mill to produce rebar in order to become a more efficient
  competitor through vertical integration. Because the mill would have created competition for CMC in the
  local rebar manufacturing market that CMC currently dominates, the complaint alleges CMC took various
  actions to delay or prevent Pacific Steel from building its mill. The district court denied CMC's motion to
  dismiss In April 2022.

Mr. Brown is also currently litigating a number of takings lawsuits, including the following notable matters:

- Ideker Farms, et al. v. United States of America (Fed. Cl.): Cohen Milstein represents Ideker Farms and more than 400 other plaintiffs located in six states along the Missouri River in a landmark mass action lawsuit in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims alleging that the federal government took land and flooding easements over lands owned by farmers without any compensation in violation of the takings clause of the Fifth Amendment. Mr. Brown has helped lead the litigation team, including during both a months-long liability trial in 2017, and a subsequent damages trial in 2020 for bellwether plaintiffs. During those trials, Mr. Brown directed and cross-examined numerous witnesses, including eleven different experts. In December 2020, the Court ruled largely in favor of bellwether plaintiffs. An appeal to the Federal Circuit was heard in 2022.
- Milne v. United States of America (Fed. Cl.): Cohen Milstein represents over 60 individual plaintiff farmers and a proposed class of additional farmers and landowners in a Fifth Amendment takings case that overlaps substantially with the Ideker case. Mr. Brown helps spearhead that litigation.

Mr. Brown joined Cohen Milstein in 2005, following four years as a trial attorney with the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice. At the Department of Justice, Mr. Brown led and assisted in numerous investigations, litigations and trials involving antitrust activity and mergers. Mr. Brown also served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia, where he prosecuted criminal cases. Prior to serving in the U.S. Department of Justice, Mr. Brown was in private practice with one of Washington's most prestigious defense firms, where he counseled defendants in antitrust litigation matters. This experience has provided him with insights into defense strategies and has earned him the respect of defendants' counsel.

Mr. Brown has been recognized as one of the nation's "Leading 500 Lawyers in America" by Lawdragon. The Legal 500 has also recognized Mr. Brown as one of the nation's leading class action antitrust attorneys. Mr. Brown is annually recognized in Global Competition Review's Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders – Competition, and he has been listed as one of Washington D.C.'s "Leading Star" Plaintiffs' Litigators by Benchmark Litigation, recognizing his writing, his depositions and his arguments in court. He is a frequent panelist at legal industry gatherings and is a recognized expert on antitrust litigation whose opinions on the newest developments and trends in antitrust litigation are often quoted in the media. Mr. Brown is a contributing author of the ABA's Antitrust Class Actions Handbook and served as a state editor for the ABA's Survey of State Class Action Law. He authored several chapters on private antitrust recovery actions for the Global Competition Review's Antitrust Review of the Americas, and co-authored with fellow partner Douglas Richards, "Predominance of Common Questions – Common Mistakes in Applying the Class Action Standard," Rutgers Law Journal (Vol. 41).

Mr. Brown is currently serving on the Advisory Board of the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies at Loyola University Chicago's School of Law.

Mr. Brown attended the University of Wisconsin – Madison, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, majoring in Philosophy, and earned his J.D., from Harvard Law School, graduating cum laude. He served as Law Clerk to the Hon. Chief Judge Juan R. Torruella, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. The United States District Court for the District of Columbia has honored Mr. Brown for his outstanding commitment to pro bono litigation.

#### Michael B. Eisenkraft

Michael B. Eisenkraft is a partner at Cohen Milstein where he serves in both the Antitrust and Securities practices. He also serves as the administrative partner of the firm's New York office, chairs the New Business Development Committee, and is a member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Eisenkraft leads the firm's efforts in prosecuting innovative cases relating to the protection of global financial markets.

He currently represents putative classes of investors asserting antitrust or securities claims in the Stock Lending, Interest Rate Swaps, Treasuries, Bristol CVR, KOSPI 200, XIV ETN, and Overstock.com markets. He has also helped investors recover hundreds of millions of dollars in the firm's mortgage-backed securities cases and represents businesses in commercial contingency litigation including cases asserting claims for breach of contract and trade secret misappropriation.

Furthermore, Mr. Eisenkraft serves as co-chair of the Committee on Federal Courts for the New York County Lawyers' Association and on the Judicial Screening Committee for the Westchester County Democratic Party. In 2020, he was appointed by Law360 to serve on its Securities Editorial Advisory Board.

For his work, Mr. Eisenkraft has been widely honored by the legal industry, including by Lawdragon as one of the 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers In the United States, by Benchmark Litigation as a "Litigation Future Star" (2023) and "40 & Under Hot List" (2018 and 2019), by Legal 500 as a "Next Generation Partner" (since 2020), by New York Super Lawyers (Rising Star 2013-2019, Super Lawyer 2022) In 2018, Law360 named Mr. Eisenkraft a "Rising Star -- Securities," professionals under 40 whose work belies their age. In the area of Securities. He is rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell.

Mr. Eisenkraft's notable successes at Cohen Milstein include:

- NovaStar MBS Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): \$165 million settlement on behalf of investors in a Securities Act
  litigation involving billions of dollars of mortgage-backed securities underwritten by the Royal Bank of
  Scotland, Wachovia and Deutsche Bank.
- HEMT MBS Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): \$110 million settlement on behalf of investors in mortgage-backed securities issued and underwritten by Credit Suisse after more than seven years of litigation, which included the first written decision certifying a Securities Act class of mortgage-backed securities in the country.
- RALI MBS Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): \$335 million in settlements on behalf of investors in mortgage-backed securities issued by Residential Capital and underwritten by various investment banks after seven years of litigation.
- Harborview MBS Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): \$275 million settlement on behalf of investors in mortgage-backed securities issued and underwritten by the Royal Bank of Scotland and its subsidiaries after more than six years of litigation.
- Dynex Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): \$7.5 million settlement on eve of trial on behalf of investors in asset-backed securities. The decision certifying the class in the case was the first decision within the Second Circuit certifying a class of asset-backed bond purchasers under the 1934 Act.

- China MediaExpress Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): \$12 million settlement with auditor defendant in case involving alleged fraud at Chinese reverse merger company China MediaExpress. One of the largest settlements with an auditor defendant in a case involving a Chinese reverse merger company.
- LIBOR (Exchange Traded Class) (S.D.N.Y.): \$187 million in settlements with defendants, the largest class action settlement of manipulation claims in the history of the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.

#### Mr. Eisenkraft's current cases include:

- In Re: Interest Rate Swaps Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Court-appointed co-lead counsel in antitrust class action alleging that major investment banks conspired to prevent an all to all market for interest rate swaps from developing.
- In Re: Treasuries Securities Auction Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Court-appointed co-lead counsel in antitrust and Commodity Exchange Act class action alleging manipulation of the multi-trillion dollar market for U.S. Treasuries and related instruments.
- Stock Lending Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Leading antitrust class action alleging that major investment banks conspired to prevent the stock lending market from evolving by boycotting and interfering with various platforms and services designed to increase transparency and reduce costs in the stock lending market.
- Chahal v. Credit Suisse Grp. AG, et al. (S.D.N.Y.): Court-appointed co-lead counsel in securities class action alleging fraud and market manipulation of XIV Exchange Traded Note market.
- In re: Overstock Securities Litigation: (D. Utah): Court-appointed sole Lead Counsel in class action alleging materially false and misleading statements and omissions and engineering a market manipulation scheme during the Class Period of Overstock.com securities.
- Northwest Biotherapeutics, Inc. v. Canaccord Genuity LLC, et al. (S.D.N.Y.): Securities litigation against preeminent market makers for repeated market manipulation tactics involving spoofing of company stock.

Mr. Eisenkraft served as a law clerk to the Honorable Judge Barrington D. Parker of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He is the author or co-author of numerous articles on legal issues in the securities and antitrust fields among other subjects.

Mr. Eisenkraft attended Brown University, where he received a B.A., magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, and graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School.

#### Theodore J. Leopold

Theodore J. Leopold is a partner at Cohen Milstein and co-chair of the Complex Tort Litigation and Consumer Protection practice. He is also a member of the firm's executive committee.

Mr. Leopold's practice is devoted solely to trial work, with a focus on complex product liability, environmental toxic torts, managed care abuse, consumer class actions, and catastrophic injury and wrongful death litigation. He has tried cases throughout the country and has recovered multi-million-dollar verdicts, including jury verdicts in the eight-figure and nine-figure amounts.

Mr. Leopold litigates high-stakes, complex lawsuits on behalf of consumer safety issues, particularly as it relates to product defects, automobile safety and managed care matters. In 2010, he obtained a \$131 million jury verdict against the Ford Motor Company, the ninth-largest verdict against an automobile company in U.S. history.

Mr. Leopold also has had the honor of being court-appointed Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel in two high-profile putative environmental toxic tort class actions, including In re Flint Water Cases, which resulted in a \$626 million partial settlement (granted final approval on November 10, 2021) and the Cape Fear River Contaminated Water

Class Action Litigation. Mr. Leopold also serves as lead counsel in the LensCrafters and General Motors Litigation class actions.

Currently, Mr. Leopold is litigating these notable matters:

- Cape Fear River Contaminated Water Litigation (E.D.N.C.): On January 4, 2018, Mr. Leopold was courtappointed Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel to consolidate and oversee a series of five putative
  environmental toxic tort class actions filed against E.I. DuPont de Nemours Company and The Chemours
  Company for knowingly discharging PFAS, such as GenX, and other "forever chemicals" into the Cape Fear
  River, one of North Carolina's principal drinking water sources.
- Underwood v. Meta Platforms, Inc. (Facebook) (Sup. Crt. Cal., Alameda Cnty.): On January 26, 2022, Mr.
  Leopold filed a wrongful death lawsuit on behalf of Angela Underwood Jacobs, the sister of Dave Patrick
  Underwood, against Meta Platforms, Inc., formerly Facebook, Inc., alleging that by connecting users to
  extremist groups and promoting inflammatory, divisive, and untrue content, the company bears
  responsibility for the tragic murder of Mr. Underwood.
- General Motors Litigation (E.D. Mich.): On September 26, 2019, Mr. Leopold was court-appointed Lead
  Counsel and Chair of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee to consolidate and oversee consumer class actions
  filed on behalf of thousands of GM vehicle owners across 30 states against GM related to defective eightspeed automatic transmissions in vehicles manufactured between 2015 and 2019.
- Edwards v. Tesla (Sup. Crt. Cal., Alameda Cnty.): On June 25, 2020, Mr. Leopold filed a product liability lawsuit against Tesla, Inc. on behalf of Kristian and Jason Edwards. Ms. Edwards sustained catastrophic injuries as a result of the failure of the airbags to deploy in her Tesla Model 3 during an accident.
- Edenville and Sanford Dam Failure Litigation (Mich. Crt. of Claims; Cir. Crt., Cnty. Saginaw, Mich.): On June 24, 2020, Mr. Leopold filed two separate property damage lawsuits against Michigan State Government agencies, including the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy and Michigan Department of Natural Resources for blatantly mismanaging and failing to properly maintain the Edenville and Sandford dams, which catastrophically failed on May 19, 2020. Cohen Milstein is representing more than 300 residents and businesses in Midland County and Saginaw County, Michigan and the surrounding areas, including, Arenac, Gladwin, and losco counties.
- Bernardo, et al. v. Pfizer, Inc., et al. (S.D. Fla.): On February 20, 2020, Mr. Leopold filed a false advertising, medical monitoring, and personal injury class action against Pfizer, Inc., Boehringer Ingelheim, Sanofi, and other pharmaceutical companies on behalf of multiple plaintiffs and putative class members across the United States who, as a result of taking Zantac (ranitidine), may have been afflicted with cancer or may now be subjected to an increased risk of developing cancer.
- Ariza v. Luxottica Retail North America (LensCrafters) (E.D.N.Y.): Mr. Leopold, as lead counsel, is
  representing a putative class of purchasers of LensCrafters' Accufit Digital Measurement System (Accufit)
  services, who allege that LensCrafters used false, misleading advertising and deceptive sales practices
  about Accufit being "five times more accurate" in measuring pupillary distance than traditional methods,
  to induce customers to purchase LensCrafter's higher-priced prescription lens products. On December 13,
  2021, the United States Eastern District of New York granted class certification to purchasers of
  LensCrafters' Accufit Digital Measurement System (Accufit) services.
- Doe v. Chiquita Brands International (S.D. Fla.): Mr. Leopold is representing families of banana workers and others killed or tortured by the Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia, a foreign terrorist organization designated by the United States, which was allegedly receiving financial support and firearms and ammunition from Chiquita, a U.S. corporation with operations throughout Colombia.

Examples of some of Mr. Leopold's litigation successes are:

• In re Flint Water Cases (E.D. Mich.): Mr. Leopold was court-appointed Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel to oversee a group of toxic tort class actions filed on behalf of Flint, Michigan residents and businesses

harmed by exposure to toxic levels of lead and other contaminants in the city's drinking water. On November 10, 2021, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan granted final approval of a landmark \$626.25 million settlement against the State of Michigan. On August 11, 2021, Judge Levy granted class certification on liability claims in the ongoing litigation against the other defendants.

- HCA Litigation (M.D. Fla.): Mr. Leopold was lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging that HCA
  hospitals billed inflated fees for emergency room radiology services provided to people involved in
  automobile accidents and who received care that was covered by their Florida Personal Injury Protection
  (PIP) insurance. In December 2018, Cohen Milstein secured final approval of a \$220 million injunctive
  relief settlement on behalf of the class.
- Quinteros, et al v. DynCorp, et al (D.D.C.): Mr. Leopold represented over 2,000 Ecuadorian farmers and
  their families who suffered physical and mental injuries and property damage as a result of aerial spraying
  of toxic herbicides on or near their land by DynCorp, a U.S. government contractor. The bellwether trial on
  behalf of the first six Ecuadorian clients came to a conclusion in April 2017, when the ten-person jury
  unanimously determined that DynCorp was responsible for the conduct of the pilots with whom it had
  subcontracted to conduct the chemical spraying after April 2003. In July 2017, Mr. Leopold successfully
  settled the case.
- Mincey v. Takata (Cir. Crt., Duval Cnty., Fla.): Mr. Leopold was the lead attorney in a lawsuit brought on behalf of Patricia Mincey, a Florida woman who was paralyzed when the driver's side airbag in her car deployed too aggressively during a vehicle collision. The injuries Ms. Mincey sustained in the accident ultimately led to her death. In groundbreaking litigation at the forefront of what would become a Department of Justice investigation and the largest defective product recall in automobile history, Ms. Mincey alleged that the airbag system in her car, manufactured by Takata Corporation, was defective and that Takata knowingly hid the defect from consumers. On July 15, 2016, immediately before a hearing was to be held on Plaintiff's motions to depose the CEO of Takata and to amend the complaint to plead a claim for punitive damages, Mr. Leopold successfully resolved the case.
- Lindsay X-LITE Guardrail Litigation (State Crts.: Tenn., S.C.): Mr. Leopold successfully represented more
  than five the families of decedents and victims of catastrophic injuries in a series of individual products
  liability, wrongful death and catastrophic injury lawsuits in Tennessee and South Carolina state courts
  against the Lindsay Corporation and several related entities for designing, manufacturing, selling, and
  installing defective X-Lite on state roadways.
- Caterpillar Product Liability Litigation (D.N.J.): Mr. Leopold was co-lead counsel in a class action lawsuit
  alleging Caterpillar sold diesel engines with defective exhaust emissions system that resulted in power
  losses and shutdowns. Mr. Leopold developed the case and led all aspects of the litigation, which he
  successfully resolved in September 2016 for \$60 million.
- Cole v. Ford (Cir. Crt., Jasper Cnty., Miss.): Mr. Leopold was co-trial attorney for the family of former New York Mets infielder Brian Cole who was killed when the Ford Explorer he was driving rolled over, ejecting him from the vehicle. The lawsuit charged that the seat belt in the Explorer was defective in that it failed to keep Mr. Cole in his seat. Following two hung juries, eleven of the 12 jury members, in the third trial, agreed on the verdict and found for the Cole family in the amount of \$131 million.
- Quinlan v. Toyota (S.D. Fla.): Mr. Leopold was lead counsel in a product liability case against Toyota Motor Company after Bret Quinlan was paralyzed when his Toyota Camry suddenly and without warning began accelerating and failed to respond to the brakes. Mr. Leopold successfully resolved the case prior to trial.
- Chipps v. Humana (Cir. Crt., Palm Beach Cnty., Fla.): Mr. Leopold tried one of the first managed care abuse cases in the country after Humana wrongfully denied physical and occupational therapy for a 6-year-old child with cerebral palsy. The jury returned the largest punitive damage award on behalf of an individual in Florida history, and this seminal case was featured in the movie Damaged Care.
- Carrier v. Trinity (Cit. Crt., Sullivan Cnty., Tenn): Mr. Leopold represented the Carrier family in this wrongful death matter. The death occurred as a result of the guardrail safety device failing. Instead of

protecting the driver, the guardrail intruded into the passenger compartment of the vehicle and impaled the driver, causing her death. Mr. Leopold successfully resolved the case in October 2016.

Mr. Leopold is a graduate of the University of Miami, where he received a B.A. He earned his J.D. from Cumberland School of Law, Samford University.

#### Sharon K. Robertson

Sharon Robertson is a partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice. She is also a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Ms. Robertson is a nationally recognized leader in complex, multi-district antitrust litigation, particularly in pharmaceutical antitrust class actions. Since 2020, Chambers USA has named Ms. Robertson a "Top Ranked" lawyer in "Antitrust: Plaintiff – New York and USA – Nationwide," while Lawdragon has included her on its "500 Leading Lawyers in America" list annually since 2019. In 2019, The National Law Journal named her as one of nine "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar," an award that recognizes female lawyers who "have consistently excelled in high-stakes matters on behalf of plaintiffs over the course of their careers." In the same year, Law360 named Ms. Robertson a "Life Sciences-MVP" for her "hard-earned successes" and "record-breaking deals." In 2018, the American Antitrust Institute honored her with its prestigious "Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement by a Young Lawyer" award for her role in securing one of the largest recoveries on behalf of end-payors in a federal generic suppression case in over a decade. Similarly, for five consecutive years, The Legal 500 has selected her as a "Next Generation Lawyer" (2017-2021), an honor bestowed upon only 10 lawyers under 40 years old across the country, who are positioned to become leaders in their respective fields. Likewise, The New York Law Journal recognized her as a Rising Star (2018) - one of only twenty individuals selected to receive this honor. In addition, Benchmark Litigation selected Ms. Robertson for inclusion on its "40 & Under Hot List" for four consecutive years (2018-2021) and Law360 named her as one of five "Rising Stars" (2018) in the field of competition law whose "professional accomplishments belie their age," as did Super Lawyers (2014-2016). Ms. Robertson has also been recognized by Law360 as one of a few female litigators to secure leadership roles in high-profile MDLs, such as In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litigation (March 16, 2017).

Ms. Robertson is spearheading Cohen Milstein's efforts in pay-for-delay pharmaceutical antitrust lawsuits, a cutting-edge and industry-defining area of law, which allege that the defendant brand manufacturer entered into non-competition agreements with generic manufacturers in order to delay entry of lower-priced generic products. Ms. Robertson also heads up the firm's generic price-fixing cases, which allege that certain generic drug manufacturers conspired to inflate the prices of generic drug products.

These cases come on the heels of a government investigation led by the U.S. Department of Justice alleging similar conduct, which, while ongoing, has already resulted in indictments and guilty pleas.

In addition to leading complex MDLs, Ms. Robertson is an accomplished trial lawyer. She served as a trial team member in two of the largest antitrust cases tried to verdict, including In re Urethanes Antitrust Litigation, where the jury returned a \$400 million verdict, which was trebled by the Court, as required by antitrust law, resulting in the largest price-fixing verdict in U.S. history, as well as In re Nexium Antitrust Litigation, the first pharmaceutical antitrust case to go to trial following the Supreme Court's landmark decision in FTC v. Actavis, 570 U.S. 756 (2013).

Ms. Robertson represents End-Payor Plaintiffs in the following pharmaceutical antitrust cases in which the firm serves as Co-Lead Counsel:

• In re Lipitor Antitrust Litigation (D.N.J.): Plaintiffs allege that Pfizer, the manufacturer of the cholesterol drug Lipitor, the best-selling drug in pharmaceutical history, conspired with Ranbaxy, the generic manufacturer, to delay its introduction of a generic Lipitor product. On August 21, 2017, the Third Circuit

- handed a sweeping victory to Plaintiffs, reviving their antitrust claims. This case was ranked by Law360 as "The Biggest Competition Cases Of 2017 So Far" (July 7, 2017).
- In re Tracleer Antitrust Litigation (D. Md.): Plaintiffs allege that Defendant Actelion engaged in an anticompetitive scheme to withhold samples of its life-saving pulmonary arterial hypertension medication from would-be rivals, under the guise of the REMs program, which conduct ultimately delayed generic competition.
- In re Bystolic Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Plaintiffs allege that Forest Laboratories Inc., now a part of AbbVie, engaged in an illegal scheme with pharmaceutical generic manufacturers not to make generic versions of Bystolic®, a hypertension prescription medication containing the active pharmaceutical ingredient nebivolol hydrochloride.
- In re Seroquel Antitrust Litigation (D. Del.): Plaintiffs allege that Defendant AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP struck deals with generic drug manufacturers Handa Pharmaceuticals LLC, Par Pharmaceutical Inc. and Accord Pharmaceuticals Inc., inducing the generics to delay launching generic versions of Seroquel XR, AstraZeneca's prescription drug treatment for schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and depression, for five years in exchange for AstraZeneca committing to delay the launch of its own authorized generic.

In addition, Ms. Robertson co-chairs the executive committee in In re Humira Antitrust Litigation (N.D. III.) and serves as a member of the executive committee in similar cases in which Cohen Milstein plays a significant role, including: In re Niaspan Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.), In re Suboxone Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.) and In re ACTOS Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.).

Ms. Robertson represents direct purchaser plaintiffs in a number of cases as well, including In re Zetia Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Va.), In re Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.), In re Sensipar (Cinacalcet Hydrochloride Tablets) Antitrust Litigation (D. Del.), and In re Intuniv Antitrust Litigation (D. Mass.).

Ms. Robertson has successfully litigated the following notable matters:

- Urethanes (Polyether Polyols) Antitrust Litigation (D. Kan.): We served as Co-Lead Counsel in an antitrust class action alleging a nationwide conspiracy to fix the prices of polyether polyols. Ms. Robertson played a leading role in helping obtain settlements with several defendants for \$139 million and was a member of the trial team that obtained a \$400 million jury verdict (trebled to more than \$1 billion), which was affirmed on appeal by the Tenth Circuit. The case against Dow ultimately settled for \$835 million while Dow's petition for certiorari was pending before the Supreme Court, bringing the total recovery to \$974 million nearly 250% of the damages found by the jury.
- In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.): We served as Co-Lead Counsel for the End-Payor Class in a suit alleging that Endo and Teikoku, manufacturers of the Lidoderm patch, paid Watson Pharmaceuticals to delay its generic launch. The case settled on the eve of trial and on September 20, 2018, Plaintiffs obtained final approval of a \$104.75 million settlement more than 40% of Plaintiffs' best-case damages estimate. This case was ranked by Law360 as "The Biggest Competition Cases Of 2017 So Far" (July 7, 2017).
- In re Loestrin Antitrust Litigation (D.R.I.): We served as Co-Lead Counsel for the End-Payor Plaintiffs in a case alleging that Warner Chilcott PLC entered into agreements to delay the introduction of a generic version of the contraceptive drug Loestrin and thereafter engaged in a "product hop" to further impede generic entry. The case settled on the last business day before trial for \$63.5 million representing one of the largest settlements in a federal generic suppression case in over a decade. On September 1, 2020, the settlements received final approval.
- In re Ranbaxy Fraud Antitrust Litigation (D. Mass.): We represent the Direct Purchaser Class in this antitrust, federal RICO, and state consumer protection MDL, alleging Ranbaxy manipulated the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's generic drug approval process to block competitors from coming to market and forcing purchasers to pay supracompetitive prices for its valganciclovir hydrochloride and valsartan products. On the eve of trial, Ranbaxy settled with the Direct Purchaser Class for \$340 million.

- In re Aggrenox Antitrust Litigation (D. Conn.): We served as an executive committee member on behalf of the End-Payor Plaintiffs and alleged that Defendants Boehringer Ingelheim and Teva Pharmaceutical engaged in anticompetitive conduct that delayed the availability of a less-expensive generic versions of Aggrenox. The case settled for \$54 million.
- In re Solodyn Antitrust Litigation (D. Mass.): We served as a member of the executive committee and Ms. Robertson played a significant role in coordinating discovery on behalf of the End-Payor Plaintiffs. The case, which settled mid-trial, resulted in a \$43 million recovery for the Class.
- In re Blood Reagents Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.): Plaintiffs alleged that the two leading producers of blood reagents, Ortho–Clinical Diagnostics, Inc. and Immucor, Inc., conspired to raise prices on traditional blood reagents. In September 2012, Immucor reached a settlement with Plaintiffs. On July 19, 2017, the Court denied in part Ortho's Motion for Summary Judgement. Ms. Robertson was slated to serve as one of four lead trial counsel in the case, which was set for trial in June of 2018 but ultimately settled for a total recovery of \$41.5 million.
- In re Wellbutrin SR Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.): We represented the Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs in this case alleging that Defendant GSK filed and then continued "sham" patent infringement lawsuits against two manufacturers of generic drugs, Eon and Impax, to delay competition to GSK's blockbuster antidepressant, Wellbutrin SR. The case settled before trial for \$49 million.
- Albany and Detroit Nurses Litigation (N.D.N.Y.; E.D. Mich.): We represented registered nurses employed by hospitals in Albany and Detroit in class actions alleging a wage-fixing conspiracy. Ms. Robertson obtained settlements with five Albany Defendants totaling over \$14 million. In the Detroit case, Ms. Robertson helped obtain \$98 million in settlements with eight Defendants.
- Indonesian Villagers Litigation (D.D.C.): Ms. Robertson represented Indonesian villagers in a lawsuit against Exxon Mobil over torture and extrajudicial killings allegedly committed by the Defendant's security forces (a unit of the Indonesian military).

Ms. Robertson is a member of the Professional Development and Mentoring Committee, which she co-chaired for almost a decade, and serves on the firm's Diversity Committee. She is also an active member of the Executive Committee for the Antitrust Section of the New York State Bar Association.

While attending law school, Ms. Robertson was an intern in the Litigation Bureau of the Office of the New York State Attorney General and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Additionally, while in law school, Ms. Robertson was selected as an Alexander Fellow and spent a semester serving as a full-time Judicial Intern to the Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Ms. Robertson graduated from State University of New York at Binghamton, magna cum laude with a B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Law. She earned her J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where she served as Notes Editor of the Cardozo Public Law, Policy and Ethics Journal.

Prior to attending law school, Ms. Robertson worked on the campaign committee of Councilman John Liu, the first Asian American to be elected to New York City's City Council.

## Joseph M. Sellers

Joseph M. Sellers is co-chair of the firm's Civil Rights & Employment practice, a practice he founded, and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. In a career spanning nearly four decades, Mr. Sellers has represented victims of discrimination and other illegal employment practices individually and through class actions. He brings to his practice a deep commitment and broad background in fighting discrimination in all its forms. That experience includes decades of representing clients in litigation to enforce their civil rights, participating in drafting and efforts to pass landmark civil rights legislation, testifying before Congress on various civil rights issues, training government lawyers on the trial of civil rights cases, teaching civil rights law at various law schools and lecturing extensively on civil rights and employment matters.

Mr. Sellers, who joined the firm in 1997, has been practicing civil rights law for more than 40 years, during which time he has represented individuals and classes of people who have been victims of civil rights violations or denied other rights in the workplace. He has tried to judgment before courts and juries several civil rights class actions and a number of individual cases and has argued more than 30 appeals in the federal and state appellate courts, including the United States Supreme Court. He has served as class counsel, and typically lead counsel, in more than 75 civil rights and employment class actions.

His clients have included persons denied the rights and opportunities of employment because of race, national origin, religion, age, disability and sex, including sexual orientation and identity. He has represented victims of race discrimination in the denial of equal access to credit, in the rates charged for insurance and in the equal access to health clubs, retail stores, restaurants and other public places. He has challenged housing discrimination on the basis of race and the denial of housing and public accommodations to people with disabilities.

Some of the noteworthy matters he has handled include: Walmart v. Dukes (U.S. S.Ct.), delivered argument on behalf of class of women who alleged sex discrimination in pay and promotions in case establishing new rules governing class certification; Randolph v. Greentree Financial (U.S. S.Ct.), delivered argument on behalf of consumer challenging enforcement of arbitration agreement in case establishing rules governing the enforceability of arbitration agreements; Beck. v. Boeing Company (W.D. Wash.), co-lead counsel on behalf of class of more than 28,000 women employees alleging sex discrimination in pay and overtime decisions; Conway, et al. v. Deutsch (E.D. Va.), co-lead counsel on behalf of class of female covert case officers at the CIA alleging sex discrimination in promotions and job assignments; Johnson, et al. v. Freeh (D.D.C.), co-lead counsel on behalf of class of African-American FBI special agents alleging racial discrimination in promotion and job assignments; Keepseagle v. Veneman (D.D.C.), lead counsel on behalf of class of Native American farmers and ranchers alleging denial of equal access to credit by USDA; Neal v. Director, D.C. Dept. of Corrections (D.D.C.), co-lead counsel in which he tried first sexual harassment class action to a jury, on behalf of a class of women correctional employees and women and men subject to retaliation; Doe v. D.C. Fire Department (D.D.C.), in which he established after trial that an applicant with HIV could properly serve as a firefighter; Floyd-Mayers v. American Cab Co. (D.D.C.), in which he represented persons who alleged they were denied taxi service because of their race and the race of the residents at the location to which they asked to be driven; and Trotter, et al. v. Perdue Farms (D. Del.), lead counsel on behalf of chicken processing workers alleging violations of federal wage and hour and employee benefits law.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Sellers served for over 15 years as the Director of the Employment Discrimination Project of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, an organization providing pro bono representation in a broad range of civil rights and related poverty issues. He was a member of the transition teams of Obama/Biden in 2008 and Clinton/Gore in 1992 and 1993 and served as a Co-Chair of the Special Committee on Race and Ethnicity of the D.C. Circuit Task Force on Gender, Race and Ethnic Bias to which he was appointed by the judges of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. In 2018, Mr. Sellers was appointed by the Chief Justice of the United States to the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States. Established by the Supreme Court in 1935, Advisory Committees on the Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, Civil, Criminal Procedure, and the Rules of Evidence carry on a continuous study of the rules and recommend changes to the Judicial Conference through a Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Throughout his career, Mr. Sellers has also been active in legislative matters. He helped to draft and worked for the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act of 2009. He has testified more than 20 times before Committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives on various civil rights and employment matters.

A teacher and mentor, Mr. Sellers has trained lawyers at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice on the trial of civil rights cases and was an Adjunct Professor at the Washington

College of Law at American University, where he taught Employment Discrimination law, and at the Georgetown University Law Center, where he taught Professional Responsibility. In addition, he has lectured extensively throughout the country on various civil rights and employment topics. Mr. Sellers is also a professionally trained mediator and has served as the President of the Washington Council of Lawyers.

Mr. Sellers has been recognized as one of the top lawyers in Washington and as one of the top plaintiffs' employment lawyers in the U.S. In 2010, The National Law Journal named Mr. Sellers one of "The Decade's Most Influential Lawyers"; in 2011, The Legal Times named him a "Legal Visionary"; and in 2017, American Lawyer recognized him as "A Giant of the Plaintiffs Bar." Other prestigious recognitions include the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs awarded Mr. Sellers the Wiley Branton Award for leadership in civil rights (2012); Lawdragon named him a "Lawdragon Legend" (2016) for being ranked one of the top 500 lawyers in the U.S. for 10 consecutive years; the NAACP honored him with the "Foot Soldier in the Sand Award" (2018) for his "willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty"; Legal500 has named him a "Leading Lawyer" in plaintiff-side employment law since 2020; and Law360 named him a "2021 MVP – Employment Law," recognizing him as one of the top five most influential employment lawyers in the U.S.

Mr. Sellers received his B.A. in American History and Literature from Brown University and earned his J.D. from Case Western Reserve School of Law, where he served as Research Editor of the Case Western Reserve Law Review.

# **Attorney Profiles – Partners**

#### Gary L. Azorsky

Gary L. Azorsky is a partner at Cohen Milstein and chair of the firm's Whistleblower/False Claims Act practice. Mr. Azorsky joined Cohen Milstein in 2012, establishing the practice. He pursues whistleblower cases under the federal and state false claims act statutes in the health care, pharmaceutical, banking and defense contractor industries and other industries that conduct business with the government. Mr. Azorsky specializes in the complex, highly detailed process for filing and pursuing these cases. In his practice, he has helped right wrongs and recovered nearly \$2.5 billion in defrauded funds for federal and state governments, including hundreds of millions of dollars for whistleblower clients.

Mr. Azorsky served as co-lead counsel in the qui tam action against the pharmaceutical company Wyeth pending in the District of Massachusetts, in which more states joined to intervene along with the government of the United States than had ever before intervened in a qui tam action. (United States of America et al., ex rel. Lauren Kieff, v. Wyeth, No.1:03-CV-12366-DPW [D.Mass.].) The \$784.6 million settlement was the seventh-largest False Claims Act recovery on record and the second-largest recovery in history involving a single class of drugs. In the prosecution of this case, he worked alongside Department of Justice attorneys and states Attorneys General throughout the 12-year pendency of the case.

Mr. Azorsky has also been actively involved in precedent-setting cases, such as the series of Ven-A-Care cases, which were among the first large FCA multi-state cases and laid the groundwork for much of the false claims act litigation that goes on today. He has also represented whistleblowers in False Claims Act cases involving defense contractors, off-label marketing and misbranding by pharmaceutical companies and fraud in connection with the banking industry, for-profit colleges and student loan programs. In addition, Mr. Azorsky represents whistleblowers in tax fraud claims against large and small corporations through the IRS Whistleblower Office, as well as whistleblowers alleging violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and violations of the federal securities laws filed with the SEC Whistleblower Office.

Mr. Azorsky served as co-counsel for the whistleblower on the following representative matters:

- United States of America ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Dey Laboratories, et al., Civil Action No. 05-11084 (D. Mass) (\$280 Million settlement in December 2010)
- United States of America ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Boehringer Ingelheim Corp, et al., Civil Action No. 07-10248 (D. Mass.) (\$280 Million settlement in December, 2010)
- Florida ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Boehringer Ingelheim Corp, et al., Civil Action No. 98-3-32A (Leon Cty., Fla.) (\$6.5 Million settlement with Dey Laboratories, Inc. in March 2010)
- Florida ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Boehringer Ingelheim Corp, et al., Civil Action No.98-3-32A (Leon Cty., Fla.) (\$9.57 Million settlement with Schering-Plough in December 2009)
- Florida ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Boehringer Ingelheim Corp, et al., Civil Action No.98-3-32A (Leon Cty., Fla.) (\$8.5 Million settlement with Boehringer Ingelheim in December 2009)
- Texas ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Roxane Laboratories, Inc., Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ben Venue Laboratories, Inc. and Boehringer Ingelheim Corporation, Civil Action No. GV3-03079 (Travis Cty., Tex.) (\$10 Million settlement with Boehringer Ingelheim in November 2005)
- Texas ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Warrick Pharmaceuticals Corporation, Schering Plough Corporation, Schering Corporation, Civil Action No. GV002327 (Travis Cty., Tex.) (\$27 Million settlement with Schering-Plough in May 2004)
- Texas ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Dey, Inc., Dey, L.P., Civil Action No. GV002327 (Travis Cty.,

Mr. Azorsky is recognized for his expertise. He has served as an expert witness in a legal malpractice case concerning qui tam practice. He has provided expert guidance on the False Claims Act in congressional hearings, as well as before the Vermont Senate Judiciary Committee in support of the passage of a False Claims Act for the state. In addition, he regularly speaks before professional audiences regarding the federal and state False Claims Acts.

Mr. Azorsky is a member of Taxpayers Against Fraud, a nonprofit, public interest organization dedicated to combating fraud against the Federal Government through the promotion and use of the Federal False Claims Act and its qui tam provisions. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, in addition to his Whistleblower/False Claims Act practice, he was actively involved in groundbreaking civil rights, commercial and intellectual property litigation, including Internet and software industry-related litigation.

Mr. Azorsky is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, with a B.A. in English, and received his law degree from Cornell Law School.

## **Christopher Bateman**

Christopher Bateman is a partner in Cohen Milstein's Antitrust practice. In this role, he represents a broad range of individuals and organizations in civil litigation, particularly class actions and antitrust litigation.

Mr. Bateman's focus includes emerging antitrust issues within financial markets, and antitrust and securities issues relating to cryptocurrencies. Since 2021, Mr. Bateman has been recognized as a New York Metro Rising Star by Super Lawyers. An active member of the legal community, in 2022 Mr. Bateman was named a Vice Chair of the ABA Antitrust Section's U.S. Comments & Policy Committee.

Mr. Bateman is working on the following high-profile matters:

- In re Interest Rate Swaps Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein serves as Co-Lead Counsel and represents the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago and other proposed buyside investor class members in this ground breaking putative antitrust class action against numerous Wall Street investment banks. Plaintiffs allege that the defendants conspired to prevent class members from trading IRS on modern electronic trading platforms and from trading with each other, all to protect the banks' trading profits from inflated bid/ask spreads.
- Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System, et al. v. Bank of America Corp. et al. (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is representing Iowa Public Employees Retirement System and other investors who allege that six of the world's largest investment banks, including Bank of America, Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Morgan Stanley, and UBS, conspired together to prevent the modernization of the \$1.7 trillion stock lending market in order to maintain control over a critical component of a strong economy.
- In Re: Da Vinci Surgical Robot Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein serves as Interim Co-Lead Counsel in this consolidated antitrust class action against Intuitive Surgical, Inc. Plaintiffs allege that Intuitive engages in an anticompetitive scheme under which it ties the purchase or lease of its must-have, market-dominating da Vinci surgical robot to the additional purchases of (i) robot maintenance and repair services and (ii) unnecessarily large numbers of the surgical instruments, known as EndoWrists, used to perform surgery with the robot—a violation of Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act.

Before joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Bateman was a law clerk for the Honorable Naomi Reice Buchwald, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Before that, he was a litigation attorney at a distinguished global law firm, where he worked with clients in the financial services and energy sectors.

Mr. Bateman received his B.A., cum laude, High Honors, from Dartmouth College, where he was a Rufus Choate Scholar. He received his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where he received Dean's Scholar awards in Civil Procedure and in Federal Courts and the Federal System. While in law school, Mr. Bateman was an Article Selection Editor for the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review. He is the co-author of "Toward Greener FERC Regulation of the Power Industry," 38 Harvard Environmental Law Review 275 (2014).

Before attending law school, Mr. Bateman was an editorial associate at Vanity Fair for several years, where he wrote about politics, civil rights, culture, and environmental issues.

#### **Brian E. Bowcut**

Brian E. Bowcut is a partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Public Client practice. He represents state attorneys general and other public-sector clients as outside counsel in investigations and lawsuits involving fraudulent and deceptive trade practices. Mr. Bowcut, who joined the firm in 2015, brings with him deep experience representing the federal government in complex litigation and in enforcement investigations. In his role as a senior lawyer in the Public Client practice, he brings this experience to bear in false claims and consumer fraud enforcement at the state and local levels.

Mr. Bowcut's recent representations include:

- Grubhub and DoorDash Litigation: Representing the City of Chicago in its enforcement actions against
  Grubhub and DoorDash for violations of the City's consumer protection laws. These cases allege
  widespread deceptive and unfair business practices impacting local restaurants, consumers, and drivers.
  Click here to view the lawsuit filed against DoorDash; click here to view the lawsuit filed against Grubhub.
- Opioid Litigation: Representing the states of Indiana, New Jersey and Vermont in investigations and litigation against entities responsible for the deceptive marketing and sale of opioids. Publicly filed enforcement actions in these matters included Indiana's actions against Purdue, the Sackler family, and pharmaceutical distributors Cardinal Health, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen; New Jersey's actions against Purdue, the Sackler family, and Janssen; and Vermont's actions against Purdue, the Sackler family, and distributors Cardinal and McKesson. A \$26 billion nationwide settlement of litigation against the distributors and Janssen was finalized in 2022. A nationwide settlement in principle with Purdue and the Sackler family, valued at more than \$6 billion, remains pending in bankruptcy proceedings.
- Nursing Homes: Representing the State of New Mexico in litigation related to Medicaid fraud and deceptive marketing by skilled nursing facilities that promised, but failed to provide, basic care to their elderly residents. Mr. Bowcut briefed and successfully argued the defendants' motion to dismiss the case.
- Energy Drinks: Representing a state government in litigation against Living Essentials, Inc., the creator of 5-Hour ENERGY, for misrepresenting the benefits of its so-called "liquid energy shot." Mr. Bowcut is preparing this case for trial.

Mr. Bowcut formerly was a Trial Attorney and Senior Trial Counsel in the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice for nine years. Most recently, as a member of the Fraud Section, he investigated and litigated fraud across an array of government programs, from Medicare fraud by nursing facilities, hospices and medical device makers to schemes involving federal mortgage, foreign aid, and TARP funds. Before that, as a member of the Environmental Torts Section, he defended the United States as lead counsel in large-scale tort litigation. Prior to joining DOJ, Mr. Bowcut practiced at a preeminent national law firm, where he specialized in pharmaceutical product liability, and commercial litigation. He has argued cases in numerous federal district courts, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Mr. Bowcut attended Utah State University, graduating summa cum laude with a B.A. in Journalism and Political Science. He earned his J.D. from Duke University School of Law, graduating cum laude and Order of the Coif, and also earned an M.A. in Public Policy from Duke. During law school, Mr. Bowcut was an Articles Editor for the Duke

Law Journal. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Stanley S. Brotman of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

## Molly J. Bowen

Molly J. Bowen is a partner in Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice, where she represents public pension funds and other institutional investors in securities class actions and shareholder derivative lawsuits.

Ms. Bowen is recognized by the legal industry for her clear judgment and unique blend of appellate and trial experience, making her an exceptional litigator. Indeed, she has played a leading role in some of the nation's most significant shareholder derivative litigation to date, including FirstEnergy Shareholder Derivative Litigation, involving the largest political bribery scheme in Ohio history, and in In re Alphabet Shareholder Derivative Litigation and In re Pinterest Derivative Litigation, both of which resulted in groundbreaking settlements to hold corporate boards of directors accountable for systemic workplace discrimination, harassment, and toxic work cultures.

For her work, Ms. Bowen has been recognized by Law360, which named her a 2022 "Rising Star - Securities" and by The National Law Journal, which named her a 2021 "Rising Star of the Plaintiffs Bar."

Ms. Bowen's experience in securities litigation is complemented by extensive consumer fraud experience, having worked with Cohen Milstein's Public Client practice, representing the interests of state attorneys general. Ms. Bowen also brings to bear perspective from the defense bar, having worked as a litigator at a prominent national defense firm.

#### Some of her current matters include:

• In re Wells Fargo & Company Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is Co-Lead Counsel, representing Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi and the State of Rhode Island, Office of the General Treasurer, in this putative securities class action. Plaintiffs allege that, in the wake of a widespread consumer banking scandal, Wells Fargo misrepresented its compliance with numerous federal consent orders and the timing of removal of an unprecedented asset cap. On May 16, 2023, the Court granted preliminary approval of a historic \$1 billion settlement.

## Some of her recent successes include:

- FirstEnergy Shareholder Derivative Litigation (S.D. Ohio; N.D. Ohio): Cohen Milstein represented the Massachusetts Laborers Pension Fund in two shareholder derivative actions against certain officers and directors and nominal defendant FirstEnergy related to the Company's involvement in Ohio's largest public bribery schemes. On August 23, 2022, the Court granted final approval of a \$180 million global settlement. Law360 ranked this as one of the top 10 securities litigation settlements in 2022.
- In re Alphabet Shareholder Derivative Litigation (Sup. Crt. Cal., Santa Clara Cnty.): Cohen Milstein, as Co-Lead Counsel, represented Northern California Pipe Trades Pension Plan and Teamsters Local 272 Labor Management Pension Fund in a shareholder derivative lawsuit against Alphabet, Inc.'s Board of Directors. Shareholders alleged that the Board allowed powerful executives to sexually harass and discriminate against women without consequence. In November 2020, the Court granted final approval of a historic settlement, including a \$310 million commitment to fund diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives and robust reforms including limiting non-disclosure agreements and ending mandatory arbitration in sexual harassment, gender discrimination, and retaliation-related disputes.
- In re Pinterest Derivative Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein, as Interim Lead Counsel, represented the Employees Retirement System of Rhode Island and other Pinterest shareholders in a shareholder derivative

lawsuit against certain Board members and executives. Shareholders alleged that Defendants personally engaged in and facilitated a systematic practice of illegal discrimination of employees on the basis of race and sex. On June 9, 2022, the Court granted final approval of a settlement including a \$50 million funding commitment and holistic workplace and Board-level reforms.

Credit Suisse Group AG Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein, as Co-Lead Counsel, represented the
International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local No. 710 Pension Plan in a securities class action against Credit
Suisse Group AG, involving misrepresentations of its trading and risk limits, and subsequent accumulation
of billions of dollars in extremely risky, highly illiquid investments. In December 2020, the Court granted final
approval of a \$15.5 million settlement.

Ms. Bowen also maintains an active pro bono practice involving notable matters, such as:

Vivian Englund v. World Pawn Exchange, LLC (Cir. Crt., Coos Cnty., Or.): Cohen Milstein represented Kirsten Englund's estate in a wrongful death case against the gun dealer and pawn shop that sold guns used in her murder. The case established precedent on firearms dealers' liability for online straw sales and resulted in an important settlement. For their work on the case, Cohen Milstein was named to The National Law Journal's "2019 Pro Bono Hot List" and won Public Justice Foundation's "2019 Trial Lawyer of the Year – Finalist" award.

Ms. Bowen regularly publishes on developments in securities law and was named a winner of the Burton Awards in 2019 for "INSIGHT: Holding Firearms Dealers Accountable for Online Straw Sales," Bloomberg Law (December 19, 2018).

Prior to pursing private practice, Ms. Bowen was a law clerk to the Honorable Karen Nelson Moore of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Ms. Bowen graduated magna cum laude from Macalester College with a B.A. in Geography in 2007. She earned her J.D., summa cum laude, graduating first in her class, from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law in 2013, where she served as the Articles Editor for the Washington University Law Review.

# Robert A. Braun

Robert A. Braun, a partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice, focuses on cutting-edge, industry-changing antitrust and class action litigation on behalf of individuals and small businesses harmed by price-fixing and other illegal corporate behavior.

Mr. Braun recently helped obtain more than \$50 million in settlements in In re Resistors Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.), and has also played significant roles in suits involving anticompetitive behavior in the real estate services industry, LIBOR manipulation (\$180 million in preliminary settlements), price-fixing by manufacturers of metal pipes and fittings (\$47 million in settlements across two cases), and "pay-for-delay" and other practices by pharmaceutical companies to limit access to less expensive generic drugs.

Mr. Braun is also experienced in international claims litigation, including representing victims of state-sponsored terrorism in suits amounting to nearly \$1 billion in judgments.

Currently, Mr. Braun is litigating the following notable matters:

 Moehrl v. National Association of Realtors (N.D. Ill.): Cohen Milstein represents a proposed class of home sellers in litigation against the four largest national real estate services conglomerates, and their trade association. The class alleges that the defendants violated federal antitrust law by conspiring to require

- sellers to pay the broker representing their homes' buyer (and to do so at an inflated level). Mr. Braun assists in managing all aspects of the case.
- In re: Iran Beirut Bombing Litigation (D.D.C.): Cohen Milstein represents victims and family members of victims in the 1983 Beirut Marine Barracks bombing—the deadliest act of terrorism against Americans prior to September 11, 2001. Mr. Braun manages this litigation, which has resulted in judgments amounting to more than \$942 million against the government of Iran.

Mr. Braun also maintains an active pro bono practice. He is currently a member of the legal teams in Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Washington v. Trump (S.D.N.Y.) and District of Columbia v. Trump (D. Md.), which seek to enjoin President Trump's unconstitutional receipt of emoluments on behalf of restaurant and hotel plaintiffs and the Attorneys General of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Braun served as a law clerk for Hon. Carolyn Dineen King (5th Cir.), and Hon. Lee H. Rosenthal (S.D. Tex.). He was also an Arthur Liman Fellow at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, where he worked on public interest housing litigation.

Mr. Braun earned his J.D. at Yale Law School and attended Princeton University, graduating summa cum laude. During law school, Mr. Braun was an editor of the Yale Journal of International Law and a member of the mock trial team.

# S. Douglas Bunch

S. Douglas Bunch is a partner at Cohen Milstein, a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice, and co-chair of the firm's Pro Bono Committee.

Mr. Bunch has also had the unique honor of being appointed by President Joseph R. Biden as Public Delegate of the United States to the United Nations, a position he currently holds.

As a securities litigator, Mr. Bunch represents individual and institutional investors in securities and shareholder class actions. His work and path-breaking legal arguments in precedent-setting cases, such as In re Harman International Industries, Inc. Securities Litigation, have earned him numerous accolades, including being named to Benchmark Litigation's 2019 "40 & Under Hot List" and as one of Law360's "Rising Stars – Securities" (2017), honoring lawyers under the age of 40 whose professional accomplishments transcend their age.

Mr. Bunch played a leading role in the following securities class actions:

- In re Harman International Industries, Inc. Securities Litigation (D.D.C.): Cohen Milstein obtained a precedent-setting ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, reversing the dismissal of the case by the lower court, protecting investors by limiting the scope of protection afforded by the so-called "safe-harbor" for forward-looking statements in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.
- In re GreenSky Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y): Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Counsel in this securities class action involving fintech company GreenSky's failure to disclose in its Initial Public Offering documents significant facts about the Company's decision to pivot away from its most profitable line of business. This failure led to its stock plummeting and causing significant investor harm. In October 2021, the Court granted final approval of a \$27.5 million settlement.
- Plumbers & Pipefitters National Pension Fund v. Davis (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein was Lead Counsel in this
  high-profile, putative securities class action involving Performance Sports Group's failure to disclose that its
  purported financial success was not based on sustainable, "organic" growth as represented, but was driven
  by the Company's manipulative and coercive sales practices, which included pulling orders forward to earlier
  quarters and pressuring customers to increase their orders without regard for market demand. The SEC and

- Canadian authorities subsequently initiated investigations, and PSG filed for bankruptcy. On November 22, 2022, the Court granted final approval of a \$13 million settlement, which is in addition to the \$1.15 million settlement Plaintiff obtained in Performance Sports Group's 2016 bankruptcy proceedings through the prior approval of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and the Ontario Superior Court in Canada.
- In re ITT Educational Services, Inc. Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein achieved a \$16.96 million settlement against ITT and two of its officers. The case was hotly contested and involved unraveling complex accounting treatments governing ITT's transactions with third-party lenders, whereby the third parties agreed to assume liability for student loan defaults up to a particular threshold. The case settled during discovery after the parties had reviewed and analyzed over two million pages of documents, after depositions had been taken, and while class certification briefing was ongoing.
- Rubin v. MF Global, Ltd. (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein achieved a significant \$90 million settlement in this precedent-setting case, in which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit sided with the Plaintiffs and held that companies cannot make false or misleading statements in their offering documents, and then hide behind associated risk disclosures in an attempt to escape liability. The National Law Journal named Cohen Milstein to its Plaintiffs' Hot List for its achievement.
- MBS Litigation (S.D.N.Y): Cohen Milstein is a legal pioneer in mortgage-backed securities (MBS) litigation, having negotiated some of the largest and most significant MBS settlements in history and achieved more than \$2.5 billion in investor recoveries. Mr. Bunch played a key role in these cases, particularly those against Residential Accredit Loans, Inc. (RALI) (\$335 million settlement), Harborview Mortgage Loan Trusts (\$275 million settlement), and Bear Stearns & Co. Inc. (\$500 million settlement).

Mr. Bunch is currently involved in the following notable cases:

- Cape Fear River Contaminated Water Litigation (E.D.N.C.): Cohen Milstein is Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel in this environmental toxic tort class action filed against E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company and The Chemours Company. Plaintiffs allege that for more than four decades, DuPont and Chemours polluted the Cape Fear River near Wilmington, North Carolina, with a chemical called GenX; contaminated the water supply in five North Carolina counties; and misrepresented the Company's conduct to state and federal regulators, all while knowing that GenX was carcinogenic. Plaintiffs allege extensive property damage and personal injury as a result of Defendants' actions.
- In re EQT Corporation Securities Litigation (W.D. Pa.): Cohen Milstein is Co-Lead Counsel in this securities class action, in which Plaintiffs allege that EQT misrepresented the "substantial synergies" that were expected to arise from a planned merger with rival natural gas producer Rice Energy due to "the contiguous and complementary nature of Rice's asset base with EQT's."

For his legal achievements, Mr. Bunch has received numerous industry recognitions, including being named to Benchmark Litigation's 2019 "40 & Under Hot List," and Law360's "Rising Stars – Securities" (2017), recognizing outstanding lawyers under the age of 40. Mr. Bunch has also been annually recognized by Super Lawyers for Securities Litigation (2014-2020).

Mr. Bunch is Co-Founder and Chairman of Global Playground, Inc., a nonprofit that builds schools and other educational infrastructure in the developing world, and serves or has served on the boards of the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Ascanius: The Youth Classics Institute, and Virginia21. Mr. Bunch has twice been appointed, in 2016 and again in 2020, by Governors of Virginia to the Board of Visitors of the College of William & Mary.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Mr. Bunch graduated with a B.A., summa cum laude, from the College of William & Mary, earned an Ed. M. from Harvard University, and received his J.D. from William & Mary Law School, where he was a recipient of the Benjamin Rush Medal in 2006. In 2011, he was awarded William & Mary's inaugural W. Taylor Reveley III award, recognizing alumni who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to public service.

#### **Robert W. Cobbs**

Robert W. Cobbs is a partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice.

Currently, Mr. Cobbs is litigating the following notable matters:

- Interest Rate Swaps Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein serves as co-lead counsel in a
  groundbreaking antitrust class action representing the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement
  Fund of Chicago and a proposed buy-side investor class against numerous Wall Street investment banks.
  The class alleges that the defendants conspired to prevent class members from trading IRS on modern
  electronic trading platforms and from trading with each other, all to protect the banks' trading profits from
  inflated bid/ask spreads.
- Stock Lending Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein serves as co-counsel in a groundbreaking
  antitrust class action alleging that major investment banks conspired to prevent the stock lending market
  from evolving by boycotting and interfering with various platforms and services designed to increase
  transparency and reduce costs in the stock lending market.
- ExxonMobil Aceh, Indonesia (D.D.C.): Cohen Milstein is representing eleven Indonesian citizens in a cross-border human rights lawsuit involving allegations of physical abuse, sexual assault, other forms of torture, and murder committed by Indonesian soldiers who were hired by ExxonMobil Corporation.

#### Mr. Cobbs' recent successes include:

- Google Wi-Fi Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in a nationwide class action alleging
  that Google violated the Wiretap Act when its Street View vehicles secretly collected payload data from
  unencrypted Wi-Fi networks. Plaintiffs defeated a motion to dismiss raising novel Wiretap Act issues, and
  the ruling was affirmed on interlocutory appeal to the Ninth Circuit. The court approved a \$13 million
  settlement in March 2020.
- Anadarko Basin Oil and Gas Lease Antitrust Litigation (W.D. Okla.): Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel for plaintiffs in a class action alleging that Chesapeake Energy, SandRidge Energy and a former executive of both companies conspired to rig bids for leases of land held by private landowners in parts of Oklahoma and Kansas. This litigation followed the U.S. Department of Justice's early 2016 indictment of a co-founder and former CEO of Chesapeake Energy for allegedly participating in this bid-rigging conspiracy. Plaintiffs alleged that Defendants illegally conspired to stabilize and depress the price of royalty and bonus payments paid to landowners in the Anadarko Basin oil and gas province a massive geological formation holding natural gas and oil deposits that includes large parts of Oklahoma and Kansas. Pursuant to this conspiracy, Plaintiffs alleged that Defendants communicated about and agreed on prices, allocated particular geographic areas between themselves, and rigged bids for leases of land, lowering acquisition prices across the region and thereby harming the proposed class of landowners. In April 2019, the court granted final approval of a \$6.95 million settlement.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Cobbs clerked for the Hon. Pierre N. Leval, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; and for the Hon. J. Rodney Gilstrap, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

Mr. Cobbs graduated from Amherst College with a B.A. in English and Russian, magna cum laude with distinction, and received his J.D. from Yale Law School. During law school, he served as a Notes Editor of the Yale Law Journal and as a Submissions Editor of the Yale Journal on Regulation.

#### **Brian Corman**

Brian Corman is a partner in Cohen Milstein's Civil Rights & Employment practice.

Mr. Corman helps spearhead the firm's fair housing litigation efforts, representing fair housing organizations, tenant unions, and those who have been unlawfully denied housing or otherwise discriminated against, often in cases addressing novel state and federal claims. A hands-on litigator, Mr. Corman leads these cases from initial investigation, to briefing and presenting oral arguments before the court, to overseeing settlement negotiations. Mr. Corman's practice also focuses on employment class actions, as well as complicated wage and hour cases under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and state wage statutes.

# Mr. Corman's current high-profile cases include:

- Thompson, et al. v. Trump, et al. (D.D.C.): The NAACP and Cohen Milstein represent 11 Members of Congress
  in a suit alleging that Donald J. Trump, Rudolph Giuliani, the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers conspired to
  prevent members of Congress from carrying out their duty to certify the results of the 2020 election on
  January 6, 2021.
- Amazon Flex Driver Arbitrations (AAA): Cohen Milstein represents thousands of current and former Amazon
  Flex delivery drivers in California who allege that Amazon intentionally misclassified them as independent
  contractors to avoid paying them overtime and to deny them other benefits of California labor law.
- Long Island Housing Services, Inc., et al. v. NPS Holiday Square LLC, et al. (E.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is representing Long Island Housing Services (LIHS), Suffolk Independent Living Organization (SILO) and Suffolk County residents in a Fair Housing Act race and disability discrimination class action against a prominent Long Island-area property management company.
- Castillo v. Western Range Association (D. Nev.): Cohen Milstein represents H-2A shepherds in a class action against Western Range Association in a wage and hour dispute.

# Recent notable litigation successes include:

- Park 7 Tenant Union Right to Organize Litigation (D.C. Sup. Crt.): Cohen Milstein, along with the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, represented the Park 7 Tenant Union and individual tenants of Park 7 Apartments, an affordable housing apartment building in Washington D.C., against the property's owner and property manager. Plaintiffs alleged that Defendants violated their "right to organize," which is protected under D.C.'s Right of Tenants to Organize Act. In October 2021, the parties signed a first-of-its-kind Consent Agreement that established the procedures by which the Park 7 Tenant Union can operate free from interference and retaliation.
- Lopez, et al. v. Ham Farms, LLC, et al. (E.D.N.C.): Cohen Milstein represented hundreds of migrant seasonal and H-2A farm labor workers in a wage and hour dispute under the FLSA, the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (MSPA), and the North Carolina Wage & Hour Act. On May 14, 2021, the Court granted final approval of a class action settlement with a total value of \$1 million. At the final approval hearing on May 14, Judge James C. Dever III commended Plaintiffs' counsel for the "excellent [settlement] papers," which were written by Mr. Corman.
- Sutton v. McCoy (N.D. Ga.): Cohen Milstein and the ACLU represented a plaintiff in a race-based Fair Housing
  Act discrimination lawsuit, where the plaintiff claimed she was unjustly evicted for inviting an AfricanAmerican family to her home. In February 2020, Cohen Milstein and the ACLU settled the case, requiring
  that the landlords admit to their discriminatory actions and making racist statements in violation of the Fair
  Housing Act, apologize for the harm they caused, and agree to pay the plaintiff \$150,000.
- Gentiva Health Services (N.D. Ga.): Cohen Milstein represented hundreds of health care workers in a
  nationwide class action against Gentiva, one the country's largest home health care service providers.
  Plaintiffs sought unpaid overtime wages under FLSA. In June 2017, the court granted final approval of a
  confidential settlement.

• Long Island Housing Services, Inc., et al. v. Village of Mastic Beach (E.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein represented LIHS and African American tenants in a Fair Housing Act race discrimination case. The case settled in August 2017 for \$387,500.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2015, Mr. Corman was a Litigation Associate at a top-tier defense firm, where he focused on Foreign Corrupt Practices Act internal investigations for Fortune 500 clients, as well as pro bono cases in federal district court and before the Supreme Court.

Following law school, Mr. Corman clerked for the Honorable Harry Pregerson of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He then participated in a D.C. Bar Association Pro Bono Fellowship at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, working on education, voting rights and fair housing cases.

Mr. Corman earned his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, where he was an editor of the California Law Review, a member of the Jessup International Law Moot Court Team, co-chaired the Berkeley Law Expulsion Clinic, and externed for the Honorable William Alsup of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. Mr. Corman received his B.A., summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, in Political Science from Columbia University School of General Studies.

Mr. Corman was a professional ballet dancer for eight years, performing with the Houston Ballet and Washington Ballet, among other companies.

#### **Alison Deich**

Alison Deich is a partner in Cohen Milstein's Antitrust practice. In this role, she represents a broad range of plaintiffs in antitrust, environmental, and civil rights litigation.

Ms. Deich is highly regarded for her ability to quickly engage with economic and scientific experts. In 2023, The National Law Journal named her a "Ricing Star," and since 2020, Super Lawyers has consistently recognized Ms. Deich as a "Rising Star" in the Washington, D.C. Metro Area.

Ms. Deich is working on the following high-profile antitrust matters:

- Jien v. Perdue Farms, Inc. (D. Md.): Cohen Milstein serves as co-lead counsel, representing a proposed class of poultry plant workers, in a suit alleging that the nation's largest chicken and turkey producers conspired to suppress their wages. Since July 20, 2021, the Court has preliminarily approved settlements with six defendants for \$195.25 million. Litigation against the remaining defendants continues.
- In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation (N.D. III.): Cohen Milstein represents a class of broiler chicken consumers in a suit alleging that the nation's largest chicken producers, including Perdue Farms and Tyson Foods, conspired to raise the price of chicken. On December 20, 2021, the Court granted final approval of settlements with six of the defendants for a total of \$181 million. Litigation against the remaining defendants continues.

Ms. Deich is also involved in other high-profile matters on behalf of the firm, including:

- Thompson v. Trump (D.D.C.): The NAACP and Cohen Milstein represent members of Congress in a suit
  alleging that Donald J. Trump, the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers conspired to prevent members of
  Congress from carrying out their duty to certify the results of the 2020 election on January 6, 2021.
- Cape Fear River Contaminated Water Litigation (E.D.N.C.): Cohen Milstein serves as Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel, overseeing a putative class action against E.I. DuPont de Nemours Company and The Chemours

- Company for discharging toxic chemicals into the Cape Fear River—a source of drinking water for five counties in North Carolina.
- In re Flint Water Crisis Class Action Litigation (E.D. Mich.): Cohen Milstein is Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel for a group of related class action lawsuits filed in federal court on behalf of Flint, Michigan residents and businesses harmed by exposure to toxic levels of lead and other hazards from the city's drinking water. On November 10, 2021, the Court granted final approval of a landmark \$626.25 million settlement against the State of Michigan and other defendants. Litigation continues against two private water engineering firms.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Deich clerked for the Honorable Cornelia Pillard of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. She also clerked for the Honorable Katherine Polk Failla of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, as well as the Honorable Goodwin Liu of the California Supreme Court.

Ms. Deich received her B.A. from the University of Virginia, where she graduated with highest distinction, Phi Beta Kappa, and received several honors, including the Lewis M. Hammond Award. Ms. Deich received her J.D. from Harvard Law School, where she graduated magna cum laude and won the Ames moot court competition.

# Manuel J. Dominguez

Manuel J. ("John") Dominguez is a partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice. He focuses on complex, multi-district antitrust litigation, representing individuals and businesses harmed by anticompetitive business practices. Mr. Dominguez also plays a significant role in identifying and investigating potential antitrust violations for the practice.

Mr. Dominguez has been litigating complex antitrust, securities, and consumer cases for more than 20 years, and has served as lead counsel and handled numerous high-profile, high-stakes cases during that time. His efforts have enabled aggrieved businesses and consumers to recover hundreds of millions of dollars.

A hands-on litigator, Mr. Dominguez currently represents plaintiffs in litigation alleging price-fixing and monopolistic practices in the medical products, finance and other industries. These cases include:

- Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein represents direct purchasers of Bearings, Mini-Bearings, IG coils, Power Window Motors, Valve Timing Control Devices and other automotive parts in a series of antitrust class action lawsuits accusing manufacturers and suppliers of price-fixing and bid-rigging conspiracies. These cases, being litigated in the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit, stem from the largest antitrust investigation in the history of the U.S. Department of Justice, with over \$1 billion in fines and multiple criminal indictments. Bearings is the first matter currently being considered for certification by the court. Mr. Dominguez has significant responsibilities in these cases, including leading discovery efforts against defendants, briefing and assisting experts. Settlements in several of these cases have recovered more than \$500 million for direct purchaser plaintiffs.
- Liquid Aluminum Sulfate Antitrust Litigation: In this action it was alleged that the manufacturers of Aluminum Sulfate, a product used by municipalities for water treatment, conspired to allocate customers, rig bids and fix prices. Mr. Dominguez was appointed by the court to serve on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee. As part of his responsibilities, he has been responsible for selecting class representatives and working on the consolidated amended complaint. Thus far, this case has resulted in the preliminary approval of settlements for direct purchaser plaintiffs of more than \$10.7 million in cash and up to \$13.5 million from the sale of defendant's assets resulting from the company's dissolution or acquisition.

In addition to antitrust class action litigation, Mr. Dominguez continues to be involved in significant non-class and non-antitrust class actions, including winning a significant motion to dismiss in a non-class action antitrust action brought on behalf of doctors and practice groups against a major insurance company and hospital in Florida in Omni

Healthcare, Inc. v. Health First, Inc. The case presented and argued issues of first impression for the middle district of Florida. Mr. Dominguez was also involved in cutting-edge data privacy breach litigation against AOL for allegedly unlawfully collecting internet search data of millions of users and making their private information available for public downloading. In addition, Mr. Dominguez litigated a highly significant securities matter that settled for hundreds of millions of dollars involving Symbol Technologies Inc., a barcode technology maker that intentionally overstated its revenues through premature revenue recognition, improper consignments arrangements and channel stuffing.

Mr. Dominguez began his career as an Assistant Attorney General in the Attorney General of the State of Florida's Department of Economic Crimes. In that role, he represented the State of Florida in prosecuting corporations and business entities for alleged violations of Florida's RICO, antitrust and Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act statutes. Following his service as an Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Dominguez entered private practice, litigating and trying numerous cases involving unfair trade practices and other alleged violations of state and federal consumer protection statutes. In 2000, he joined a premier class action firm focused on antitrust and securities litigation; there, he rose to be one the heads of the firm's antitrust practice group.

Mr. Dominguez also has been at the forefront of exploring ways to develop and apply e-discovery to the law—authoring white papers and presenting on e-discovery amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. He also participated in The Sedona Conference® Working Group 1, the legal industry's vanguard e-discovery standards organization.

Mr. Dominguez formerly served as the Chair of the Antitrust, Franchise & Trade Regulation Committee of the Florida Bar's Business Law Section. He previously served as the Vice Chair of that committee and was a member of the Executive Council of Florida Bar's Business Law Section. He is also co-author of an article that appeared in the Florida Bar Journal, "The Plausibility Standard as a Double Edge Sword: The application of Twombly and Iqbal to Affirmative Defenses" (Vol. 84, No. 6).

Mr. Dominguez is recognized by the Global Competition Review Who's Who Legal: Competition (since 2021), Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers List (2021), "Super Lawyers" as a top-rated lawyer In Florida (since 2021), "Legal Elite" by Florida Trend (2017-2018), and he has been named a Palm Beach Illustrated "Top Lawyers" (2018).

Mr. Dominguez received a B.A. from Florida International University, and earned his J.D. from the Florida State University College of Law, graduating with honors. In law school, he was a member of the Transnational Journal of Law and Policy.

# Agnieszka Fryszman

Agnieszka Fryszman, chair of the Human Rights practice at Cohen Milstein, has been recognized as leading one of the best private international human rights practices in the world.

She represents individuals who have been victims of torture, human trafficking, forced and slave labor and other violations of international law. A recognized expert and leader in the field of human rights law, Ms. Fryszman regularly litigates cases against corporate giants and foreign powers.

Notable areas where Ms. Fryszman's work has made an impact:

 Holocaust-era atrocities: Ms. Fryszman was a member of the legal team that successfully represented survivors of Nazi-era forced and slave labor against the German and Austrian companies that allegedly profited from their labor. These cases were resolved by international negotiations that resulted in multi-

- billion-dollar settlements.
- Human Trafficking and Forced Labor: Ms. Fryszman filed one of the first claims under the federal human
  trafficking statute (the TVPRA) and has continued to focus on representing survivors of human trafficking
  and forced labor. She has been recognized as Advocate of the Year by the Human Trafficking Legal Center
  and awarded the National Law Journal Pro Bono Award for her efforts. She has represented workers trapped
  in supply chain forced labor as well as men and women trafficked by military contractors, in the fishing
  industry, and to work cleaning houses in Northern Virginia.
- Military contractors: Ms. Fryszman earned the National Law Journal Pro Bono Award for efforts on behalf of Nepali laborers killed at U.S. military bases in Iraq. She represented the families of twelve Nepali men and five additional surviving Nepali men who were lured to Jordan with the false promise of well-paying hotel jobs, but instead their passports were confiscated, they were imprisoned and then taken against their will a U.S. military base in Iraq, where they were put to work for U.S. military subcontractors during the Iraq war. Twelve of the men were killed by insurgents. The claims were ultimately resolved, including under innovative proceedings pursuant to the Defense Base Act. Cohen Milstein's work received international attention and is the focus of the book, The Girl from Kathmandu | Twelve Dead Men and a Woman's Quest for Justice, by Cam Simpson (HarperCollins, 2018).
- Deep Sea Fishing Industry: Ms. Fryszman filed and settled the first successfully resolved case of fishing boat slavery in the world. She represented two Indonesian men who escaped from a fishing boat when it docked in California. The settlement included provisions intended to protect future seamen, including a code of conduct for ship captains and a hand-out for seamen informing them of their rights and who to call for help.
- Comfort Women: Ms. Fryszman's work on behalf of former "comfort women," women and girls trafficked into sexual slavery by the government of Japan during World War II, was recognized with the "Fierce Sister" award from the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum.
- Victims of 9/11: Ms. Fryszman represented, pro bono, victims of the September 11 attack on the Pentagon and obtained one of the highest awards for an injured survivor from the Victim's Compensation Fund.
- Guantanamo Bay Detention: Ms. Fryszman represented, pro bono, two individuals detained by the United States at Guantanamo Bay who were ultimately cleared without charge.

# Some of Ms. Fryszman's current high-profile cases include:

- ExxonMobil -Villagers of Aceh Litigation (D.D.C.): Ms. Fryszman represents eleven villagers from Aceh, Indonesia, who allege that they or their relatives were victims of torture, extrajudicial killing, and other abuses committed by security guards working for Exxon Mobil. The case is being heard in a United States court but involves claims under Indonesian law. The case has been hotly litigated for 20 years, including two trips to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals (both successfully argued by Ms. Fryszman). Ms. Fryszman pioneered the use of remote deposition technology to take over 20 depositions of eyewitnesses located in rural Aceh. The parties are currently awaiting a trial date.
- Chiquita (S.D. Fla): Ms. Fryszman represents hundreds of Columbian citizens who allege that they or their family members were victims of torture or extrajudicial killing committed by the AUC, a paramilitary death squad paid by Chiquita. The victims included labor organizers, elected officials, and activists on Chiquita's banana plantations. The AUC was designated by the United States government as a "Foreign Terrorist Organization." That designation made supporting the AUC a federal crime. After an inquiry by the U.S. Justice Department, Chiquita pled guilty and admitted to making over 100 payments to the AUC but has thus far refused to compensate the families whose loved ones were murdered.
- Kurd v. The Republic of Turkey (D.D.C.): Ms. Fryszman represents represent fifteen people, including a seven-year-old girl with her father, a mother pushing a four-year-old in a stroller, students, and local small business owners, who had gathered at Sheridan Circle in Washington, D.C., to peacefully protest the Erdogan regime's treatment of its Kurdish community. They were brutally attacked by PresidentErdogan's security detail, who pushed past a line of law enforcement officers to kick, stomp and bludgeon the demonstrators. The attack was captured on video, resulted in criminal indictments, and was condemned by

the United States Congress. The Republic of Turkey claimed it was immune from suit, but the district court disagreed. Ms. Fryszman successfully argued the case at the Court of Appeals, obtaining a unanimous opinion upholding the district court.

- Ratha v. Phatthana Seafood (C.D. Cal.): Ms. Fryszman represents Cambodian villagers who allege that they were trafficked into Thailand and subjected to forced labor at seafood processing factories that were owned by and did business with U.S. business entities.
- Paul Rusesabagina Kidnapping (D.D.C.): Ms. Fryszman represented U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom winner Paul Rusesabagina and his family against the Republic of Rwanda, the President of Rwanda and other members of the government for allegedly kidnapping Paul and taking him back to Rwanda, where he was imprisoned, tortured and subjected to a sham trial. Mr. Rusesabagina is perhaps best known for saving thousands of lives during the Rwandan genocide in 1994, a story that inspired the Academy-Award-nominated film, Hotel Rwanda. On March 16, 2023, the court held that three Rwandan officials must face Plaintiffs' claims. A week later, after negotiations with the White House, Rwanda commuted Rusesabagina's sentence. After two-and-a-half years in captivity, he returned home to the United States.

Ms. Fryszman has received some of the legal profession's highest honors including The Human Trafficking Legal Center's Human Trafficking Advocate of the Year Award (2020), and being named a "Lawdragon Legend" in 2019, an award highlighting 30 of the "nation's elite lawyers." She is regularly included in the Lawdragon 500 and Lawdragon also named Ms. Fryszman to its inaugural "Global Litigation 500." The National Law Journal has named Ms. Fryszman to the list of "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar" and Benchmark Plaintiff has named her a Leading Star Plaintiffs' Litigator and one of the Top 150 Women in Litigation. For her pro bono work, in addition to the National Law Journal Pro Bono Award, she has been awarded the Beacon of Justice Award by the National Legal Aid and Defender and the Frederick Douglass Human Rights Award from the Southern Center for Human Rights. She was also a finalist for the Public Justice Foundation's Trial Lawyer of the Year Award for her work on Wiwa v. Royal Dutch Shell. Ms. Fryszman joined the legal team in that case to prepare it for trial, resulting in a multi-million-dollar settlement on the morning of jury selection.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Fryszman served as counsel to the United States House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, and as counsel to Representative Henry Waxman, Ranking Member on the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee. Earlier in her career, she was legislative director to U.S. Representative, now Senator, Jack Reed.

Ms. Fryszman graduated from Brown University with an A.B. in International Relations, and earned her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center, graduating magna cum laude, Order of the Coif. In law school, she was a Public Interest Law Scholar.

#### Carol V. Gilden

Carol V. Gilden is a nationally recognized securities litigator and a partner in Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice. She also serves as the resident partner of the firm's Chicago office.

Ms. Gilden represents public pension funds, Taft-Hartley pension and health and welfare funds, and other institutional investors in securities class actions, individual actions and transaction and derivative litigation. She also litigates other types of complex litigation and class actions nationwide in state and federal courts. Ms. Gilden's practice includes cases involving stock, bonds, preferred stock, ADR's and other complex financial Instruments, including interest rate swaps, Treasury bonds and exchange-traded notes.

Ms. Gilden has spearheaded and litigated some of the most novel securities disputes in the financial markets, resulting in aggregate recoveries of over several billion dollars for investors. Her guiding principle – those who commit fraud on the financial markets should be held accountable.

In numerous high-profile securities cases, Ms. Gilden has led the litigation as Lead or Co-Lead Counsel. These cases include MF Global, where the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit held that companies that make false or misleading statements cannot hide behind risk disclosures to escape liability, and in which Ms. Gilden, as Co-Lead Counsel, was named in the National Law Journal's selection of Cohen Milstein to its "Plaintiffs' Hot List." Ms. Gilden was also Lead Counsel in the IntraLinks Securities Litigation, which, as one of the first securities class actions certified after the Supreme Court's Halliburton II decision, provided a roadmap for obtaining class certification in other securities cases.

Most recently, Ms. Gilden served as Lead Counsel in Seafarers Pension Plan v. Bradway, et al., a federal derivative case against The Boeing Company's directors and officers arising out of the 737 MAX crashes and alleging federal proxy statement violations in connection with director elections. After the case was dismissed on forum non conveniens grounds, Ms. Gilden successfully argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, obtaining a 2-to1, precedent-setting decision reversing the district court's dismissal of the case based on enforcement of Boeing's forum selection bylaw. The derivative action ultimately settled, along with a companion class action filed by the Seafarers in Delaware Chancery Court after the district court's dismissal and challenging the bylaw under Delaware law, for corporate governance reforms valued in excess of \$100 million and a \$6.25 million payment by the Directors' insurers to the Company.

Among other cases, Ms. Gilden is currently serving on the Co-Lead Counsel team in two groundbreaking antitrust lawsuits involving two of the world's largest financial markets and as Lead Counsel in a securities class action against Bayer AG, stemming from its acquisition of Monsanto, with its flagship product, the herbicide Roundup. Additionally, she is Lead Counsel in a securities class action against Pluralsight and its senior officers, alleging that they misrepresented and omitted material information concerning the size of the Company's sale force, which impacted its billing's growth, a key metric to investors.

Ms. Gilden began her career in the Enforcement Division of the Securities and Exchange Commission, where she spent five years investigating and litigating securities fraud cases.

Before joining Cohen Milstein in 2007, Ms. Gilden served as the head of the securities class action practice at a prominent mid-sized Chicago law firm and the vice-chair of its class action department.

## Representative Matters:

- Interest Rate Swaps Market Manipulation Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Ms. Gilden represents the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago and other institutions in a groundbreaking putative class action, charging 12 Wall Street banks with conspiring to engineer and maintain a collusive and anticompetitive stranglehold over the interest rate swaps market – one of the world's biggest financial markets. Cohen Milstein is Co-Lead Counsel in this case,
- Treasuries Market Manipulation Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Ms. Gilden represents the Cleveland Bakers and Teamsters Pension and Health and Welfare Funds and other institutions in this putative antitrust class action, alleging that two dozen financial institutions with an inside role at the auction for U.S. Treasuries conspired to manipulate yields and prices to their benefit. Cohen Milstein is Co-Lead Counsel.
- Bayer AG Securities Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Ms. Gilden represents the Sheet Metal Workers National Pension Fund and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local No. 710 Pension Plan in this putative securities class action, alleging that Bayer misrepresented the extent of its due diligence on the risks posed by the Roundup litigation in connection with its \$63 billion acquisition of Monsanto. Bayer investors incurred significant losses after bellwether jury trials in the toxic tort cases in the Roundup litigation repeatedly found in favor of the plaintiffs against Monsanto, leading to jury awards totaling hundreds of millions of dollars. Ultimately, a global settlement of the Roundup litigation was announced for upwards of \$10.9 billion, which

- the Court handling the cases rejected as to future claims. Cohen Milstein is Lead Counsel.
- Pluralsight, Inc. Securities Litigation (D. Utah): Ms. Gilden represents the Indiana Public Retirement System and the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago in this securities class action against Pluralsight, Inc, a provider of cloud-based and video training courses. The case alleges that Pluralsight and its senior officers misrepresented and omitted material information from investors concerning the Company's sales force, which impacted its billings growth, before a \$37 million stock cashout by Pluralsight insiders through the use of Rule 10b5-1 trading plans, open market transactions and in an \$450 million secondary public offering orchestrated by those insiders. Ms. Gilden successfully argued and convinced U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit to reverse the lower court's dismissal of the case. In doing so, the Tenth Circuit held that the plaintiffs' allegations "strongly support the inference" of scienter and that the executives' use of Rule10b5-1 trading plans for their sales "cannot rebut the inference that personal financial gain was a motive for defendants' material misrepresentations." Cohen Milstein is Lead Counsel.
- Set Capital LLC et al. v. Credit Suisse Group A.G. et al. (S.D.N.Y.): Ms. Gilden represents Set Capital LLC and other investors in this securities class action lawsuit against Credit Suisse Group and its officers stemming from the collapse of exchange-traded notes called VelocityShares Daily Inverse VIX Short Term Exchange Traded Notes, or XIV, that tracked the inverse of the VIX. The case alleges that Credit Suisse sold hundreds of millions of dollars of XIV notes to investors, while actively betting against their performance and falsely telling investors that it (and Credit Suisse's affiliates) did not believe their hedging in VIX futures would adversely impact XIV's value. Cohen Milstein serves as Co-Lead Counsel.
- Intuitive Surgical Inc. Derivative Litigation (Sup. Crt. Cal.): Ms. Gilden represented the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago in this derivative action against Intuitive's directors and officers, alleging they covered up safety defects in the da Vinci robotic surgery system. She achieved a settlement one day before trial for cash and options worth \$20.2 million at final approval, to be paid by the Individual Defendants back to Intuitive. The settlement also required Intuitive Surgical to adopt extensive corporate governance, insider trading, product safety, and FDA compliance measures designed to present the reoccurrence of the alleged wrongdoing. In the plaintiff's expert's opinion, the reduction in the risk of recurrence of the events similar to the ones experienced (which resulted in a 30% drop in stock value and the establishment of a \$100 million product liability reserve) translated into a benefit of \$117 million to Intuitive and its shareholders. Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel.
- Huron Securities Litigation (N.D. III.): Ms. Gilden represented the Public School Teachers' Pension &
  Retirement Fund of Chicago and the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement Fund in this securities fraud
  class action against Huron and its officers, alleging accounting fraud allegations. The case settled for \$40
  million, consisting of \$27 million in cash plus 474,547 shares of common stock, valued at \$13,292,061. Cohen
  Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel.
- City of Chicago v. Hotels.com, et al. (Circ. Crt. Cook Cty., Ill.): Ms. Gilden represented the City of Chicago in a high-profile lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court, alleging that Expedia, Hotels.com, Orbitz, Priceline, and Travelocity failed to properly remit hotel taxes to the City of Chicago for hotel bookings. Expedia, the last remaining defendant, appealed a \$29 million judgment and settled on appeal after briefing concluded. The City of Chicago recouped \$23.6 million in back taxes and interest, and these defendants now collect and remit to the City of Chicago taxes on the markup of the room bookings. Ms. Gilden served as the lead attorney in this litigation.
- Credit Suisse Group AG Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Ms. Gilden represented the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local No. 710 Pension Plan and achieved a \$15.5 million settlement in this securities class action against Credit Suisse Group AG, alleging misrepresentations of the Company's trading and risk limits leading to the accumulation of billions of dollars in risky, highly illiquid investments. Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Counsel.
- Plumbers & Pipefitters National Pension Fund v. Davis, et al. (S.D.N.Y.): Ms. Gilden represented the United Association National Pension Fund, f/k/a Plumbers & Pipefitters National Pension Fund, in this securities class action alleging that PSG and its officers failed to disclose that PSG's growth was not based on

- sustainable "organic growth" as represented but was driven by the company's manipulative and coercive sale practices, which included pulling orders forward and forcing customers to increase their orders without regard for market demand. PSG subsequently filed for bankruptcy protection. Cohen Milstein is sole Lead Counsel, which after extensive discovery, achieved \$14.15 million in settlements for the benefit of the class.
- In re Alphabet Shareholder Derivative Litigation (Sup. Crt. Cal., Santa Clara Cnty.): Ms. Gilden represented the Northern California Pipe Trades Pension Plan and other institutions in this shareholder derivative lawsuit against the Board of Directors of Alphabet, Inc. The case alleged that the tech giant's Board violated its fiduciary duty by enabling a double standard at Alphabet that allowed powerful executives to sexually harass and discriminate against women without consequence. On November 30, 2020, the court granted final approval of a historic settlement, including a \$310 million commitment to fund diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives at Alphabet-owned companies, and workplace and corporate governance reforms including limiting non-disclosure agreements and ending mandatory arbitration in sexual harassment, gender discrimination, and retaliation-related disputes. Ms. Gilden was an active member of the Litigation Team. Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Counsel.
- Ong v. Sears Roebuck & Co. (N.D. III): Ms. Gilden represented the State Universities Retirement System of
  Illinois and Mr. Ong and achieved a \$15.5 million settlement in this securities class action against Sears
  Roebuck, Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. and its underwriters. The case alleged that the defendants made
  misrepresentations and omissions regarding Sears' credit card operations to make those operations appear
  more stable and profitable than they were. Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Counsel.

# Other Leadership Roles:

In addition to the cases listed above, Ms. Gilden has served as Lead and Co-Lead counsel in other notable matters, including, among others:

- MF Global Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Ms. Gilden represented the Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund and achieved a \$90 million settlement in this precedent—setting securities class action in which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit sided with the plaintiffs and held that companies cannot make false or misleading statements in their offering documents and then hide behind risk disclosures related to those facts to escape liability. The National Law Journal singled out Ms. Gilden's work on the case in connection with its selection of Cohen Milstein as a Hot Plaintiffs' Firm for that year. Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Counsel.
- ITT Educational Services, Inc. Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Ms. Gilden represented the Plumbers and Pipefitters National Pension Fund and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund in this securities class action and achieved a \$16.96 million settlement against ITT and two of its officers. The case was hotly contested and involved unraveling complex accounting treatments governing ITT's transactions with the third-party lenders, set against the Department of Education and Higher Education Act default guidelines. The case settled during discovery after reviewing and analyzing over two million pages of documents, after depositions had been taken and in the middle of class certification briefing. Cohen Milstein was Lead Counsel.
- IntraLinks Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Ms. Gilden represented the Plumbers and Pipefitters National
  Pension Fund in one of the first securities class actions to be certified following the Supreme Court's decision
  in Halliburton II. The case alleged that IntraLinks Holdings Inc., a virtual data room or cloud computing –
  company, and other defendants made misleading statements and omissions regarding the strength of the
  Company's business and failed to disclose to investors the loss of IntraLinks' largest client. The case settled
  for \$14 million after the class was certified and extensive fact discovery was completed. Cohen Milstein
  served as Lead Counsel.
- Orthofix International NV Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Ms. Gilden represented the Plumbers and Pipefitters National Pension Fund and reached an \$11 million settlement against this medical device company headquartered in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, despite significant logistical obstacles during

- investigation and discovery. Much of the information relevant to the case—internal company documents, witnesses, and news reports—were in six foreign languages and located in nine different countries on four different continents.
- Navistar Securities Litigation (N.D. III.): Ms. Gilden represented the Central States, Southeast and Southwest
  Areas Pension Fund in this securities class against Navistar International Corporation and its former officers,
  alleging material misrepresentations and omissions concerning the development and marketability of
  Navistar's exhaust gas recirculation technology. The case settled for \$9.1 million. Cohen Milstein served as
  sole Lead Counsel.
- In re RehabCare Group, Inc. Shareholders Litigation (Del. Ch.): Ms. Gilden was co-lead counsel and settled the case for a cash payment to shareholders and significant deal reforms in this shareholder litigation challenging the acquisition of healthcare provider RehabCare Group, Inc. by Kindred Healthcare, Inc.

Ms. Gilden served in Executive Committee roles in other high-profile cases, Global Crossing Securities Litigation (settlements of \$448 million) and the Merrill Lynch Analyst cases (\$125 million settlement), as well as an active litigation team of the Waste Management Litigation (N.D. II) (\$220 million settlement). Under her leadership, her former firm was an active member of the litigation teams in the AOL Time Warner Securities litigation (\$2.5 billion settlement), CMS Securities Litigation (\$200 million settlement) and the Salomon Analyst Litigation/In re AT&T (\$75 million settlement). Further, Ms. Gilden was lead counsel in an opt-out securities litigation action on behalf of a large group of individual plaintiffs in connection with the McKesson/HBOC merger, Pacha, et al. v. McKesson Corporation, et al., which settled for a substantial, confidential sum.

Ms. Gilden has earned the trust of her clients, who know she will go to the mat for them, tenaciously advocating for them from start to finish in their cases. She draws respect from colleagues, as well as from adversaries who consistently place her in the highest ranks of the profession. In 2022, Ms. Gilden was chosen as one of The American Lawyer's Trailblazers – Midwest. She has been repeatedly named one of Lawdragon's "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" (2018-2022), which recognizes as the "best of the U.S. plaintiffs' bar" attorneys specializing in representing individual investors and shareholders, as well as business and other organizations harmed by corporate misconduct or other failures. Ms. Gilden has been repeatedly designated one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers by Crain's Chicago Business, and in 2021, she was placed on the "Recommended" List by The Legal 500 Editorial Board. In 2019, she was named a "Women of Influence" by the Chicago Business Journal and received a "Women in Law Award" by Lawyer Monthly Magazine. In 2018, she was lauded the "Securities Litigation Attorney of the Year – Illinois" by Lawyer International's Global Awards. Ms. Gilden is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell (the highest possible rating for professional excellence) and is consistently listed as an "Illinois Super Lawyer" by the Thomson Reuters magazine, Super Lawyers.

Ms. Gilden served as the first woman president of the National Association of Shareholder and Consumer Attorneys, the preeminent trade association for securities class action attorneys, as well as the organization's first woman Treasurer. As president of NASCAT, she made repeated visits to Capitol Hill advocating for strong investor protection. She also engaged in outreach to the institutional investor community on needed reforms to reverse the erosion of investor rights. Under Ms. Gilden's leadership, NASCAT also filed amicus briefs in connection with major securities cases before the Supreme Court and other courts. Prior she served as the president-elect. She continues to serve on NASCAT's executive committee.

Ms. Gilden was selected to serve on the inaugural Corporate Governance Council and Markets Advisory Council to the Board of Directors for the Council for Institutional Investors (CII) during 2013-2015. CII is a nonprofit association of pension and other employee benefits funds, endowments and foundations and a voice for effective corporate governance and strong shareholder rights.

Ms. Gilden is a vice president of the Institute for Law and Economic Policy, a public policy research and educational foundation whose mission is to preserve, study and enhance investor and consumer access to the civil justice

system. She is also a member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA).

Ms. Gilden attended the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, earning a B.S. in Business Administration, and received her J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law, where she graduated with honors and was a member of the Chicago-Kent Law Review.

# **Geoffrey Graber**

Geoffrey Graber is a partner in Cohen Milstein's Consumer Protection practice, where he focuses on representing consumers in complex class action litigation involving issues of false advertising, fraud, data privacy theft and other forms of unfair business practices at the hands of social media companies, banks, insurance, health care companies, and other consumer providers. Mr. Graber also has extensive experience representing whistleblowers in qui tam litigation under the False Claims Act and whistleblower programs under the U.S. Securities Exchange (SEC), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and U.S. Department of Defense (DOD).

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2015, Mr. Graber had a distinguished career at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), where he was part of the Department's senior leadership team serving as Deputy Associate Attorney General and Director of the DOJ's Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) Working Group. As the Director of the RMBS Working Group, Mr. Graber oversaw the DOJ's nationwide investigation into the packaging and sale of mortgage-backed securities (MBS) - the catalyst for the 2008 financial crisis - ultimately recovering more than \$36 billion from banks, including the record-breaking \$16.65 billion settlement with Bank of America — the largest settlement with a single entity in U.S. history — as well as settlements with Citigroup (\$7 billion) and JP Morgan (\$13 billion).

Earlier in his tenure at the DOJ, Mr. Graber served as Counsel in the Civil Division, where he led the three-year investigation (2004 – 2007) of Standard & Poor's (S&P) and its ratings of structured finance products. The investigation, which made groundbreaking use of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA), resulted in the largest enforcement action filed by the United States concerning the financial crisis (United States v. Standard & Poor's). As a result of his successful work on S&P, Mr. Graber earned the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award in 2015. Mr. Graber also received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award in 2014 for his work relating to the \$13 billion settlement with JP Morgan – including, at the time, the largest FIRREA penalty recovered by the DOJ.

Mr. Graber's distinguished background and experience has proven invaluable to his private sector clients.

Mr. Graber is currently litigating the following high-profile matters:

- DZ Reserve, et al. v. Facebook (N.D. Cal.): Mr. Graber serves as lead counsel representing advertisers who claim that Facebook's key advertising metrics (Potential Reach and Estimated Daily Reach) are false and misleading due to systemic inflation of Facebook's user base. The Court granted class certification on March 29, 2022.
- Ariza v. Luxottica Retail North America (LensCrafters) (E.D.N.Y.): Mr. Graber represents purchasers of LensCrafters' Accufit Digital Measurement System (Accufit) services, who allege that LensCrafters used false, misleading advertising and deceptive sales practices about Accufit being "five times more accurate" in measuring pupillary distance than traditional methods, to induce customers into purchasing LensCrafters' higher-priced prescription lens products. The Court granted class certification on December 13, 2021.

Mr. Graber's recent successes include:

• LLE One, LLC v. Facebook (N.D. Cal.): Mr. Graber served on the co-lead counsel team representing a class of advertising purchasers who claimed that Facebook breached its implied duty to perform with reasonable

care and violated California's Unfair Competition Law by intentionally miscalculating and inflating metrics related to its video advertisement services. If not for these miscalculations, plaintiffs claim, they would not have purchased more video advertisements and at a higher price than they otherwise would have paid. In June 2020, the Court granted final approval of a \$40 million settlement against Facebook.

• In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in a certified class action involving the 2015 cyberattack and massive data breach of Anthem, Inc., one of the nation's largest for-profit managed health care companies, which resulted in the theft of personal identification and health information of 78.8 million insureds. On August 16, 2018, the Court granted final approval to a \$115 million settlement in this class action – the largest data breach settlement in U.S. history. Mr. Graber was involved in all aspects of the litigation.

Before joining the DOJ, Mr. Graber was an associate at a top-tier defense law firm, where he defended Fortune 500 companies and their officers and directors in securities and derivative suits, consumer class actions and government investigations. Mr. Graber also devoted substantial time to pro bono representation of indigent individuals and families in civil rights actions against local law enforcement.

Mr. Graber received his undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Vassar College and earned his law degree from the University of Southern California Law School, where he served as the Managing Articles Editor on Southern California Law Review.

#### **Brent W. Johnson**

Brent W. Johnson is a partner at Cohen Milstein and co-chair of the firm's Antitrust practice. He also leads the practice's new case investigations.

Mr. Johnson has served as lead and co-lead counsel in cases that have compensated class members hundreds of millions of dollars for claims under Sherman Act Sections 1 and 2 and state antitrust laws. He also has initiated and developed cases that have helped break new ground in antitrust law, including those on behalf of workers challenging restraints in labor markets.

Mr. Johnson leads the Co-Lead Counsel teams in the following notable antitrust class actions:

- In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation (N.D. III.): Mr. Johnson leads the Co-Lead Counsel team for Cohen Milstein, representing a class of end-user consumers of broiler chicken in a litigation alleging that the defendants, who include Perdue Farms and Tyson Foods, agreed to restrict the supply of broilers, among other things, thereby raising their price to consumers. The Court has granted final approval of settlements with six of the defendants for a total of \$181 million and the case is in merits expert discovery against the remaining defendants. In its order on fees, the Court described co-lead counsel's work as "exemplary." Law360 cited plaintiffs' success in Broilers, naming Cohen Milstein one of its six Class Action Groups of the Year for 2021.
- Jien v. Perdue Farms, Inc. (D. Md.): Mr. Johnson leads the Co-Lead Counsel team for Cohen Milstein, representing a proposed class of poultry plant workers, in a suit alleging that the nation's largest chicken and turkey producers conspired to suppress their compensation. The Court so far has preliminarily approved settlements with six defendants for \$195.25 million and the case is in discovery with the remaining nearly dozen defendants.

Mr. Johnson's experience and success in antitrust class actions include:

• In re Animation Workers Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Mr. Johnson developed this case with two other attorneys in the firm, and Cohen Milstein filed the first complaint. Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel representing a class of animation and visual effects workers in a lawsuit alleging that the defendants,

- including Pixar, Lucasfilm Ltd. and DreamWorks Animation, secretly agreed not to solicit class members and to coordinate on compensation. The Court approved settlements with all of the defendants for a total of \$168.5 million.
- In re Domestic Drywall Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.): Mr. Johnson initiated the investigation and filed the first complaint in this case, in which Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel for a class of direct purchasers of drywall against drywall manufacturers for price-fixing. The Court ultimately approved settlements that totaled more than \$190 million. The Court commented that it had sided with Plaintiffs because of counsel's "outstanding work," and that Plaintiffs' counsel had a "sophisticated and highly professional approach." It complimented the attorneys as "highly skilled" and noted that their performance on class action issues was "imaginative." It also stated that "Few cases with no government action, or investigation, result in class settlements as large as this one."
- Grand Strand v. Oltrin (D. S.C.): Mr. Johnson was personally appointed Co-Lead Class Counsel and led the
  Cohen Milstein team in representing a class of direct purchasers of bulk bleach, including municipal water
  authorities and others, against that product's manufacturers who engaged in an illegal market allocation
  agreement. The Court approved a settlement worth nearly all of the class's single damages and remarked
  that the case had been "skillfully handled."
- In re Urethane Antitrust Litigation (D. Kan.): Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of a certified class of direct purchasers of several types of chemicals who were overcharged as a result of a nationwide price-fixing and market allocation conspiracy. In the litigation, multiple defendants collectively settled for over \$130 million, and a jury verdict of \$1.1 billion was secured against Dow Chemical, the final defendant, in 2013. Dow ultimately settled for \$835 million while the case was on appeal before the Supreme Court, bringing the total recovery to \$974 million nearly 250% of the damages found by the jury.
- The Shane Group, Inc. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (E.D. Mich.): Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel, representing a class of purchasers of hospital services against Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan for agreeing to MFN provisions in its contracts with hospitals throughout Michigan that required those hospitals to charge other insurers as much or considerably more for services provided to class members. The Court approved a settlement with BCBSM for nearly \$30 million.

Currently, in addition to those above, Mr. Johnson is litigating the following antitrust class action:

In re Interest Rate Swaps Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein serves as Co-Lead Counsel, representing the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago and a proposed buy-side investor class against numerous Wall Street investment banks. The class alleges that the defendants conspired to prevent class members from trading IRS on modern electronic trading platforms and from trading with each other, all to protect the banks' trading profits from inflated bid/ask spreads.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Johnson practiced at a premier global law firm, where he focused on antitrust litigation for plaintiffs and defendants. Some of Mr. Johnson's matters included:

- Feesers, Inc. v. Michael Foods, Inc. and Sodexho, Inc. (M.D. Pa.): Mr. Johnson was a member of the successful
  trial team that represented Michael Foods, a manufacturer of processed egg products and refrigerated
  potato products, in a three-week trial of a Robinson-Patman Act action brought by a broad-line distributor
  of food products.
- Dahl, et al. v. Bain Capital, et al. (D. Mass.): Mr. Johnson represented The Carlyle Group in a class action where plaintiffs alleged collusion among certain private equity firms and investment banks in specific going-private transactions in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act.
- In re Aftermarket Filters Antitrust Litigation (N.D. III.): Mr. Johnson represented Champion Laboratories, a manufacturer of aftermarket automotive filters, in a class action where plaintiffs alleged a conspiracy among manufacturers to fix prices in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act.
- National Laser Technology, Inc. v. Biolase Technology, Inc. (S.D. Ind.): Mr. Johnson represented Biolase, the

country's largest manufacturer of lasers for dental applications, against Sherman Act claims brought by a competitor aftermarket dental laser support company. The matter resulted in a favorable settlement for the client.

Mr. Johnson's work has been repeatedly recognized. Since 2019, Lawdragon has named him to its list of "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers." Since 2021, Global Competition Review (GCR) has named him to its "Who's Who Legal: Competition" list for Plaintiffs. He was recognized by The Legal 500 in 2017 - 2019 as a "Next Generation Lawyer" and as a "Next Generation Partner" since 2020, an honor bestowed upon less than a dozen lawyers positioned to become leaders in the field of antitrust civil litigation and class actions. He also was named by Super Lawyers a "Rising Star" in Antitrust Litigation in 2016 - 2018 and a Super Lawyer for Antitrust Litigation in 2020 and 2021. He was named a "Future Star" by Benchmark Litigation in 2018.

Mr. Johnson is a commentator on antitrust and class action issues. In the fall of 2016, he provided testimony concerning Rule 23 to the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules on behalf of the Committee to Support the Antitrust Laws. Along with Emmy Levens, he has published two articles in the ABA's Antitrust magazine — one on ascertainability in the Spring 2016 issue and another on circuit splits affecting antitrust class actions in the Fall 2019 issue. He is a member of the ABA Section of Antitrust Law, and in July of 2019, he gave an ABA presentation on the legal standard to apply in cases regarding no-poach agreements. In his pro bono work, he has represented Covenant House Washington, D.C., Habitat for Humanity International Inc. and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Mr. Johnson graduated magna cum laude from Duke University with a B.A. in Political Science and Spanish, and attended Stanford Law School where he earned his law degree.

## Richard A. Koffman

Richard A. Koffman is a partner at Cohen Milstein and former co-chair of the Antitrust practice. He litigates antitrust cases on behalf of the victims of corporations engaged in price-fixing, market monopolization, and other unlawful conduct.

Mr. Koffman has repeatedly been recognized as one of the world's top plaintiffs' antitrust lawyers. Mr. Koffman is named in Global Competition Review's "Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders – Competition 2022" – one of only 40 plaintiffs' antitrust attorneys in the United States to earn this distinction. Since 2010, The Legal 500 has annually named Mr. Koffman as one of the top plaintiffs' class action antitrust litigators in the United States, describing him as a "strong brief writer and an excellent oral advocate," and inducted him into The Legal 500 Hall of Fame in 2017. Mr. Koffman was named Law360's Competition Law MVP (2016), recognizing him as one of the top five most influential antitrust lawyers in the United States. Annually, Mr. Koffman also is named to Global Competition Review's "Who's Who Legal: Competition" (since 2016), Lawdragon's 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers (since 2019), and Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers (since 2020).

Mr. Koffman has had the honor of serving as court-appointed Lead or Co-Lead Counsel in many landmark antitrust class actions, including the Urethanes Antitrust Litigation, which resulted in the largest price-fixing verdict in U.S. history and the largest jury verdict of 2013.

A former Senior Trial Attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust and Civil Rights Divisions, Mr. Koffman views his role in litigating antitrust lawsuits as an extension of the public interest work he pursued at the DOJ in promoting competition and fighting discrimination.

#### Recent case successes include:

• In re: Urethanes (Polyether Polyols) Antitrust Litigation (D. Kan.): Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs in an antitrust class action alleging a conspiracy to fix the prices of chemicals used to make polyurethane foam.

Four defendants settled pre-trial for a total of \$139 million. After a four-week trial, the jury returned a \$400 million verdict for plaintiffs against the final defendant, The Dow Chemical Co., which the district court trebled to more than \$1 billion. Dow ultimately settled for \$835 million while the case was on appeal, bringing the total recovery to \$974 million – nearly 250% of the damages found by the jury.

- In re: Plasma-Derivative Protein Therapies Antitrust Litigation (N.D. III.): Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs alleging a conspiracy to reduce the supply and increase prices of IVIG and Albumin life-saving therapies derived from blood plasma. Mr. Koffman and his team obtained settlements totaling \$128 million to compensate customers who were overcharged for these vital therapies.
- In re: Dental Supplies Antitrust Litigation (E.D.N.Y): Co-Lead Counsel for a proposed class of dental practices and dental laboratories. The case alleges that Defendants Henry Schein, Inc., Patterson Companies, Inc., and Benco Dental Supply Company the three largest dental supply and dental equipment distributors in the United States fixed price margins on dental equipment, jointly pressured manufacturers to squeeze out competitors, and agreed not to "poach" each other's employees, in violation of federal antitrust law. The Court granted final approval to an \$80 million settlement on June 24, 2019. In approving the settlement, the Honorable Brian M. Cogan of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York stated, "This is a substantial recovery that has the deterrent effect that class actions are supposed to have, and I think it was done because we had really good Plaintiffs' Lawyers in this case who were running it."

#### Current cases include:

- Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Antitrust Litigation (D. Nev.): Co-Lead Counsel in a class action on behalf of MMA fighters alleging that Zuffa LLC commonly known as the Ultimate Fighting Championship has unlawfully monopolized the markets for promoting live professional MMA bouts and for purchasing the services of professional MMA fighters. The district court denied defendant's motion to dismiss the case in September 2015.
- In re: Treasuries Securities Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Co-Lead Counsel in a ground-breaking antitrust and Commodity Exchange Act class action alleging many of the nation's biggest banks manipulated the multitrillion-dollar market for U.S. Treasuries and related instruments.

Mr. Koffman served as a law clerk to two Federal Judges: James B. McMillan of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, and Anthony J. Scirica of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Mr. Koffman attended Wesleyan University, where he received a B.A. in English, with honors, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Koffman is a graduate of Yale Law School, where he was Senior Editor of the Yale Law Journal.

# Eric A. Kafka

Eric A. Kafka, a partner in Cohen Milstein's Consumer Protection practice, is a tireless advocate for consumers. He represents plaintiffs in a wide range of consumer class actions, including false advertising, data breach, privacy, and product liability class actions.

Mr. Kafka is a member of both the American Association for Justice (AAJ) and Public Justice and he serves as the Secretary for the AAJ's Class Action Litigation Section. He also serves on Public Justice's Class Action Preservation Committee.

Currently, Mr. Kafka is litigating the following notable matters:

Prescott, et al. v. Reckitt Benckiser LLC (N.D. Cal.): Mr. Kafka serves as Lead Counsel in the Prescott matter.
 On July 29, 2022, the court granted class certification for California, New York, and Massachusetts classes.
 In this false advertising consumer protection class action, Plaintiffs allege that Woolite laundry detergent "Color Renew" and "revives colors" representation is false and misleading because Woolite does not renew

- or revive color in clothing.
- DZ Reserve et al. v Facebook (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein represents advertisers who claim that Facebook's Potential Reach metric is false and misleading due to systemic inflation of the Potential Reach. The court granted class certification on March 29, 2022.
- Ariza v. Luxottica Retail North America (LensCrafters) (E.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein represents purchasers of LensCrafters' Accufit Digital Measurement System (Accufit) services, who allege that LensCrafters used false, misleading advertising and deceptive sales practices about Accufit being "five times more accurate" in measuring pupillary distance than traditional methods. The court granted class certification on December 13, 2021.

Mr. Kafka played an active role in the concluded, high-profile matters:

- In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of a
  putative class of 78.8 million insureds, whose personal data and health information was stolen as a result of
  a massive data breach of Anthem, Inc., one of the nation's largest for-profit health care companies. In August
  2018, the Court granted final approval of a \$115 million settlement the largest data breach settlement in
  history.
- LLE One, LLC v. Facebook (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein, as Co-Class Counsel, represented advertising purchasers, who claimed that Facebook intentionally inflated key metrics regarding their paid video advertisements' performance. Plaintiffs alleged that the inflated metrics caused them to buy more video advertisements and to pay a higher price than they otherwise would have paid. In June 2020, the Court granted final approval of a \$40 million settlement against Facebook.
- HCA Litigation (M.D. Fla.): Cohen Milstein was Lead Counsel in a class action, alleging that emergency room
  patients were billed unreasonably high fees for emergency radiology services, in excess of the amount
  allowed by their mandatory Florida Personal Injury Protection (PIP) insurance. In December 2018, the Court
  granted final approval of a \$220 million injunctive relief settlement.

Prior to attending law school, Mr. Kafka worked on multiple political campaigns, including President Obama's 2008 presidential campaign.

Mr. Kafka earned his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He received his B.A. from Yale University

#### Leslie M. Kroeger

Leslie M. Kroeger is a partner in and the co-chair of the Cohen Milstein's Complex Tort Litigation practice. She focuses on complex, high-profile product liability, environmental toxic torts, consumer mass and class actions, wrongful death, and managed care abuse litigation.

Ms. Kroeger is a highly accomplished trial attorney who began her legal career in the courtroom as an Assistant Public Defender for the 18th Judicial Circuit of Florida and later became an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County, Florida. She then moved into private practice where she continues to handle a variety of complex civil litigation before state and federal courts in Florida and nationwide.

Ms. Kroeger is a Past President of the Council of Presidents for the American Association for Justice (AAJ), and is honored to represent the Council on the AAJ Executive Committee. She is also a Past-President of the Florida Justice Association (FJA), one of the nation's premier plaintiffs trial associations. She was the second female President in the history of the association.

Currently, Ms. Kroeger is litigating the following notable matters:

- In re Flint Water Cases (E.D. Mich.): Cohen Milstein was court-appointed Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel to oversee a group of toxic tort class actions filed on behalf of Flint, Michigan residents and businesses harmed by exposure to toxic levels of lead and other contaminants in the city's drinking water. On November 10, 2021, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan granted final approval of a landmark \$626.25 million settlement against the State of Michigan. Litigation against two private engineering firms, Veolia North America (VNA) and Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam (LAN), both charged with professional negligence, and separate litigation against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, continues before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. On August 11, 2021, Judge Levy granted class certification on liability claims in the ongoing litigation against LAN and VNA.
- Underwood v. Meta Platforms, Inc. (Facebook) (Sup. Crt. Cal., Alameda Cnty): On January 6, 2022, Cohen
  Milstein filed a wrongful death lawsuit on behalf of Angela Underwood Jacobs, the sister of Dave Patrick
  Underwood, against Meta Platforms, Inc., formerly Facebook, Inc., alleging that by connecting users to
  extremist groups and promoting inflammatory, divisive, and untrue content, the company bears
  responsibility for the tragic murder of Mr. Underwood.
- Edwards v. Tesla (Sup. Crt. Cal., Alameda Cnty.): On June 25, 2020, Cohen Milstein filed a product liability lawsuit against Tesla, Inc. on behalf of Kristian and Jason Edwards. Ms. Edwards sustained catastrophic injuries as a result of the failure of the airbags to deploy in her Tesla Model 3 during an accident.
- Edenville and Sanford Dam Failure Litigation (Mich. Crt. of Claims; Cir. Crt., Cty. Saginaw, Mich.): On June 24, 2020, Cohen Milstein filed two separate property damage lawsuits against Michigan State Government agencies, including the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy and Michigan Department of Natural Resources for blatantly mismanaging and failing to properly maintain the Edenville and Sandford dams, which catastrophically failed on May 19, 2020. Cohen Milstein is representing more than 300 residents and businesses in Midland County and Saginaw County, Michigan and the surrounding areas, including, Arenac, Gladwin, and Iosco counties.
- Bernardo, et al. v. Pfizer, Inc., et al. (S.D. Fla.): On February 20, 2020, Cohen Milstein filed a false
  advertising, medical monitoring, and personal injury class action against Pfizer, Inc., Boehringer Ingelheim,
  Sanofi, and other pharmaceutical companies on behalf of multiple plaintiffs and putative class members
  across the United States who, as a result of taking Zantac (ranitidine), may have been afflicted with cancer
  or may now be subjected to an increased risk of developing cancer.
- United States ex rel. Long v. Janssen Biotech, Inc. (D. Mass.): Cohen Milstein represents the plaintiffrelator in a whistleblower/qui tam lawsuit against Janssen Biotech (a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson),
  alleging that the manufacturer of the rheumatoid arthritis drugs Remicade and Simponi ARIA violated
  federal law by engaging in a scheme through which it provided physicians free practice management and
  infusion business consulting services over an extended period to induce the physicians to purchase
  Remicade and Simponi ARIA and administer these drugs to patients, including Medicare beneficiaries, via
  infusions performed in their offices.

### Ms. Kroeger has successfully litigated the following lawsuits:

- Lindsay X-LITE Guardrail Litigation (State Crts: Tenn., S.C.): Cohen Milstein represented more than five
  families of decedents and victims of catastrophic injuries in a series of individual products liability,
  wrongful death and catastrophic injury lawsuits in Tennessee and South Carolina state courts against the
  Lindsay Corporation and several related entities for designing, manufacturing, selling, and installing
  defective, X-Lite guardrails on state roadways.
- Ratha, et al. v. Phatthana Seafood Co. (C.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein represented seven Cambodian plaintiffs in a cross-border human rights lawsuit, involving human trafficking, forced labor, involuntary servitude, and peonage by factories in Thailand that produce shrimp and seafood for export to the United States.
- Quinteros, et al. v. DynCorp, et al. (D.D.C.): Cohen Milstein represented over 2,000 Ecuadorian farmers and their families who suffered physical injuries and property damage as a result of aerial spraying of toxic

- herbicides on or near their land by DynCorp, a U.S. government contractor. A bellwether trial on behalf of the first six Ecuadorian clients came to a conclusion in April 2017, when the ten-person jury unanimously determined that DynCorp was responsible for the conduct of the pilots with whom it had subcontracted to conduct the chemical spraying after April 2003. This resolution allowed for a successful case settlement.
- Mincey v. Takata (Cir. Crt., Duval Cty., Fla.): Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a lawsuit brought on behalf of Patricia Mincey and her family. Patricia Mincey sustained catastrophic injuries that rendered her a quadriplegic in 2014 when the driver's side airbag in her Honda Civic deployed too aggressively during a collision due to a product defect. She passed away in early 2016 due to complications from her quadriplegia caused by the problematic airbag. The suit charged that Takata, the manufacturer of the airbag system, knew of the airbag defect and hid the problem from consumers. Evidence uncovered by the firm showed that Takata concealed the defective nature of the airbag system for more than a decade. The case was resolved in July 2016.
- Quinlan v. Toyota Motor Corporation (S.D. Fla.): Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a product liability case filed against Toyota, alleging that manufacturing defects in the defendant's car caused the car being driven by the plaintiff to suddenly accelerate and go out of control, resulting in catastrophic injuries that left Quinlan a quadriplegic. The defendant entered into a confidential settlement. Ms. Kroeger was engaged in all aspects of the litigation.
- In re: Caterpillar, Inc. Engine Products Liability Litigation (D.N.J.): Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in a nationwide product liability class action lawsuit, alleging Caterpillar sold diesel engines with defective exhaust emissions system that resulted in power losses and shutdowns. Ms. Kroeger was involved all aspects of the litigation.
- John Doe v. Sunz Insurance Company and CorVel Corporation (State Crt., Fla.): Cohen Milstein successfully
  represented John Doe in a workers' compensation arbitration against his workers' compensation carrier
  and third-party administrator for breach of fiduciary duty and intentional infliction of emotional distress
  relating to their denial of medically necessary cervical spine surgery, recommended by a carrier-approved
  orthopedic surgeon, and their termination of his workers' compensation benefits.

Since 2001, Ms. Kroeger has been an active member of FJA, serving on the Executive Committee from 2011-2021 and more recently as FJA's President in 2019-2020. She is a past Chair of the Women's Caucus.

FJA has also recognized Ms. Kroeger for her leadership and advocacy efforts. In 2017, 2018 and 2019, she was presented with FJA's Cornerstone Award in recognition of her leadership and efforts in recruiting new members to the organization. In 2015, Ms. Kroeger was awarded FJA's Champion of Consumer Safety Award for her lobbying efforts before the Florida legislature, resulting in passage of SB 518, a state law requiring children under age five to be secured in federally-approved child-restraint devices.

Ms. Kroeger often speaks and writes on a range of issues dealing with litigation strategies and tactics from addressing the standards for expert witness testimony in light of the Supreme Court's Daubert ruling to delivering compelling opening statements and other trial skills, as well as legal trends related to automotive negligence, roadway safety and guardrail systems, managed care abuse, and denial of workers' compensation claims. She is frequently invited to speak at the Florida Workers' Advocates Annual Conference, the Annual Trial Lawyers Summit, and Florida Justice Association seminars and conventions throughout the year. In 2016, Ms. Kroeger was named to Law360's Product Liability Editorial Advisory Board.

Ms. Kroeger graduated with high honors from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and obtained her law degree from the Cumberland School of Law, Samford University. Following law school, she served in a trial clerkship in Miami.

### **Emmy L. Levens**

Emmy Levens is a partner at Cohen Milstein, chair of the Public Client practice, and a member of the Antitrust Page **56** of **120** 

practice. She has particular experience litigating large, high-profile complex litigation, class actions, and appellate litigation involving anticompetitive, consumer fraud, and environmental justice claims.

Ms. Levens has been repeatedly recognized by the legal industry for her exceptional work, including being named to The National Law Journal's 2021 "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar," recognizing the top female litigators in the U.S., who "have demonstrated repeated success in cutting-edge work on behalf of plaintiffs," as well as Bloomberg Law's 2021 "They've Got Next: The 40 Under 40 – Mass Torts" and Law360's 2020 "Rising Stars – Class Action." Currently, Ms. Levens is litigating these notable matters:

- Flint Water Crisis Litigation (E.D. Mich.): On November 10, 2021, the Court granted final approval of a landmark \$626.25 million settlement between Flint residents and businesses and multiple governmental defendants, including the State of Michigan, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and individual defendants, including former Governor Rick Snyder, in this environmental toxic tort class action, affecting over 90,000 Flint residents and businesses. Litigation will continue against other defendants, including two private engineering firms, Veolia North America and Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam (LAN), both charged with professional negligence, and separate litigation against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will also continue. Cohen Milstein's is Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel in this litigation. Ms. Levens oversees class strategy and manages all aspects of the litigation.
- Iowa Public Employees Retirement System et al. v. Bank of America Corp. (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is cocounsel in this groundbreaking putative class action, in which investors accuse Morgan Stanley, Goldman
  Sachs, Credit Suisse, UBS, J.P. Morgan, and other Wall Street banks of conspiring to thwart the
  modernization of and preserve their dominance over the \$1.7 trillion stock loan market. Ms. Levens is one
  of the lead Antitrust partners in this suit.

# Some of her past successes include:

- Pre-Filled Propane Tank Antitrust Litigation (W.D. Mo.): Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel to Direct Purchasers in this price fixing class action against two of the largest distributors of propane exchange tanks. In June 2020, the court granted final approval of the \$12.6 million settlement. Ms. Levens drafted the successful appellate brief argued before the Eighth Circuit en banc. The Court adopted Plaintiffs' articulation of the continuing violation doctrine and held that sales made pursuant to an anticompetitive agreement constitute new acts for purposes of determining the timeliness of a claim, thereby reviving Direct Purchasers' antitrust claims against distributors of pre-filled propane tanks. In January 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review the Eighth Circuit's ruling, allowing it to stand.
- Resistors Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein served as Interim Co-Lead Counsel for the direct purchasers of resisters, who accused the world's largest manufacturers of resistors of fixing prices. In November 2019, the court granted final approval of a \$50.25 million settlement a remarkable recovery, reflecting 33% 57% of estimated single damages according to Plaintiffs' preliminary analysis. Estimated payments to class members would be an average payment of \$46,850.64; a median payment of \$768.39. Ms. Levens managed all aspects of this litigation.
- Allen vs. Dairy Farmers of America (D. Vt.): Cohen Milstein served as Lead Counsel for one of two subclasses
  of dairy farmers challenging anticompetitive conduct in the Northeast which resulted in lower prices paid
  to farmers. In April 2017 the Second Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a \$50 million settlement between
  plaintiffs and the remaining defendants, bringing the total settlement to more than \$80 million, in addition
  to industry-changing equitable relief. Ms. Levens served as one of the principle attorneys litigating this
  matter since its inception.
- Plasma-Derivative Protein Therapies Antitrust Litigation (N.D. III.): Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs alleging that the two largest manufacturers of IVIG and Albumin life-saving therapies derived from blood plasma conspired to reduce the supply, and increase the prices, of these therapies. Ms. Levens played an active role in the litigation, helping to obtain settlements totaling \$128 million for hospitals and

- other direct purchasers.
- Bulk Bleach Litigation (D.S.C.): Ms. Levens served as one of the key attorneys at Cohen Milstein representing
  a class of municipalities and other direct purchasers of bulk bleach in a case alleging that the two dominant
  manufacturers of bulk bleach in the Carolina's engaged in an illegal market allocation agreement. After
  successfully defeating multiple motions to dismiss, class counsel obtained a settlement that satisfied nearly
  all of the class's damages. In approving the settlement, Judge Gergel complimented counsel, stating that
  the, "whole case has been, I think, very professionally handled, skillfully handled."

Ms. Leven's recent pro bono work includes:

Access to Education Class Action (Circ. Crt., Prince George's Cnty.): On June 12, 2019, Cohen Milstein, the
ACLU of Maryland, and the Howard University School of Law Civil Rights Clinic filed an education
discrimination class action and motion for a temporary restraining order against the Prince George's County
School Board, seeking to declare its charging of fees for summer school violates the Maryland Constitution
(which requires the state to provide a free education), causing serious, irreparable harm to students in the
county who cannot afford the fees.

Ms. Levens was also a member of the Apple price-fixing litigation team recognized as "Legal Lions" by Law360.

In addition to her work at the Cohen Milstein, Ms. Levens has served as an adjunct Professor at Georgetown School of Law and is a Board member and Secretary of Global Playground, a nonprofit that builds schools in the developing world. She recently co-authored an article entitled, "Heightened Ascertainability Requirement Disregards Rule 23's Plain Language," which appeared in the Spring, 2016 issue of Antitrust magazine.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Levens worked as a staff law clerk at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Ms. Levens attended the University of Kansas, graduating with honors, and earned her J.D. at UCLA Law School, graduating Order of the Coif. While at law school, Ms. Levens served as the Managing Editor for the UCLA Journal of Environmental Law and Policy, Director of the Downtown Legal Housing Clinic, and President of Moot Court.

### **Daniel McCuaig**

Dan McCuaig is a partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice. He represents a broad range of plaintiffs in civil litigation, with a focus on class actions and antitrust litigation.

Immediately prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. McCuaig was a trial attorney in the Antitrust Division at the U.S. Department of Justice for more than a decade, where he led investigation and litigation teams in both criminal and civil matters related to price fixing, bid rigging, anticompetitive mergers, and other antitrust law violations.

As a criminal prosecutor at the DOJ, Mr. McCuaig led the investigation and prosecution of antitrust, fraud, and obstruction of justice claims against corporations and individuals. He was the principal trial lawyer in related plea hearings, sentencings, and before grand juries, and successfully generated significant charges and guilty pleas. Even while carrying out his prosecutorial duties, Mr. McCuaig continued to provide his expertise on major Antitrust Division civil actions, such as its successful challenge to the proposed merger between Anthem and Cigna—in which Mr. McCuaig cross-examined Anthem expert economist Robert Willig at trial.

While a civil litigation trial lawyer at the DOJ, Mr. McCuaig oversaw the government's investigation into the e-books price fixing conspiracy litigated in In Re Electronic Books Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.), involving Apple and five major publishers, and played a principal role in the government's successful trial of Apple. Leading up to that trial, Mr. McCuaig coordinated with foreign enforcement agencies, 33 state attorneys general, and private plaintiffs' counsel,

and negotiated consent decrees with all publisher defendants. More generally, Mr. McCuaig investigated competitive effects of proposed mergers in media, sports, real estate, and tangential industries, as well as potential anticompetitive effects of non-merger activity in the same industries, and negotiated divestitures and consent decrees to remedy anticompetitive aspects of mergers and non-merger activities.

Prior to his work with the DOJ, Mr. McCuaig was counsel at a prestigious international white collar and corporate defense firm, where, in addition to civil antitrust defense work, he focused on telecommunications disputes before the FCC, state public service commissions, and state and federal courts.

He is regularly sought to speak on antitrust and class certification panels and has been repeatedly recognized by Lawdragon as one of the nation's "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers."

Currently, Mr. McCuaig is litigating the following notable matters:

- Iowa Public Employees Retirement System et al. v. Bank of America Corp. (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is cocounsel in this groundbreaking putative class action, in which investors accuse Morgan Stanley, Goldman
  Sachs, Credit Suisse, and other Wall Street investment banks of conspiring to thwart the modernization of,
  and preserve their dominance over, the \$1.7 trillion stock loan market.
- In Re: Da Vinci Surgical Robot Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.): On September 24, 2021, the Court appointed Cohen Milstein Interim Co-Lead Counsel in this consolidated antitrust class action against Intuitive Surgical, Inc. Plaintiffs allege that Intuitive engages in an anticompetitive scheme under which it ties the purchase or lease of its must-have, market-dominating da Vinci surgical robot to the additional purchases of (i) robot maintenance and repair services and (ii) unnecessarily large numbers of the surgical instruments, known as EndoWrists, used to perform surgery with the robot—a violation of Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act.
- Pacific Steel Group v. Commercial Metals Company (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein represents Pacific Steel
  Group, a steel rebar fabricator, in challenging the lawfulness of an agreement extracted by one of the
  world's largest steel companies (CMC) from the world's only manufacturer of steel rebar micro mills to
  refuse to build a micro mill for Pacific Steel in any location that could threaten CMC's rebar monopoly in
  Southern California or otherwise allow Pacific Steel to become a more formidable competitor in the
  downstream rebar fabrication market.

Mr. McCuaig is the co-author of Telecommunications Convergence Overview (with William T. Lake and Thomas P. Olson), 698 PLI/Pat 9 (May 2002), and the author of Halve the Baby: An Obvious Solution to the Troubling Use of Trademarks as Metatags, 18 J. Marshall J. Computer & Info. L. 643 (Spring 2000).

Mr. McCuaig received his B.A., summa cum laude, from The George Washington University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where he was a Senior Editor and the Treasurer of the Harvard Negotiation Law Review.

Mr. McCuaig was a judicial clerk to The Honorable Algenon L. Marbley of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (Columbus).

### **Douglas J. McNamara**

Douglas J. McNamara, a partner in Cohen Milstein's Consumer Protection practice, focuses on litigating complex, multi-state class action lawsuits against manufacturers and consumer service providers, such as banks, insurers, credit card companies and others. He has helped litigate precedent-setting cases, involving issues of preemption, choice of law, and class certification. He is a hands-on litigator who takes pleasure in the details, facts, and documents of each case. Mr. McNamara is also a highly regarded speaker who has presented at several forums on such topics as federal preemption, class certification and civil litigation, and is the author of scholarly articles focusing on emerging legal issues.

Mr. McNamara has worked on numerous cases involving data breaches, dangerous pharmaceuticals and medical devices, light cigarettes, defective consumer products, and environmental torts.

Mr. McNamara is currently litigating the following notable matters:

- General Motors Litigation (E.D. Mich.): On September 26, 2019, Cohen Milstein (via Theodore Leopold)
  was appointed Lead Counsel to oversee a consolidated consumer class actions filed on behalf of hundreds
  of thousands of GM vehicle owners across 30 states against GM related to defective eight-speed
  automatic transmissions in vehicles manufactured between 2015 and 2019. Mr. McNamara has led
  discovery and briefing efforts.
- In re MGM Resorts International Data Breach Litigation (D. Nev.): On February 1, 2021, Cohen Milstein's Douglas J. McNamara was appointed Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel in this consolidated data breach class action against MGM Resorts for failing to implement reasonable data security practices, thereby allowing the personal information of between 10.6 million and 142 million MGM hotel guests and customers to be stolen on or about July 7, 2019.
- In re: Marriott International Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation (D. Md.): In April 2019, Cohen
  Milstein was appointed Consumer Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel to oversee a class action related to the data
  breach that compromised the personal data of nearly 400 million customers, making it one of the largest
  data breaches in U.S. history. On May 3, 2022, the Court granted class certification to eight classes of
  plaintiffs.
- In Re: Blackbaud, Inc., Customer Data Breach Litigation (D.S.C.): On February 16, 2021, Cohen Milstein's Douglas J. McNamara was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in this data breach class action in which Plaintiffs claim that Blackbaud failed to take reasonable steps to prevent a data beach, starting in February 2020, and failed to promptly or accurately provide notice of the data breach to those affected.
- Cape Fear River Contaminated Water Litigation (E.D.N.C.): On January 4, 2018, Cohen Milstein was
  appointed Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel in a consolidated toxic tort class action filed against DuPont and
  Chemours, alleging that for more than four decades the companies polluted the Cape Fear River near
  Wilmington, North Carolina with a chemical called GenX, contaminating the water supply of five counties,
  and misrepresented their conduct to state and federal regulators.

## Some of Mr. McNamara's recent successes include:

- Facebook 2018 Data Breach Litigation (N.D. Cal.): On May 6, 2021, the Court granted final approval of an
  injunctive relief settlement in this data breach class action against Facebook, which requires Facebook to
  adopt, implement, and/or maintain a detailed set of security commitments for the next five years, which
  will be independently assessed by a third-party. In 2019, Cohen Milstein was appointed Co-Interim Class
  Counsel.
- In re Apple Inc. Device Performance Litigation (N.D. Cal.): On March 17, 2021, the Court granted final approval of a \$500 million settlement fund, concluding this consumer litigation between iPhone users and Apple. Specifically, the settlement fund will be used by Apple to pay out between \$310 million and \$500 million to iPhone users which the Court called one of the largest class action settlements in the Ninth Circuit. Owners of Apple's iPhone SE, 6, 6 Plus, 6s, 6s Plus, 7, and 7 Plus claimed that Apple failed to disclose material information about Apple's iOS software operating system updates. Mr. McNamara was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and was Co-Chair of the Expert Committee.
- Herrera v. JFK Medical Center and HCA, Inc. (M.D. Fla.): Cohen Milstein was Lead Counsel in a class action, alleging that emergency room patients were billed unreasonably high fees for emergency radiology services, in excess of the amount allowed by their mandatory Florida Personal Injury Protection (PIP) insurance. In December 2018, the Court granted final approval of a \$220 million injunctive relief settlement.
- Lumber Liquidators Chinese-Manufactured Flooring Products Liability Litigation (E.D. Va.): Cohen Milstein

is co-lead counsel in a consumer class action lawsuit, alleging the nationwide retailer sold Chinese-made laminate flooring containing hazardous levels of the carcinogen formaldehyde while falsely labeling their products as meeting or exceeding California emissions standards, a story that was profiled twice on 60 Minutes in 2015. On October 9, 2018, the Court granted final approval of a \$36 million settlement. Mr. McNamara was involved in all aspects of the litigation, including discovery, writing and arguing pleadings, and settlement.

- Khoday et al. v. Symantec Corp. et al. (D. Minn.): Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a nationwide class action involving the marketing to consumers of a re-download service in conjunction with the sale of Norton software. In April 2016, the case settled in a \$60 million all-cash deal a month before it was to go to trial one of the most significant consumer settlements in years. Mr. McNamara was involved in all aspects of the case, from managing the litigation to overseeing a staff of contract attorneys to settlement discussions.
- Caterpillar Engine Product Liability Litigation (D.N.J.): Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel on behalf of 22 trucking and transportation companies in 18 states in a class action lawsuit against Caterpillar alleging that the MY2007 CAT engine, designed to meet the EPA's tougher Clean Air Act emissions standards, was defective, causing power loss and shutdowns that prevented or impeded vehicles from transporting goods or passengers. Caterpillar sought to dismiss the case claiming EPA approval of the engine preempted any state law claims. Mr. McNamara was the architect of the successful opposition to the motion, and he was involved in all aspects of the litigation. On September 20, 2016, the Court granted final approval of the \$60 million settlement.

Mr. McNamara also is actively involved in the firm's high-profile pro bono litigation, including:

NAACP v. Donald J. Trump, President of the United States (D.D.C.): Cohen Milstein represented the NAACP and two unions in a lawsuit against President Donald J. Trump, Department of Homeland Security and other U.S. immigration enforcement agencies and their efforts to terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. On June 18, 2020, in a 5-4 ruling, the Supreme Court blocked the Trump Administration's plan to rescind DACA, preserving immigration protections for approximately 650,000 current DACA recipients.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2001, Mr. McNamara was a litigation associate at an international defense firm, specializing in pharmaceutical and product liability cases. He started his career at New York City's Legal Aid Society, defending indigent criminal defendants at trial and on appeal.

He has been the lead author on three law review articles: "Buckley, Imbler and Stare Decisis: The Present Predicament of Prosecutorial Immunity and An End to Its Absolute Means,: 59 Albany Law Review, 1135 (1996); "Sexual Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct: Applying New York's Gender-Specific Sexual Misconduct Law to Minors," 14 Touro Law Review, 477 (Winter 1998), and most recently, Douglas McNamara, et al, "Reexamining the Seventh Amendment Argument Against Issue Certification," 34 Pace Law Review, 1041 (2014). He has also taught a course on environmental and toxic torts as an adjunct at George Washington University School of Law. Mr. McNamara is currently on Law360's 2022 Cybersecurity & Privacy Editorial Advisory Board.

Mr. McNamara graduated summa cum laude from SUNY Albany, and he earned his J.D. from New York University School of Law.

#### Laura H. Posner

Laura H. Posner is a partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection and Ethics & Fiduciary Counseling practices.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Posner was appointed by the New Jersey Attorney General to serve as the Bureau Chief Page **61** of **120** 

for the New Jersey Bureau of Securities – the top Securities Regulator in New Jersey. In that capacity, Ms. Posner was responsible for administrating and enforcing the New Jersey Uniform Securities Law and regulations thereunder, as well as managing and overseeing the employees who staff the Bureau of Securities. Cases prosecuted under Ms. Posner's direction as Bureau Chief resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in recoveries for New Jersey residents, as well as more than 20 criminal convictions.

Ms. Posner is currently involved in the following notable matters:

- In re Wells Fargo & Company Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is Co-Lead Counsel in this putative securities class action, alleging that Wells Fargo and certain executives misrepresented that the bank had improved its governance and oversight structures following a widespread consumer fraud banking scandal in direct violation of its 2018 consent orders with the CFPB, OCC, and the Federal Reserve. On May 16, 2023, the Court granted preliminary approval of a historic \$1 billion settlement.
- IBEW Local 98 Pension Fund v. Deloitte (D.S.C.): Cohen Milstein is sole Lead Counsel in this putative securities class action against Deloitte entities for allegedly breaching its external auditor duties related to as SCANA's multi-billion-dollar nuclear energy expansion project in South Carolina.
- Chahal v. Credit Suisse Grp. AG, et al. (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is Co-Lead Counsel in this putative securities class action alleging fraud and market manipulation of XIV Exchange Traded Note market.
- In Re Overstock Securities Litigation (D. Utah): Cohen Milstein is sole Lead Counsel in this putative securities class action against Overstock.com Inc., its former CEO, CFO, and current Retail President for engineering a market manipulation "short squeeze" scheme in the company's common stock and insider trading.
- Northwest Biotherapeutics, Inc. v. Canaccord Genuity LLC, et al. (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is leading this
  securities litigation against market makers Canaccord Genuity LLC, Citadel Securities LLC, G1 Execution
  Services LLC, GTS Securities LLC, Instinet LLC, Lime Trading Corp., Susquehanna International Group LLP, and
  Virtu Americas LLC for repeated market manipulation tactics involving the spoofing of company stock.

# Ms. Posner's recent high-profile successes include:

- Miller Energy/KPMG (E.D. Tenn.): Cohen Milstein, as Co-Lead Counsel in this certified securities class action, represented plaintiffs who alleged that KPMG failed to meet its obligation as the independent auditor of Miller Energy Resources, Inc., perpetrating a massive fraud by Miller Energy, including overstating the value of largely worthless oil reserves to more than \$480 million, among other claims. In July 2022, the Court granted final approval of a \$35 million settlement.
- In re Pinterest Derivative Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein, as Interim Lead Counsel, represented the Employees Retirement System of Rhode Island and other Pinterest shareholders in a consolidated shareholder derivative complaint against certain current officers and directors of Pinterest, including its Board Chairman and CEO, for breaches of fiduciary duty and other violations of Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act, relating to their alleged personal engagement in and facilitation of a systematic practice of illegal discrimination of employees on the basis of race and sex. As a result of this illegal misconduct, the company's financial position, goodwill, and reputation among users had been harmed. In June 2022, the Court granted final approval of a \$50 million settlement.
- L Brands, Inc. Derivative Litigation: Cohen Milstein, in partnership with the State of Oregon, the Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund, and other shareholders, helped resolve allegations that officers and directors of L Brands, Inc., previous owners of Victoria's Secret, breached their fiduciary duties by maintaining ties with alleged sex offender and pedophile Jeffrey Epstein and fostering a culture of discrimination and misogyny at the company. Following a Delaware General Corporate Law Section 220 books and records demand and an extensive, proprietary investigation, L Brands and the now-standalone company, Victoria's Secret, agreed to stop enforcing non-disclosure agreements that prohibit the discussion of a sexual harassment claim's underlying facts; stop using forced arbitration agreements; implement sweeping reforms to their codes of conduct, policies and procedures related to sexual misconduct and

- retaliation; and to invest \$45 million each, for a total of \$90 million, in diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives and DEI Advisory Councils.
- Wynn Resorts, Ltd. Derivative Litigation (Eighth Jud. Dist. Crt., Clark Cnty., Nev.): Cohen Milstein represented New York State Common Retirement Fund and the New York City Pension Funds as Lead Counsel in a derivative shareholder lawsuit against certain officers and directors of Wynn Resorts, Ltd., arising out of their failure to hold Mr. Wynn, the former CEO and Chairman of the Board, accountable for his longstanding pattern of sexual abuse and harassment of company employees. In March 2020, the Court granted final approval of a \$90 million settlement in the form of cash payments and landmark corporate governance reforms, placing it among the largest, most comprehensive derivative settlements in history.
- Tradex Global Master Fund SPC Ltd. et al. v. Lancelot Investment Management, LLC, et al. (Crc. Crt., Cook Cnty., Ill.): In August 2018, the Court granted final approval of a \$27.5 million settlement, concluding a nearly decade-old putative investor class action against McGladrey & Pullen LLP, an accounting firm, for its alleged fraud and negligence arising out of the Tom Petters' Ponzi scheme, one of the largest Ponzi schemes in U.S. history. This case significant for not only the dollar value of the final settlement, but the rarity of such a case in which the auditor was allegedly complicit in its client's fraud, as well as the number of legal hurdles cleared.

Ms. Posner has recovered billions on behalf of defrauded investors. Her notable successes include 5 of the top 100 securities fraud class action settlements of all time, including:

- In re Schering-Plough Corp./ENHANCE Securities Litigation (D.N.J.) and In re Merck & Co., Inc. Vytorin/Zetia Securities Litigation (D.N.J.): Obtained \$688 million for investors on the eve of trial, the third largest recovery ever achieved in the Third Circuit and District of New Jersey, the second largest securities fraud settlement ever against a pharmaceutical company and among the top 25 securities fraud settlements of all time.
- In re The Mills Corporation Securities Litigation (E.D. Va.): Obtained \$202.75 million for investors, the largest recovery ever achieved in a securities class action in Virginia, and the second largest recovery ever in the Fourth Circuit.
- In re WellCare Health Plans, Inc. Securities Litigation (M.D. Fla.): Obtained \$200 million for investors, the largest recovery ever achieved in a securities class action in Florida, and the second largest recovery in the Eleventh Circuit.

Ms. Posner has also been involved in several landmark derivative cases, including the In re Walt Disney Co. Derivative Litigation, which redefined the fiduciary duties of corporate directors and officers. She has authored several successful amicus briefs to the United States Supreme Court, most recently on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association in support of the SEC in Liu v. SEC and Lorenzo v. SEC and in support of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System in Goldman Sachs v. Arkansas Teacher Retirement System.

Ms. Posner currently serves as the incoming president of the Institute for Law and Economic Policy, a public policy research and educational foundation seeking to preserve, study and enhance investor and consumer access to the civil justice system. She is also a member of the Public Policy Council of the CFP Board. She is the immediate past-Chair of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York's (NYC Bar) Securities Litigation Committee, and previously served as a member of the NYC Bar's Securities Regulation and Consumer Affairs Committees. Ms. Posner also is the former Chairwoman of the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) Enforcement Committee, and previously served on NASAA's Multi-Jurisdictional Action Committee, Technology Committee and State Legislation Committee.

For her work, Ms. Posner has received numerous peer and industry recognitions, including The National Law Journal's 2021 Elite Trial Lawyers "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar Award" and Crain's New York Business 2020 "Notable Woman in Law." Annually, she is honored as a New York Super Lawyer, as a member of Benchmark Litigation's "40 & Under Hot List" and "Future Stars List," and as one of Lawdragon's Leading Plaintiff Financial

Lawyers. In 2017, Ms. Posner received NASAA's 2017 "Outstanding Service Award."

Ms. Posner graduated with a B.A. in Political Science, magna cum laude, from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2001. She received her law degree at Harvard Law School in 2004, where she served on the Executive Editorial Committee for the Harvard Women's Law Journal.

#### Julie Goldsmith Reiser

Julie Goldsmith Reiser is a partner at Cohen Milstein and co-chair of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice. Ms. Reiser focuses on public pension plans, institutional investors, retirees and plan participants, representing them in high-stakes, complex litigation, including securities, ERISA, and antitrust litigation.

Law360 recognized Ms. Reiser as a "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar," not long after citing her as one of the "25 Most Influential Women in Securities Law." The National Law Journal placed her among the "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar" and, Lawdragon has repeatedly named her one of the leading 500 lawyers in America.

Ms. Reiser was recognized by The American Lawyer as "Litigator of the Week," for the historic \$310 million settlement In re Alphabet Shareholder Derivative Litigation (Sup. Crt. Cal., Santa Clara Cnty.), a shareholder derivative action, which established a framework for board accountability following allegations of systemic corporate mismanagement of sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation claims.

Ms. Reiser is highly regarded by clients, co-counsel, and opposing counsel for her tenacious advocacy, shrewd understanding of complex financial and economic issues, meticulous preparation, and dynamic leadership. Indeed, co-counsel and opposing counsel were quoted in Law360's "Titans of the Plaintiffs Bar: Cohen Milstein's Julie Goldsmith Reiser" profile:

- "I think [Ms. Reiser] is an excellent attorney. Very good in advocating in the courtroom and in settlement negotiations, a very good strategic thinker and a nice person." Louise Renne, former City Attorney of San Francisco, founding partner of Renne Public Law Group, and co-counsel in Alphabet.
- Ms. Reiser is "a very candid, trustworthy person" and working with her and her co-counsel was a "highlight of the case." Boris Feldman, partner at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP and opposing counsel in Alphabet.

Including Alphabet, Ms. Reiser has helped shareholders achieve a total \$550 million in corporate diversity, equity and inclusion commitments and sweeping corporate governance and workplace policy changes at Wynn Resorts, Pinterest, and L Brands through novel shareholder derivative litigation she helped pioneer. In addition, she led litigation teams in several of the country's most complex class actions and landmark settlements, including a \$500 million settlement related to Countrywide's issuance of mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") and the Fifth Circuit affirmation of an investor class in the BP securities fraud litigation, stemming from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, which settled for \$175 million.

Currently, Ms. Reiser is litigating the following notable matters:

- El Paso Firemen & Policemen's Pension Fund, San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund, and Indiana Public Retirement System v. InnovAge Holding Corp, et. al. (D. CO.): Ms. Reiser is Lead Counsel in this lawsuit that alleges InnovAge "substantially failed" to "provide to its participants medically necessary items and services" as required by government regulation. As a result, CMS and the State of Colorado suspended enrollment at InnovAge's Colorado facilities. InnovAge's stock price declined 78% just nine months after its IPO, giving InnovAge the distinction of being one of 2021's five worst performing stocks.
- In re Wells Fargo & Company Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Ms. Reiser represents the State of Rhode Island, Office of the General Treasurer in this putative securities class action, alleging that Wells Fargo and certain

executives misrepresented that the bank had improved its governance and oversight structures following a widespread consumer fraud banking scandal in direct violation of its 2018 consent orders with the CFPB, OCC, and the Federal Reserve. On May 16, 2023, the Court granted preliminary approval of a historic \$1 billion settlement.

Bank of America Corp. Stock Lending Markets Antitrust Lawsuit (S.D.N.Y.): Ms. Reiser represents Iowa PERS,
Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association, Orange County Employees Retirement System and
Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association in this ground-breaking lawsuit, in which plaintiffs
allege collusion among six of the world's largest investment banks to prevent modernization of the securities
lending market, a critical component of a strong economy.

Ms. Reiser also maintains an active pro bono practice her most notable success is:

• Vivian Englund v. World Pawn Exchange, LLC (Cir. Crt., Coos Cnty., Or.): Cohen Milstein successfully represented the estate of a Kirsten Englund in a wrongful death case of first impression in Oregon state court and nationally, addressing the legal liability for federally licensed firearms dealers involved in online straw sales. The landmark settlement (October 2018) establishes important legal precedent at the state and federal levels regarding gun dealer responsibility for online sales of firearms. Given the precedential significance of this lawsuit, Cohen Milstein was named to The National Law Journal's "2019 Pro Bono Hot List" and won Public Justice Foundation's "2019 Trial Lawyer of the Year – Finalist" award.

Ms. Reiser has twice been named a winner of the Burton Awards, placing her among the "finest law firm writers" in the nation. She was a winner of the Burton Awards in 2019, as a co-author of "INSIGHT: Holding Firearms Dealers Accountable for Online Straw Sales," Bloomberg Law (December 19, 2018), and in 2016 for "Pre-Dispute Arbitration Clauses: Taking the Alternative Out of Dispute Resolution," Bloomberg BNA, Class Action Litigation Report (December 11, 2015). After the publication of "Pre-Dispute Arbitration Clauses," Paul Bland, Executive Director of Public Justice wrote: "This is invaluable advocacy that takes industry-side advocacy and exposes its flaws and failings. I'm very glad to see this kind of very high-quality advocacy and critical thinking."

Most recently, Ms. Reiser is the author or co-author of "Boards Must Be Held Accountable for Sexual Harassment Scandals," Financial Times (January 1, 2020); "Event-Driven Litigation Defense," Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation (May 23, 2019); "INSIGHT: Sandy Hook Decision Reins in Gun Industry Shield Law," Bloomberg Law (March 28, 2019); "The Critical ABCs of Financial Antitrust Litigation & Recovery Opportunities," an ISS Securities Class Actions Services White Paper (February 18, 2019); and, "Trends in ERISA Litigation in 2017," Law360 (December 17, 2017).

Ms. Reiser attended Vassar College, graduating with honors, and earned her J.D. at the University of Virginia School of Law. She serves as Chair of U.S. Youth Soccer's Legal Advisory Committee and previously served as a board member at Seattle Works and the Eastside Domestic Violence Program (now known as LifeWire).

#### **Christina Donato Saler**

Christina Donato Saler is a partner in Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice.

Ms. Saler represents clients in a broad range of securities, shareholder rights, and derivative actions as well as other complex litigation. Ms. Saler also has substantial trial experience prosecuting First Amendment cases involving individual plaintiffs against media defendants. Annually, she has been named in Lawdragon's "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" list since 2021, and she has been recognized by Law & Politics and the publishers of Philadelphia Magazine as a Rising Star, as listed in the Super Lawyer's publications (2011 – 2013).

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2017, Ms. Saler was a securities class action litigator at a nationally recognized plaintiffs law firm, where she distinguished herself as a skilled litigator and trusted client counselor of public

pension funds and other institutional investors.

Ms. Saler is currently involved in the following notable matters:

- In re EQT Corporation Securities Litigation (W.D. Pa.): Cohen Milstein is Co-Lead Counsel in this securities class action, in which Plaintiffs allege that EQT misrepresented the synergies and cost savings that could be expected to arise from EQT's \$6.7 billion merger with rival natural gas producer Rice Energy, and then concealed that EQT was suffering from undisclosed well collapses and skyrocketing costs after the merger closed.
- PBM State Investigations: Led by Ms. Saler, Cohen Milstein serves as Special Counsel to state Attorneys
  General throughout the United States in their investigation into the billing practices and fee structures of
  managed care organizations (MCOs) and PBMs in their delivery of services to state-funded health plans.
  To date, Ms. Saler's work with Attorneys General has resulted In more than \$900 million In recoveries on
  behalf of certain state's Medicaid programs.
- Ohio Highway Patrol Retirement System (HPRS) v. Express Scripts, Inc. (Franklin C.P., Ohio): Cohen Milstein serves as Special Counsel to the Ohio Attorney General In this breach of contract litigation alleging that Express Scripts, Inc. overcharged HPRS on the pharmaceutical claims that Express Scripts processed as HPRS' PBM.
- In Re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation (Sup. Crt., San Mateo County, Cal.): Cohen Milstein represents investors in this securities class action, alleging that Tintri made misstatements and omissions in in its IPO registration statement and prospectus.

#### Some of Ms. Saler's recent successes include:

- Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation (BWC) v. OptumRx Administrative Services, LLC (Franklin C.P.,
  Ohio): Led by Ms. Saler, Cohen Milstein served as Special Counsel to the Ohio Attorney General's Office in
  breach of contract litigation against OptumRx Administrative Services, LLC for its allegedly overcharging
  BWC on certain pharmaceutical claims that OptumRx processed as BWC's PBM. On October 28, 2022,
  OptumRx agreed to pay the State of Ohio \$15 million to settle the litigation.
- Ohio Department of Administrative Services PBM Investigation: Led by Ms. Saler, Cohen Milstein served as Special Counsel to the Ohio Attorney General's Office in an Investigation of the Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) services that OptumRx Administrative Services, LLC provided to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. The Investigation was resolved by \$7 million settlement on June 6, 2022.
- Ohio Department of Medicaid v. Centene, Corp. (Franklin C.P., Ohio): Led by Ms. Saler, Cohen Milstein served as Special Counsel to the Ohio Attorney General's Office in this litigation. On June 14, 2021, the Ohio Attorney General announced a \$88.3 million settlement with Centene Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiaries for their alleged role in not only breaching contractual and fiduciary obligations to the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), but also defrauding ODM out of millions of dollars through an elaborate scheme with pharmacy benefit subcontractors to maximize company profits at the expense of the ODM and millions of Ohioans who rely on Medicaid.
- Eric Weiner v. Tivity Health, Inc. (M.D. Tenn.): Cohen Milstein was Class Counsel, representing Class Representative Oklahoma Firefighters' Pension and Retirement System and other purchasers of Tivity Health stock in a putative securities class action for Exchange Act violations related to Tivity's misleading the public about its relationship with United Healthcare, Inc. On October 7, 2021, the Court granted final approval of a \$7.5 million settlement. Ms. Saler managed all aspects of the litigation.
- In re Woodbridge Investments Litigation (C.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein is a part of the executive leadership team in a consolidated securities class action against Comerica Bank for violating California statutory law and breaching its fiduciary duties by aiding and abetting an elaborate multi-billion-dollar Ponzi-scheme fraud committed by Robert H. Shapiro and the Woodbridge Group of Companies, a real estate investment company that transacted the scheme through Comerica bank accounts. On September 3, 2021, the Court

granted preliminary approval of a \$54.2 million settlement between Woodbridge investors and Comerica Bank.

In addition to her litigation work, Ms. Saler also advises Cohen Milstein's clients on regulatory trends and legal decisions that may impact the management of their funds. In this capacity, she is the editor of the Shareholder Advocate, a quarterly publication focused on legal issues relevant to public and Taft-Hartley pension funds and the institutional investor community.

In 2017, Governor Tom Wolf of Pennsylvania appointed Ms. Saler to the Board of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, whose mission is to find ways of using the humanities to help people take action for positive change in their lives and communities, and to demonstrate this effectiveness to leaders and organizations invested in making Pennsylvania a better place to live. Ms. Saler is a member of the Executive Committee and Chairs the Government Advocacy Committee.

Ms. Saler is also a volunteer at Philadelphia Volunteer Indigence Program (VIP), where she represents individuals in jeopardy of losing their homes in the Philadelphia Common Pleas Court's Mortgage Foreclosure Program.

Ms. Saler received her B.A. from Fairfield University. She received her J.D., with honors, from Rutgers University Law School. In addition to other academic honors, Ms. Saler was selected for the Rutgers Law Journal and served as the Lead Articles Editor. She is also the author of "Pennsylvania Law Should No Longer Allow a Parent's Right to Testamentary Freedom to Outweigh the Dependent Child's 'Absolute Right to Child Support,'" 34 Rutgers Law Journal, 235 (Fall 2002).

Ms. Saler's professional career began in advertising. She was a Senior Account Executive with the Tierney Agency, where she managed various advertising campaigns and Verizon's contractual relationship with its spokesperson, James Earl Jones.

#### **Daniel H. Silverman**

Daniel H. Silverman is a partner in Cohen Milstein's Antitrust practice, where he prosecutes class actions on behalf of consumers, small businesses, and employees in a variety of industries in courts around the country.

Mr. Silverman is highly regarded by the legal industry, economists, and academics alike for his deep engagement with economic experts and for successfully shepherding cases through class certification. In 2022, Law360 named him a "Rising Star - Antitrust," the only plaintiff lawyer to be named, citing Mr. Silverman's keen interest in the dynamic interplay of economics, econometrics, and social science in driving antitrust law and economic justice. The National Law Journal also recognized him as a 2022 Elite Trial Lawyers "Rising Star of the Plaintiffs Bar."

Among his successes, Mr. Silverman has helped litigate the following matters:

- Domestic Drywall Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.): Co-Lead Counsel in an antitrust litigation alleging that the seven major U.S. manufacturers of drywall conspired to manipulate prices. The Court granted final approval of settlements that totaled more than \$190 million.
- VFX/Animation Workers: In re Animation Workers Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Mr. Silverman represented
  a class of animation and visual effects workers in a lawsuit alleging that the defendants, who include Pixar,
  Lucasfilm Ltd. and DreamWorks Animation, secretly agreed not to solicit class members and to coordinate
  on compensation. The Court approved settlements with all of the defendants for a total of \$168.5 million.
- Plasma-Derivative Protein Therapies Antitrust Litigation (N.D. III.): Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs alleging a
  conspiracy to reduce the supply and increase prices of IVIG and Albumin—life-saving therapies derived from
  blood plasma. The lawsuit was resolved for \$128 million to compensate customers who were overcharged

for these vital therapies.

Mr. Silverman is currently involved in the following notable matters:

- In re Interest Rate Swaps Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Co-Lead Counsel in a class action against several of
  the world's largest investment banks that are alleged to have colluded with one another to crush
  competition in the trillion-dollar market for interest rate swaps, a type of financial derivative. The case is in
  active discovery.
- Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Antitrust Litigation (D. Nev.): Co-Lead Counsel in a class action on behalf of MMA
  fighters alleging that Zuffa LLC commonly known as the Ultimate Fighting Championship or "UFC" has
  unlawfully monopolized the markets for promoting live professional MMA bouts and for purchasing the
  services of professional MMA fighters.
- In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation (N.D. III.): Co-Lead Counsel representing a certified class of consumers who allege that the defendants, including Perdue Farms and Tyson Foods, agreed to restrict the supply of broilers, thereby raising consumer prices. The Court approved settlements with six of the defendants for a total of \$181 million. Law360 cited plaintiffs' success in Broilers in naming Cohen Milstein a Law360 "Class Action Group of the Year" (2021).
- Jien v. Perdue Farms, Inc. (D. Md.): Interim Co-Lead Counsel representing a proposed class of poultry plant workers, in a suit alleging that the nation's largest chicken and turkey producers conspired to suppress their compensation. The Court so far has preliminarily approved settlements with four defendants for \$195.25 million and the case is in discovery with the remaining defendants.
- Moehrl v. National Association of Realtors (N.D. III.): Co-Lead Class Counsel representing a certified class of home sellers in litigation against the four largest national real estate services conglomerates, and their trade association. The class alleges that the defendants violated federal antitrust law by conspiring to require sellers to pay the broker representing their homes' buyer (and to do so at an inflated level).

Prior to joining the firm in 2012, Mr. Silverman served as the executive director of Legal Economics, LLC, a Cambridge, Massachusetts-based firm specializing in the analysis of complex economic issues related to legal issues. At Legal Economics, he supported expert economic testimony in a variety of antitrust matters involving horizontal price-fixing, mergers, and loyalty discounts in industries ranging from health care and computer hardware to live music promotion. His experience at Legal Economics provides him with unique insight into the inner workings of expert testimony in antitrust matters. In addition, Mr. Silverman has represented public sector clients before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, state public utility commissions, and federal appellate courts.

Mr. Silverman is a magna cum laude graduate of Brown University, with a B.S. in Physics, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School. In law school, he served as a Managing Editor of the Harvard Environmental Law Review. Mr. Silverman also served as a summer associate at the U.S. Department of Justice in the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Law and Policy Section.

# **Daniel S. Sommers**

Daniel S. Sommers is a partner at Cohen Milstein, the immediate past co-chair of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice, and a former member of the firm's Executive Committee, on which he served for twelve years from 2007 through 2019.

Mr. Sommers is a highly-regarded securities litigator and thought leader in the areas of securities and class action litigation as well as investor rights. During his over three-decade career at Cohen Milstein, Mr. Sommers has taken leadership roles in litigating large, complex and significant securities cases. He has provided litigation counsel to institutional investors, including state-wide public pension funds; public safety pension funds and Taft-Hartley pension funds. Many of his cases have resulted in important rulings and legal precedents, as well as in significant recoveries for investors totaling hundreds of millions of dollars.

#### Some of his notable matters include:

- Bear Stearns Mortgage Pass Through Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Co-lead counsel representing the New
  Jersey Carpenters Health Fund in a \$505 million landmark settlement (including a \$5 million expense fund)
  of a securities class action suit alleging that Bear Stearns violated securities laws in the sale of mortgage
  backed securities to investors. This is the largest recovery ever obtained in a securities class action on behalf
  of investors in mortgage-backed securities.
- Converium/SCOR Securities Litigation (Netherlands): Co-lead counsel in a groundbreaking \$58.4 million securities class action recovery, in which the Amsterdam Court of Appeal declared binding a world-wide class action settlement of claims of non-U.S. investors who purchased Converium shares outside of the United States. The ruling was a major victory for worldwide investors because it successfully implemented the Dutch Collective Settlement Statute even though the underlying transactions had limited contact with the Netherlands.
- Fannie Mae Securities Litigation (D.D.C.): Played a significant role in a high-profile securities class action representing the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System and the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio against Fannie Mae, several of its former executives and KPMG involving allegations of falsified financial statements. The \$153 million settlement amount represents the largest recovery in a securities fraud class action ever obtained in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.
- CP Ships Ltd. Securities Litigation (M.D. Fla.): Co-lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging that CP Ships,
  a Canadian company headquartered in England but with substantial operations in Tampa, Florida, issued
  false financial statements. Mr. Sommers argued an appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh
  Circuit, successfully opposing objections to a settlement that provided non-U.S. investors with the
  protections of the federal securities laws.

Mr. Sommers has obtained significant recoveries for investors in numerous other securities class action cases in federal courts throughout the United States including: Steiner v. Southmark Corporation (N.D. Tex.) (over \$70 million recovery); In re PictureTel Inc. Securities Litigation (D. Mass.) (\$12 million recovery); In re Opus Bank Securities Litigation (C.D. Cal.) (representing the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System and obtaining a \$17 million recovery); In re Physician Corporation of America Securities Litigation (S.D. Fla.) (\$10.2 million recovery); In re Gilat Satellite Securities Litigation (E.D.N.Y.) (\$20 million recovery); In re Pozen Inc. Securities Litigation (M.D.N.C.) (\$11.2 million recovery); In re Nextel Communications Securities Litigation (D.N.J.) (up to \$27 million recovery); In re PSINet Inc. Securities Litigation (E.D. Va.) (\$17.8 million recovery); In re Cascade International Inc. Securities Litigation (S.D. Fla.) (global recovery of approximately \$10 million); In re GT Solar Securities Litigation (D.N.H.) (representing the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System and obtaining a recovery of \$10.5 million); Mulligan v. Impax Laboratories, Inc. (N.D. Cal.) (representing the Boilermakers Blacksmith National Pension Trust and obtaining a recovery of \$8 million); Plumbers & Pipefitters National Pension Fund v. Orthofix, N.V. (S.D.N.Y.) (representing the Plumbers & Pipefitters National Pension Fund and obtaining a recovery of \$11 million) and In re ECI Telecom Securities Ltd. Litigation (E.D. Va.) (\$21.75 million recovery). He has also handled significant appellate matters including arguing before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Hemmer Group v. Southwest Water Company, where he obtained a reversal of the district court's order dismissing investors' claims under the Securities Act of 1933. In addition, he was co-lead counsel for investors before the Supreme Court of the United States in Broudo v. Dura Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 544 U.S. 336 (2005) (addressing the standards for pleading loss causation).

Mr. Sommers is also experienced in non-class action litigation. He represented TBG Inc., a multi-billion dollar privately-held overseas corporation, in a multi-party, complex action alleging fraud in a corporate acquisition and represented individuals in connection with investigations brought by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. He also has represented publicly traded corporations in the prosecution and defense of claims.

Mr. Sommers has litigated cases covering a wide-range of industries including the financial services, computer software, pharmaceutical, healthcare, insurance, real estate and telecommunications industries among others. In addition, he has substantial experience in cases presenting complex accounting and auditing issues.

A thought leader in the area of securities and class action litigation, as well as investor rights, Mr. Sommers is frequently called on to speak both to other lawyers and institutional investors. He has been quoted on these topics in a variety of publications including The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Bloomberg BNA, Pension and Investments, and Law360.

Mr. Sommers is the immediate past Chair of the Markets Advisory Council of the Council of Institutional Investors, having served for two consecutive terms (2018 – 2019). He is currently a member of the Securities Litigation Committee of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys. He served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Investor Rights Committee of the Corporation, Finance and Securities Law Section, District of Columbia Bar, and through the years has been a guest lecturer at Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America; Georgetown Law Center; and George Washington University Law School. He has also served as a member of the editorial advisory boards of Bloomberg BNA Securities Litigation & Law Report and Law360 Securities.

Named a Washington, D.C. Super Lawyer every year since 2011, Mr. Sommers has also been awarded Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating of AV Preeminent®, and Benchmark Plaintiff has recognized him as a litigation star in multiple years.

Mr. Sommers attended Union College, where he earned a B.A., magna cum laude, in Political Science, and graduated from George Washington University Law School.

#### **Christine E. Webber**

Christine E. Webber, co-chair of Cohen Milstein's Civil Rights & Employment practice, represents victims of discrimination and wage and hour violations in class and collective actions.

Ms. Webber is a tenacious, hands-on litigator, highly-regarded for her ability to organize large, high-profile class and collective actions and work closely with economic and statistical experts on developing sophisticated statistical analyses of class claims.

Ms. Webber has had the honor of representing clients in some of the largest, groundbreaking discrimination and Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) class and collective actions in the United States, including Keepseagle v. Vilsack (D.D.C.), a historic nationwide race-based discrimination class action brought by Native American ranchers and farmers against the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The landmark \$760 million settlement required the USDA to pay \$680 million in damages to thousands of Native Americans, to forgive up to \$80 million in outstanding farm loan debt and to improve the farm loan services the USDA provides to Native Americans. Ms. Webber was lead counsel in In re Tyson Foods FLSA MDL (M.D. Ga.), a collective action involving FLSA claims at over 40 Tyson chicken processing plants, which ultimately resolved the claims of 17,000 chicken processing workers who had been denied compensation for donning and doffing required safety and sanitary equipment; and Hnot v. Willis Group Insurance (S.D.N.Y.), where she represented a class of women vice presidents in Willis' Northeast region, who complained of discrimination with respect to their salary and bonuses, as well as promotions. This "glass ceiling" case settled for an average payment of \$50,000 per woman, a record-breaking settlement in 2007 for a sex discrimination class action. Ms. Webber continues the fight in Dukes v. Wal-Mart – a nationwide pay and promotion sex discrimination class action that went to the U.S. Supreme Court in 2011 and addressed standards for class certification in employment discrimination matters.

Ms. Webber is currently leading several high-profile class and collective actions, including:

- Bird, et al. v. Barr (D.D.C.): Ms. Webber is leading a putative class action of women who suffered systemic
  discrimination on the basis of sex when they were terminated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's
  Basic Training program for new agents and intelligence analysts. In April 2022, the Court denied the FBI's
  motion to dismiss.
- CFHC, et al. v. CoreLogic Rental Property Solutions (D. Conn.): Ms. Webber represents the Connecticut Fair Housing Center and Carmen Arroyo in a cutting-edge legal challenge to CoreLogic's algorithmic background check system which allegedly discriminates against African-Americans and Latinos seeking rental housing in violation of the Fair Housing Act. Because of the novel artificial intelligence (AI)-related discrimination claims, the case has been identified as one of Law360's "3 Real Estate Cases to Watch in 2022." A bench trial was initiated in March 2022.
- Reynolds et al v. Fidelity Investments Institutional Operations Company (M.D.N.C.): Ms. Webber successfully
  negotiated a settlement of a nationwide FLSA class action involving thousands of employees at Fidelity
  Investments Institutional Operations Company, Inc. call centers who were not paid overtime for mandatory
  pre-shift work. The court granted final approval to the settlement in January 2020.
- Ralph Talarico v. Public Partnerships, LLC (E.D. Pa.): Ms. Webber is leading a conditionally certified collective
  action of more than 4,900 past and present "direct care" workers, who provide home care for individuals
  with disabilities, for denied overtime wages. The case involves novel joint employer issues. In 2020, the
  Third Circuit reversed and remanded the district court's order granting PPL summary judgement. In February
  2021, the Third Circuit denied PPL's request for a rehearing, thereby upholding its 2020 ruling and
  reaffirming Plaintiffs' successful appeal.
- Castillo, et al. v. Western Range Association (D. Nev.): Ms. Webber is also representing a putative class of shepherds hired primarily from Peru and Chile, who allege that Western Range Association, which brought the plaintiffs into the U.S. to work as herders through the H-2A visa program, grossly underpaid them, in violation of Nevada law. As of May 2022, we are awaiting district court rulings on class certification and on summary judgment.
- Dukes v. Walmart (federal courts nationwide): Ms. Webber is coordinating a series of individual gender-related pay and promotion discrimination claims against Walmart on behalf of approximately 1800 women who filed charges before the EEOC following decertification of the Dukes class. This is the latest step in addressing the merits of this massive discrimination lawsuit, which went up to the Supreme Court in 2011. As of January 2022, nearly all of these lawsuits have been resolved, but many claims remain pending before the EEOC.

For her tireless work, Ms. Webber has been frequently recognized by the legal industry. In 2023, Chambers USA named her a "Top Ranked" lawyer in Labor & Employment: Mainly Plaintiffs - District of Columbia. In 2022, The National Law Journal named her a winner of its "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar" award, which recognizes a small handful of female plaintiffs' attorneys who "have demonstrated repeated success in cutting-edge work on behalf of [clients]" over their careers. The same year, The Best Lawyers in America named Ms. Webber the "Lawyer of the Year – Employment Law – Individuals – Washington, D.C." In 2019, Ms. Webber was the recipient of the "Roderic V.O. Boggs Award" for her "sustained commitment" to the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs. Annually, she has been recognized by Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Employment Lawyers (since 2018), The Best Lawyers in America (since 2018), and Super Lawyers (since 2012).

She is co-chair of the National Employment Lawyers' Association's Class Action Committee, the nation's pre-eminent employee-side legal association, a position she has held since 1999. Ms. Webber is also a member of Law360's Employment Editorial Advisory Board (2020 – 2021). She speaks and writes frequently on employment discrimination, wage and hour issues, and class actions.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 1997, Ms. Webber received a Women's Law and Public Policy fellowship which funded the first of her four years at the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs in their

Equal Employment Opportunity Project. There, she worked on employment discrimination cases, focusing in particular on the sexual harassment class action Neal v. Director, D.C. Department of Corrections, et al. (D.D.C.). Ms. Webber participated in the trial of this groundbreaking sexual harassment class action in 1995. Ms. Webber also tried the race discrimination case Cooper v. Paychex (E.D. Va.), and successfully defended the plaintiffs' verdict before the Fourth Circuit.

Ms. Webber attended Harvard University, graduating magna cum laude, with an A.B. in Government, and earned her J.D., magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, at the University of Michigan Law School. Following law school, she clerked for the Honorable Hubert L. Will, United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

#### Michelle C. Yau

Michelle C. Yau, chair of Cohen Milstein's Employee Benefits/ERISA practice, has spearheaded some of the most significant ERISA class actions in the nation. Since 2022, Chambers USA has named her a "Top Ranked" individual in ERISA Litigation and in 2021, she was named a Law360 Benefits MVP. Ms. Yau combines ardent dedication to protecting her clients' retirement assets with rare insight into complex financial transactions and actuarial issues, informed by her Wall Street and government experience.

Ms. Yau is passionate about righting economic injustice and protecting pension plan participants. She has a unique background having served as an Honors Program Attorney at the Department of Labor where she enforced and administered a variety of labor statutes and working as a financial analyst at Goldman Sachs in the Financial Institutions Group of the Investment Banking Division.

This experience has allowed Ms. Yau to play an instrumental role in important financial litigation, including high-profile ERISA lawsuits emerging from the Madoff Ponzi scheme:

- In re Beacon Association Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Ms. Yau represented a multi-plan class of participants, beneficiaries, and fiduciaries, which settled along with other consolidated cases for \$219 million in 2013, representing 70% of the Class members' out-of-pocket losses. The judge praised the settlement, describing the outcome as "extraordinary" and the praising the "hard work" done by plaintiffs' counsel, including Cohen Milstein.
- Becker v. Wells Fargo & Co. et al. (D. Minn.): Ms. Yau led the team in litigation and recently achieved a \$32.5 million settlement prior to class certification and expert discovery. If approved, the settlement will recover 40% of estimated damages.

Ms. Yau is currently involved in a series of high-profile class actions involving 401(k) Plans, Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs) for the mismanagement of employee retirement savings. Notable matters Include:

- Casino Queen ESOP Litigation (S.D. III.): To date, Ms. Yau has won two motions to dismiss in this case on behalf of employee participants. She represents ESOP participants who allege that the Board of Directors of CQ Holding Company, Inc. and related defendants violated ERISA when they created an ESOP to buy their Casino Queen stock for \$170 million, a significantly inflated price.
- Western Global Airlines ESOP Litigation (D. Del.): Ms. Yau represents employees in challenging the valuation
  of Western Global Airlines at approximately \$1.3 billion, based on the sale of 37.5% of the company to the
  ESOP for \$510 million. The lawsuit seeks to restore substantial losses to the ESOP and to disgorge all illgotten gains received by the Neff family.
- New York Life 401(k) Plan Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Ms. Yau represents employees in a lawsuit against New York Life which alleges corporate self-dealing and the prohibited transfer of employees' retirement assets to defendants at the expense of the retirement savings of New York Life employees and agents.
- Triad Manufacturing Inc. ESOP Litigation (N.D. III.): Ms. Yau defeated a motion to compel arbitration in this

- case and thereafter achieved a precedent-setting decision in the Seventh Circuit upholding the lower court's denial of the motion to compel arbitration. As a result of this decision, Cohen Milstein and co-counsel were recognized in The American Lawyer as "Litigators of the Week."
- Western Milling ESOP Litigation (E.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein represents participants and beneficiaries of the
  Western Milling Employee Stock Ownership Plan, who allege that the ESOP's trustees breached their
  fiduciary duties by engaging in risky investments in violation of ERISA, including purchasing 100% of KruseWestern, Inc. company stock, which was valued at approximately 90% of the purchase price for several years
  after the ESOP Transaction.

Ms. Yau played an instrumental leadership role in the following high-profile cases:

- Dignity Health Church Plan Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein is co-counsel to a class of defined benefit participants, which alleges that Dignity Health is improperly claiming that its pension plans are exempt from ERISA's protections because they are "church plans," and as a result has underfunded its plans by over \$1.2 billion. In June 2017, the Supreme Court reversed previous rulings on consolidated church plan cases and ordered plaintiffs, in this case, to file an amended complaint. On July 15, 2022, the court granted final approval of a \$100 million settlement.
- Presence Health Plan Litigation (N.D. III.): Cohen Milstein represented Presence Health Network-sponsored pension plan participants and beneficiaries, who allege that defendants wrongly claimed that the plans under dispute qualified as ERISA-exempt "church plans" and subsequently denied participants the protections of ERISA, including underfunding the plans by over \$175 million. In July 2018, the court granted final approval to a \$50 million settlement.
- Trinity Church Plan Litigation (D. Md.): Cohen Milstein was counsel to a class of defined benefit participants
  in which allege that the hospital's plan is not a church plan and thus the class is entitled to ERISA's
  protections and thereby underfunded the plan by over \$600 million. In May 2017, the granted final approval
  of a \$75 million settlement.
- Merrill Lynch ERISA Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein served as interim co-lead counsel in a class action alleging that fiduciaries of the Merrill Lynch retirement plans imprudently purchased and held inflated Merrill employer stock for the retirement accounts of the companies' employees. The litigation was resolved for \$75 million. Ms. Yau was engaged in all aspects of the litigation.
- Weyerhaeuser Pension Plan Litigation (D. Or.): Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a lawsuit alleging that
  the Weyerhaeuser Company caused its Defined Benefit Retirement Plans to engage in a risky investment
  strategy involving alternative investments and derivatives, causing the Plans' master trust to become
  underfunded. A settlement was reached for injunctive relief on behalf of Plans' participants and
  beneficiaries. Ms. Yau was engaged in all aspects of the litigation.

Ms. Yau is a prolific public speaker and is frequently invited to speak on ERISA litigation updates and trends. She is also a senior editor of the ERISA treatise published by Bloomberg BNA, Employee Benefits Law, and a member of the Benefits Editorial Advisory Board for Law360.

Ms. Yau received her law degree from Harvard Law School, where she was awarded several public interest fellowships, including the Heyman Fellowship for academic excellence and a demonstrated commitment to federal public service. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in Mathematics from the University of Virginia. Ms. Yau was also selected as an Echols Scholar and awarded the Student Council Scholarship for leadership, academic achievement, and community service.

# Attorney Profiles – Of Counsel, Associates, Discovery Counsel & Staff Attorneys

**Susan Banks** 

Susan Banks is a staff attorney at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice. In this role, she assists in discovery and evidentiary-related aspects of litigation and deposition preparation.

Ms. Banks brings to bear extensive discovery experience, having worked as a discovery and contract attorney with several renowned defense firms prior to joining Cohen Milstein. Ms. Banks was also the Director of The Socratic School of Language in Washington, D.C. where she created and administered a multilingual language curriculum and innovative afterschool programming in partnership with public, private, and charter school networks.

Ms. Banks is a graduate of The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where she received a B.A. She earned her J.D. and a LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law from The University of Illinois Chicago School of Law. Ms. Banks also holds an A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education from Ashworth College.

### **Luke Bierman**

Luke Bierman is of counsel to Cohen Milstein, and adviser to the Ethics and Fiduciary Counseling and Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practices. Mr. Bierman's role is to counsel pension funds and public entities on fiduciary, ethics, governance and compliance issues. He joined Cohen Milstein in 2011, bringing with him a singular perspective and substantive experience as in-house counsel to one of the leading pension funds in the country, appointments to state task forces to review the state code of judicial ethics and professionalism, and a scholarly and academic background as the Dean and Professor of Law at a rising law school that President Bill Clinton has called "interesting and innovative." His experience provides him with a unique context for assisting public pension funds at critical and challenging times for those funds, and to offer collaborative and creative solutions.

Mr. Bierman served from 2007 to 2010 as General Counsel for the Office of the New York State Comptroller, the sole trustee of the state's then \$150 billion pension fund and the state's chief fiscal officer for the state of New York's then \$130 billion budget. This was during the period when the Office of the Comptroller faced unprecedented challenges including an international placement agent scandal and the Great Financial Crisis, and Mr. Bierman led the review of policies and procedures in the Office. In this role, Mr. Bierman managed a legal staff that included 55 attorneys and was responsible for legal advice and counsel on all matters relating to the comptroller's constitutional and statutory responsibilities, including fiduciary, governance, ethics, litigation, investment, pension benefits, state and municipal finance and legislative matters. He also managed the 35 outside law firms that represented the Comptroller in litigation and transactional matters.

Mr. Bierman is a noted expert on legal ethics and professionalism, who has spoken and written widely about state courts and judicial conduct. He has served as a member of the North Carolina Commission on Administration of Law and Justice and on the North Carolina Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. He was a member of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's Task Force on the Code of Judicial Conduct, which was assigned to review and suggest updates to the Court. He served on the ABA Presidential Task Force on Financing Legal Education and the ABA Presidential Task Force on Legal Access JobCorps. While working at the American Bar Association, Mr. Bierman initiated the project that resulted in revisions to the Model Code of Judicial Conduct (2007), which many states have since adopted. Mr. Bierman is Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus at Elon University School of Law in Greensboro, North Carolina, an innovative law school that blends the most important traditional elements of legal education with highly experiential learning in the nation's first 2½ year JD program.

Previously, Mr. Bierman was the Associate Dean for Experiential Education and Distinguished Professor of Practice of Law at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, where he was responsible for Northeastern's Cooperative Legal Education Program. Earlier in his career, Mr. Bierman served as a Fellow in Government Law and Policy at Albany Law School. He also has served as Director of the Institute for Emerging Issues at North Carolina State University, where he held the rank of Associate Professor of Political Science; as Founding Director of the Justice

Center and Special Assistant to the President of the American Bar Association; as Visiting Specialist in Constitutional Law with the rank of Associate Professor at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey; and as law clerk to the Presiding Justice and an Associate Justice as well as Chief Attorney of the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department. Mr. Bierman also has taught at Northwestern University School of Law, the University at Albany - State University of New York and Trinity College in Hartford.

Mr. Bierman is widely published for his legal analysis and is a frequent lecturer and commentator about corporate governance reform, fiduciary responsibility and ethics and justice reform. He was a member of the board of directors of the Council of Institutional Investors, where he co-chaired the policies committee. Mr. Bierman earned his Ph.D. and M.A. in Political Science from the University at Albany - State University of New York; his J.D. from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary, where he was a member of the Law Review; and his B.A. magna cum laude in American Political History with High Honors from Colgate University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute.

### John Bracken

John Bracken is a staff attorney in the Antitrust practice. He assists with discovery and evidentiary-related aspects of the litigation and deposition preparation.

Currently, Mr. Bracken is assisting in litigating the following notable matters:

- Domestic Drywall Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in an antitrust litigation alleging that
  the seven major U.S. manufacturers of drywall conspired to manipulate prices. To date, settlements for \$45
  million have been reached with two of the defendants. The case is ongoing.
- VFX/Animation Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein is one of three court-appointed co-lead counsels in a litigation alleging that the major animation studios conspired to limit the opportunities and suppress the pay of special effects and animation workers by agreeing not to poach each other's employees. The litigation has survived a motion to dismiss and the firm is in the process of filing a class motion.
- Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a class action on behalf of MMA fighters alleging that Zuffa LLC commonly known as the Ultimate Fighting Championship or "UFC" has unlawfully monopolized the markets for promoting live professional MMA bouts and for purchasing the services of professional MMA fighters. The district court denied the defendant's motion to dismiss the case in September 2015 and discovery is ongoing.
- Solodyn Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein is a movant in a pay-for-delay litigation, alleging that Medicis
  Pharmaceutical Corp. and other drug manufacturers colluded to keep a generic version of the acne drug
  Solodyn off the market. The case is ongoing.

Among Mr. Bracken's successes are the following matters:

- Sports Broadcasting Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein is lead counsel for plaintiffs in class actions alleging that the system of geographical broadcasting territories employed by the National Hockey League (NHL) and Major League Baseball (MLB) amount to unlawful market allocation under Section 1 of the Sherman Act. The NHL lawsuit settled in 2015. A proposed settlement was reached with the MLB in January 2016.
- Symantec Antivirus Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a class action alleging Symantec, a computer security provider, and another defendant sold consumers worthless and unnecessary download insurance. The case was resolved just prior to the trial for a \$60 million settlement.

Mr. Bracken graduated from Vassar College with a B.A. in History and earned his J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law.

### **Caroline Bressman**

Caroline Bressman is an associate in Cohen Milstein's Employee Benefits/ERISA practice. Ms. Bressman represents the interests of employees, retirees, plan participants and beneficiaries in ERISA class-action lawsuits across the country.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, she was an associate at a highly regarded national plaintiffs' law firm, where she represented clients in employee benefits/ERISA, employment and financial class actions.

Ms. Bressman is litigating the following high-profile matters:

- AT&T Pension Benefit Plan Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein represents a putative class of pension plan
  participants and beneficiaries, who allege that AT&T used outdated mortality tables to determine the value
  of joint and survivor annuities, resulting in plaintiffs receiving less than the actuarial equivalent of the benefit
  than they were entitled to under ERISA.
- World Travel ESOP Litigation (E.D. Pa.): Cohen Milstein represents a putative class of employee stock option plan (ESOP) participants and beneficiaries who allege that the founders of World Travel and the ESOP trustees created the ESOP and then sold 100% of the employees World Travel stock to the ESOP at an abovemarket price, saddling it with over \$200 million in debt.
- Intel Minimum Pension Plan Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein represents a putative class of pension plan participants and beneficiaries, who allege that the Intel Minimum Pension Plan utilized outdated mortality tables to determine the value of joint and survivor annuities, resulting in married retirees receiving less than the actuarial equivalent of the benefit that ERISA protects.

In addition to a managing a full docket, Ms. Bressman is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Minnesota Law School, where she teaches a Law in Practice course. She also speaks frequently on ERISA, wage theft and employment law topics in continuing legal education programs.

Ms. Bressman received her B.A., magna cum laude, from St. Olaf College, and she received her J.D., cum laude, from the University of Minnesota Law School, where she was a staff member and articles editor for the Minnesota Law Review.

# Jay Chaudhuri

Mr. Chaudhuri has spent his career fighting for, and working on behalf of, the people of North Carolina. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Chaudhuri served as General Counsel & Senior Policy Advisor at the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer, the sole trustee of the state's \$90 billion pension fund and administrator of the \$8 billion defined contribution plan.

Mr. Chaudhuri oversaw all legal and corporate governance matters. In his role, he recovered more than \$100 million for the pension and unclaimed property funds, including settlements with a real estate investment manager and custodian bank. He played a key role in uncovering alleged wrongdoing that led to eight investment managers paying the pension fund back \$15 million and tougher, cutting-edge ethical standards for these managers.

Mr. Chaudhuri also helped organize a coalition of 11 public pension funds against Massey Energy's Board of Directors and Chairman, after a coal-mining explosion resulted in the death of 29 workers. That engagement resulted in key corporate governance changes and the Chairman's resignation. Today, the coalition's engagement is cited as a model of collaboration among shareholder rights advocates. In addition, Mr. Chaudhuri worked closely with the Harvard Shareholder Rights Project where the Department helped declassify twenty corporate boards, including Stanley Black & Decker, Hess, Lexmark, Foot Locker, and Jarden Corporation. Mr. Chaudhuri served as Chair of the Council of Institutional Investors, an association of the pension funds with combined assets of more than \$3 trillion

which serves as the leading voice for effective corporate governance and strong shareholder rights. As Chair, he led the development and adoption of the organization's long-term strategic plan.

Before joining the Department of State Treasurer, Mr. Chaudhuri served as Special Counsel at the North Carolina Department of Justice, where he lead an investigation by all 50 Attorneys General that resulted in a landmark agreement with two leading social networking sites to better protect children from Internet predators. For his efforts, the National Association of Attorneys General honored him with the Marvin Award, given to an individual who furthers that association's goals.

The North Carolina Bar Association has awarded Mr. Chaudhuri its Citizen Lawyers Award, given to lawyers who provide exemplary service to the communities. Lawyers Weekly has also honored him with its Leader in the Law award. In addition, he has been awarded the William C. Friday Fellowship, Henry Toll Fellowship, and American Marshall Memorial Fellowship.

Mr. Chaudhuri currently serves in the North Carolina State Senate representing parts of Raleigh, Cary, and Morrisville. As one of the newest state senators, he serves on the Commerce, Pension & Retirements and Aging, Judiciary II, State and Local Government, and Appropriations on General Government committees. Mr. Chaudhuri has co-sponsored a bill to repeal House Bill 2, a bill critics have referred to as the most anti-LGBT legislation in the country. He is the first South Asian American to serve in the North Carolina General Assembly.

Mr. Chaudhuri graduated from Davidson College, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, and North Carolina Central University School of Law (cum laude), where he was executive editor of the Law Journal.

### **Arthur E. Coia**

Arthur E. Coia is of counsel at Cohen Milstein and is a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice. Mr. Coia works to keep clients, many of which are Taft-Hartley pension plans, informed of potential fraud and corporate governance issues within their investments so they are able to consider appropriate action in a timely manner.

Prior to joining the firm in 2013, Mr. Coia spent more than 20 years in the investment advisory business. He was President of an asset management company for 10 years, where he oversaw the management of more than \$4 billion in assets. Earlier in his career, Mr. Coia worked as a Portfolio Manager and Securities Analyst for a well-respected trust company and other independent "buy side" advisors. Because of his prior role as a fiduciary in managing benefit fund assets, Mr. Coia understands how important it is for such funds to recover all assets to which they are legally entitled, and to take timely corporate governance actions where appropriate. Mr. Coia uses his unique combination of investment experience and legal knowledge to raise client awareness of instances where they have been defrauded of assets and helps them with the recovery process.

Mr. Coia earned a B.S. in Finance from Georgetown University McDonough School of Business, and received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

#### **Suzanne Dugan**

Suzanne M. Dugan is special counsel to Cohen Milstein and leads the Ethics & Fiduciary Counseling practice, a practice she helped found within the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice.

Ms. Dugan joined Cohen Milstein after more than 20 years of service in government, including as Special Counsel for Ethics for the Office of the New York State Comptroller, and as counsel to and acting director of the New York State Ethics Commission. Her service and experience in government offer the broad and unique perspective of a

regulator and the understanding of an in-house counsel.

Ms. Dugan brings her experience gained from having served as ethics counsel to the third largest public pension fund in the country to advise and counsel pension fund trustees and senior managers on issues and challenges, providing collaborative and creative solutions for pension funds as they navigate changing economic challenges and organizational requirements.

From this unique vantage, Ms. Dugan counsels pension funds on fiduciary responsibility, ethical duties, strategic governance and compliance issues. She consults with governmental entities and other clients on design, implementation, management and assessment of comprehensive ethics programs. She also assists in conducting investigations and structuring recommendations, and provides expert legal and consulting services to law firms retained to conduct special reviews, providing an additional layer of oversight and accountability.

Ms. Dugan has worked with public pension fund and municipal government clients in the following capacities:

- Service as Fiduciary Counsel, Ethics Counsel, and Compliance Counsel to public pension plans from coast to coast, including some of the largest institutional investors in the country.
- Providing ethics and fiduciary training to boards of trustees, designing and delivering educational programs for sophisticated public pension plans and government entities.
- Outside Ethics Officer to municipalities across the country, evaluating and investigating complaints of unethical conduct, providing objective and independent guidance, and working to ensure a culture of ethical leadership.

Ms. Dugan serves on the Executive Board of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA), a professional organization dedicated to providing legal educational opportunities and informational resources to its member attorneys. She also serves on NAPPA's Executive Board Committees for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Publications; as Board Liaison to and Acting Co-Chair of the ESG Resources Working Group; and on the New Member Education Committee. She is a former member of the Fiduciary and Plan Governance Section Steering Committee. In addition, Ms. Dugan is an active member of the Council on Government Ethics Laws, an international organization dedicated to issues involving governmental ethics, elections, campaign finance, lobby laws and freedom of information.

Ms. Dugan is a frequent lecturer at conferences and forums addressing ethics and fiduciary issues in the public and nonprofit sectors, including pension funds, bringing with her an understanding of ethical issues born out of practical experience as well as scholarly pursuits. She has served as an adjunct professor, teaching a course on Government Ethics, and writes frequently on ethics, fiduciary responsibilities of pension trustees and the role of pension fund attorneys. In 2014, Ms. Dugan won the Burton Award, the country's most prestigious legal writing award run in association with the Library of Congress, for her Bloomberg BNA article, "Ethics and Fiduciary Issues for Public Pension Plans: Lessons Learned".

Ms. Dugan is also an active member of her community. She is currently an elected Trustee of her local public library. In addition, she serves as a member of the Governance Committee of a Planned Parenthood affiliate, following many years of service on the Board of Directors. She also previously served as the pro bono legal director of a not-for-profit in the Albany area.

Ms. Dugan is an elected member of the American Law Institute, where she is a member of the Consultative Group on Government Ethics.

Ms. Dugan began her career as a judicial clerk with the Appellate Division, Third Department, of the New York State Supreme Court. She graduated magna cum laude from Siena College and earned her J.D. cum laude from Albany

Law School of Union University.

### **Robert Dumas**

Robert Dumas is a staff attorney at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice. He is engaged in document discovery and review and in preparing the attorneys in deposing witnesses. Since joining the firm in 2014, he has worked on some of the most important mortgage backed securities (MBS) litigations to emerge from the financial crisis.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Dumas practiced at a leading plaintiff firm, litigating securities fraud matters, and then later at a smaller plaintiff firm, where he helped litigate the In re IPO Securities Litigation, in which investors accused the leading investment banks of rigging IPOs during the 1990s tech bubble; after nearly a decade of legal wrangling, a \$586 million settlement was reached. Earlier, he practiced at a leading intellectual property and trademark law firm, where he defended trademark matters for an international clothing manufacturer.

#### Lisa Ebersole

Lisa Ebersole is an associate in the firm's Public Client practice. Her practice focuses on the representation of state attorneys general and other public-sector clients in investigations and lawsuits involving false claims and fraudulent and deceptive trade practices.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Ebersole was a Second Amendment Fellow at Everytown for Gun Safety, and before that she was a litigation associate at a highly regarded global defense law firm. She also served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Rowan D. Wilson of the New York State Court of Appeals.

Ms. Ebersole graduated with a B.A., cum laude, from Cornell University. She earned her J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where she was a Senior Article Editor and Senior Online Editor for the Harvard Law & Policy Review.

# Donna M. Evans

Donna M. Evans is of counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice.

Ms. Evans' practice spans thirty years as a trial lawyer in civil cases and includes many years as a litigation partner at large global firms. Ms. Evans is an accomplished trial lawyer and has tried numerous cases to verdict, including obtaining, as part of a trial team, one of the largest plaintiff jury verdicts in Massachusetts Superior Court.

Ms. Evans' experience includes pharmaceutical litigation in which she has represented plaintiffs in antitrust class actions; prescription drug manufacturers; biomedical device companies and inventors; private medical consulting services; and global pharmaceutical companies. For nearly a decade, Ms. Evans has focused on cutting-edge payfor-delay pharmaceutical antitrust litigation, which addresses collusive, non-competition agreements between brand and generic drug manufacturers in order to delay entry of lower-priced generic drug products. Ms. Evans was part of the trial team in In re Nexium Antitrust Litigation, the first pharmaceutical antitrust case to go to trial following the Supreme Court's landmark decision in FTC v. Actavis, 570 U.S. 756 (2013). She is also involved in the litigation of generic drug price-fixing cases, which come on the heels of a government investigation led by the U.S. Department of Justice alleging similar conduct, which, while ongoing, has already resulted in indictments and guilty pleas.

Ms. Evans currently serves as a member of Cohen Milstein's Professional Development Mentoring Committee and co-led the firm's two-day young associate training program in 2017 and 2019.

Among other honors, since 2019, Ms. Evans has been annually selected for Lawdragon's "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" list. Ms. Evans has also been named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer numerous times, and served on the Hon. Nancy Gertner's Equality Commission and the Corporate Advisory Board of the Commonwealth Institute, advising women-owned businesses.

Ms. Evans' successfully concluded matters include:

- In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel for the End-Payor Class in a suit alleging that Endo and Teikoku, manufacturers of the Lidoderm patch, paid Watson Pharmaceuticals to delay its generic launch. The case settled on the eve of trial and on September 20, 2018, Plaintiffs obtained final approval of a \$104.75 million settlement more than 40% of Plaintiffs' best-case damages estimate. This case was ranked by Law360 as "The Biggest Competition Cases Of 2017 So Far" (July 7, 2017).
- In re Loestrin Antitrust Litigation (D.R.I.): Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel for the End-Payor Plaintiffs in a case alleging that Warner Chilcott PLC entered into agreements to delay the introduction of a generic version of the contraceptive drug Loestrin and thereafter engaged in a "product hop" to further impede generic entry. The case settled on the last business before trial for \$63.5 million representing one of the largest settlements in a federal generic suppression case in over a decade. On September 1, 2020, the settlements received final approval.
- In re Solodyn Antitrust Litigation (D. Mass.): Cohen Milstein served as a member of the executive committee and Ms. Evans played a significant role in discovery on behalf of the End-Payor Plaintiffs. The case, which settled mid-trial, resulted in a \$43 million recovery for the Class.

Ms. Evans is currently representing End-Payor Plaintiffs in the following pay-for-delay pharmaceutical antitrust cases in which Cohen Milstein serves as Co-Lead Counsel:

- In re Lipitor Antitrust Litigation (D.N.J.): Plaintiffs allege that Pfizer, the manufacturer of the cholesterol drug Lipitor, the best-selling drug in pharmaceutical history, conspired with Ranbaxy, the generic manufacturer, to delay its introduction of a generic Lipitor product. On August 21, 2017, the Third Circuit handed a sweeping victory to Plaintiffs, reviving their antitrust claims. This case was ranked by Law360 as "The Biggest Competition Cases Of 2017 So Far" (July 7, 2017).
- In re Tracleer Antitrust Litigation (D. Md.): Plaintiffs allege that Defendant Actelion engaged in an anticompetitive scheme to withhold samples of its life-saving pulmonary arterial hypertension medication from would-be rivals, under the guise of the REMs program, which conduct ultimately delayed generic competition.
- In re Bystolic Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Plaintiffs allege that Forest Laboratories Inc., now a part of AbbVie, engaged in an illegal scheme with pharmaceutical generic manufacturers not to make generic versions of Bystolic®, a hypertension prescription medication containing the active pharmaceutical ingredient nebivolol hydrochloride.
- In re Zytiga Antitrust Litigation (D.N.J.): Plaintiffs allege that Janssen Biotech and BTG International Limited engaged in sham litigation, thereby delaying generic manufacturers from entering the market with competing generic versions of Zytiga for more than year.

Ms. Evans is also currently involved in pay-for delay cases in which Cohen Milstein plays a significant role, including: In re Niaspan Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.), In re Suboxone Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.), In re ACTOS Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.) and In re Zytiga Antitrust Litigation (D.N.J).

In addition, Ms. Evans is involved in cases on behalf of direct purchaser plaintiffs, including: In re Zetia Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Va.), In re Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.), In re Sensipar (Cinacalcet

Hydrochloride Tablets) Antitrust Litigation (D. Del.), In re Intuniv Antitrust Litigation (D. Mass.) and In re Ranbaxy Fraud Antitrust Litigation (D. Mass.).

Throughout her career, Ms. Evans has been deeply involved in the issue of equality. She served on the Honorable U.S. District Court Judge Nancy Gertner's Equality Commission, the Boston Bar Association's Diversity and Attorney Attrition Standing Committee, and the BBA's Task Force on Professional Challenges and Family Needs. Ms. Evans participated in writing a ground-breaking BBA report addressing the costs of attorney attrition, Facing the Grail: Confronting the Cost of Work-Family Imbalance, as well as implementing the report's recommendations in Boston law firms. Ms. Evans has also served on the Board of Directors of Greater Boston Legal Services and has been active in pro bono representation, including fair housing issues.

Ms. Evans graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B.A. in English and Political Science, and an M.A. in English. She received a J.D., cum laude, from the University of North Carolina School of Law, where she served as a Note and Comment Editor on the Board of the North Carolina Law Review. She interned with the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts during law school.

Ms. Evans has written articles on topics including the federal mail fraud statute and construction pay-when-paid contract clauses, and she authored a chapter in Inside the Minds, addressing best practices in client relationships. She taught legal writing at Boston University Law School for six years, has guest lectured at Duke University and the University of North Carolina law schools, and – prior to practicing law – she taught English at the University of North Carolina and was a Visiting Lecturer in English at North Carolina State University.

# **Rachael Flanagan**

Rachael Flanagan is an associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Complex Tort Litigation practice. Her practice is focused on catastrophic injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice, and sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and domestic violence cases.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Flanagan was an associate at a highly regarded medical malpractice and personal injury law firm in Florida.

Ms. Flanagan is currently working on the following high profile litigation:

- Doe, et al. v. Washington Hebrew Congregation, et al. (D.C. Supr. Ct.): On April 15, 2019, Cohen Milstein, on behalf of the families of 11 children between the ages of three and four, filed a lawsuit against Washington Hebrew Congregation Edlavitch Tyser Early Childhood Center and its Director for failing to protect their children from sexual abuse by a preschool teacher over a two-year period.
- Doe v. Scores, et al. (13th Jud. Cir., Fla.): On January 29, 2020, Cohen Milstein filed a lawsuit on behalf of a young woman against Scores Holding Company, Inc., and its affiliates for illegally employing her when she was a minor at one of its Florida locations, subjecting her to be sexual abuse and human trafficking.

Ms. Flanagan proudly serves the legal and local community as a board member of the Palm Beach County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and a board member of the Florida Justice Association's Women's Caucus. She is also a member of the local chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL) and the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Lawyers for Literacy Committee.

Ms. Flanagan earned her B.S. at East Tennessee State University. She earned her J.D., magna cum laude, at Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, where she graduated in the top 10% of her class and served as managing editor of the Barry Law Review.

Before pursuing a career as a lawyer, Ms. Flanagan was a paralegal for over a decade, working in the areas of medical malpractice, managed care abuse, products liability, mass torts, and class action litigation. During that time, she worked for several years at Leopold Law, which merged with Cohen Milstein in 2015.

#### **Eleanor Frisch**

Eleanor Frisch is an associate in Cohen Milstein's Employee Benefits/ERISA practice. She represents the interests of employees, retirees, plan participants and beneficiaries in ERISA class-action lawsuits across the country.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Frisch spent several years at an appellate litigation boutique representing employees and consumers before the federal courts of appeals. Before that, Ms. Frisch was an associate at a highly regarded national plaintiffs' law firm, where she represented clients in employee benefits/ERISA, employment and consumer class actions.

Before entering private practice, Ms. Frisch served as a law clerk to the Honorable Roger L. Wollman on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Some of Ms. Frisch's legal publications Include:

- Coauthor, "The Fair Labor Standards Act," ch. 2, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, The Complete Employment Lawyer's Quick Answer Book (May 2017)
- State Sexual Harassment Definitions and Disaggregation of Sex Discrimination Claims, 98 Minn. L. Rev. 1943 (2014)
- Coauthor, The Canary Sings Again: New Life for the Minnesota Whistleblower Act, Bench & B. Minn. (Sept. 2013)

Ms. Frisch received her B.A., magna cum laude, from Trinity University, and received her J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of Minnesota Law School, where she was an executive board member of the Minnesota Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif.

### **Zachary Glubiak**

Zachary Glubiak is an associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice. He represents a broad range of individuals and businesses in civil litigation, with a focus on multi-district class actions and antitrust litigation.

Mr. Glubiak first joined Cohen Milstein in 2020, and he rejoined the firm following a clerkship with the Honorable Randolph D. Moss of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Previously, Mr. Glubiak served as the John Marshall Fellow in the Solicitor General's Office of the Virginia Attorney General. In this capacity, Mr. Glubiak litigated constitutional and other high-profile matters on behalf of the Commonwealth, including defending the constitutionality of recently enacted gun-control legislation and the Governor's Covid 19-related executive orders, serving as lead counsel in appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and presenting oral arguments before both the Supreme Court of Virginia and the Court of Appeals of Virginia.

Prior to joining the Solicitor General's Office, Mr. Glubiak clerked for the Honorable Pamela A. Harris of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Mr. Glubiak is involved in the following high-profile matters:

- Jien v. Perdue Farms, Inc. (D. Md.): On October 8, 2019, the Court appointed Cohen Milstein Co-Lead Counsel
  in this putative wage and hour suppression class action against the nation's largest chicken and turkey
  producers conspired to suppress their compensation. As of July 20, 2021, the Court has preliminarily
  approved \$195.25 million in settlements with four defendants. Litigation continues against other
  defendants.
- In Re: Da Vinci Surgical Robot Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.): On September 24, 2021, the Court appointed Cohen Milstein Interim Co-Lead Counsel in this consolidated antitrust class action against Intuitive Surgical, Inc. Plaintiffs allege that Intuitive engages in an anticompetitive scheme under which it ties the purchase or lease of its must-have, market-dominating da Vinci surgical robot to the additional purchases of (i) robot maintenance and repair services and (ii) unnecessarily large numbers of the surgical instruments, known as EndoWrists, used to perform surgery with the robot—a violation of Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act.

Mr. Glubiak received his B.A. from Columbia University and his M.S.T. from Fordham University's Graduate School of Education. He received his J.D. from Stanford Law School, where he was the Co-Founder and Co-President of the Stanford Plaintiffs' Lawyers Association.

Prior to law school, Mr. Glubiak was a history teacher, coach, and advisor at KIPP NYC College Prep, a high school in South Bronx, NY.

### **Leslie Greening**

Leslie Greening is a staff attorney at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Public Client practice. She assists in legal research, as well as discovery and evidentiary-related aspects of the firm's representation of state attorneys General and other public sector clients in investigation and lawsuits involving health care fraud and other fraudulent and deceptive trade practices.

Ms. Greening previously worked as a contract attorney with Cohen Milstein. She joined the firm as a staff attorney in 2018.

Prior to her work at Cohen Milstein, Ms. Greening was a Post-Graduate Fellow at nonprofit legal aid groups in North Carolina, including the Wake Forest University Innocence & Justice Clinic.

Ms. Greening attended Davidson College, graduating with a B.A. She earned her J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law.

### Susan M. Greenwood

Susan M. Greenwood is a member of Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice. With extensive experience in the area of securities law and class action litigation, Ms. Greenwood analyzes and evaluates securities litigation case opportunities.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Greenwood was a Securities Law Specialist at Bloomberg Law, providing analysis of trends and developments in securities litigation, regulation and enforcement and serving as the editor of the Bloomberg Law Securities Litigation and Enforcement Report. She also has served as counsel at a prominent insurance company and two large litigation firms.

Ms. Greenwood attended Cornell University, graduating cum laude with Distinction, and earned her J.D. at the

University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

#### Alicia Gutiérrez

Alicia Gutiérrez is discovery counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice. Ms. Gutiérrez is engaged in a number of the group's ongoing cases. Additionally, she is a member of the group's New Case Investigations Team, where she identifies and helps develop potential cases.

Ms. Gutiérrez's case work includes the following:

- Sutter Health Antitrust Litigation (Sup. Crt., San Fran. Cnty., Cal.): On August 27, 2021, the Court granted final approval of a \$575 million eve-of-trial settlement, which includes significant injunctive relief, in this closely-watched antitrust class action against Sutter Health, one of the largest healthcare providers in California, for restraining hospital competition through anticompetitive contracting practices with insurance companies. Cohen Milstein was one of five firms that litigated this case since 2014 on behalf of a certified class of self-insured employers and union trust funds. California's Attorney General joined the suit in March 2018.
- Animation Workers Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein served as co-lead counsel representing a class of animation and visual effects workers who alleged that Pixar, Lucasfilm, DreamWorks, Disney and other studios conspired to suppress their pay primarily though no poach agreements. The court granted final approval of \$168.95 million in settlements.
- In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation (N.D. III.): Cohen Milstein represents a class of end-user consumers of broiler chicken in a litigation alleging that the defendants, who include Perdue Farms and Tyson Foods, agreed to restrict the supply of broilers, among other things, thereby raising their price to consumers.

Ms. Gutiérrez's legal practice has focused for more than a decade on complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on antitrust litigation. She has worked on cases in both state and federal courts, as well as advised clients on investigations and litigation involving government agencies. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Gutiérrez was Counsel and an Associate at two notable firms, where she represented both defendants and plaintiffs. A significant case from one of her prior firms was a single plaintiff antitrust case in the credit card industry, which resulted in a \$4 billion settlement. Before embarking on her legal career, she was a financial analyst in investment banking at Merrill Lynch and a management consultant at The Boston Consulting Group.

Ms. Gutiérrez attended Princeton University, where she graduated with an A.B. from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She received her J.D. from Stanford Law School in 2002 and her M.B.A. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business in 2002.

### D. Michael Hancock

D. Michael Hancock is of counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Civil Rights & Employment practice.

Mr. Hancock is the former Assistant Administrator for the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Wage and Hour Division. As a senior DOL employee for 20 years, conducting policy-related work, including policy interpretation and enforcement, he helped enforce a wide range of workplace protections, from minimum wage, overtime, child labor and the Family Medical Leave Act, to guest worker and other employment-based immigration programs. Most recently, as Acting Director, DOL's Division of Interpretation and Regulatory Analysis, and as Assistant Administrator for Policy, Mr. Hancock managed a team of 40 senior managers and analysts and worked with, among others, the Solicitor of Labor, the Secretary of Labor, the Office of Management and Budget, and the White House.

At the DOL, Mr. Hancock also served as Branch Chief, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Interpretations and

Regulatory Analysis, and as National Farm Labor Coordinator, Wage and Hour Division. While on detail from the DOL, he served as Senior Labor Advisor to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), where he provided guidance to the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Office of Democracy and Governance, on a broad range of labor, civil society, democracy and development programs funded and administrated by USAID.

Prior to joining the DOL in 1995, Mr. Hancock was the Executive Director of Farmworker Justice, where he helped provide policy support to farmworker organizations, labor unions, migrant legal services programs, administrative and legislative bodies, and other organizations. Before that, he was General Counsel of the National Coalition to Ban Handguns and President of the Foundation for Handgun Education. He also served as Executive Director of the Aviation Consumer Action Project.

Mr. Hancock was awarded a fellowship from Howard University — the Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship, Ozark Legal Services, Fayetteville, Arkansas — to practice poverty law in rural Arkansas, and was a law clerk at Ozark Legal Services. He also worked as an administrator and social worker with the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

Mr. Hancock received his B.S. from Oklahoma State University, and his J.D., with honors, from the University of Arkansas, where he was appointed to the Arkansas Law Review.

# Benjamin F. Jackson

Benjamin F. Jackson is an associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice where he represents institutional and individual shareholders in derivative lawsuits and securities class actions. In 2022, Super Lawyers recognized Mr. Jackson as a New York Metro Rising Star.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Jackson was a litigation associate at a highly regarded national defense firm, where he focused on securities, antitrust, white collar investigations, and intellectual property litigation.

Currently, Mr. Jackson is involved in litigating the following notable matters:

- In re EQT Corporation Securities Litigation (W.D. Pa.): Cohen Milstein is Co-Lead Counsel in this securities
  class action, in which Plaintiffs allege that EQT misrepresented the synergies and cost savings that could be
  expected to arise from EQT's \$6.7 billion merger with rival natural gas producer Rice Energy, and then
  concealed that EQT was suffering from undisclosed well collapses and skyrocketing costs after the merger
  closed.
- Bayer Securities Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein is Lead Counsel in this securities class action, in which Plaintiffs allege that in connection with its \$63 billion acquisition of Monsanto, Bayer misrepresented the rigor of its due diligence and the nature of the legal risk presented by Monsanto's flagship product, the herbicide Roundup. Bayer investors incurred significant losses after bellwether jury trials in toxic tort cases repeatedly found in favor of the plaintiffs against Monsanto, including finding that Roundup was a "substantial factor" in causing the plaintiffs' non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and leading to jury awards totaling hundreds of millions of dollars.
- Bristol-Myers Squibb CVR Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is Lead Counsel in this securities
  class action arising from Bristol Myers' alleged subversion of the FDA approval process for the cancer
  therapy Liso-cel for the purpose of avoiding a \$6.4 billion payment to holders of contingent value rights
  (CVRs).
- Nikola Corp. Derivative Litigation (Del. Ch.): Cohen Milstein filed a shareholder derivative action against

Trevor Milton, the founder and former CEO and Executive Chairman of Nikola Corporation, a zero-emissions vehicle startup company, and certain other current and former directors and officers of Nikola. The action alleges that Milton engaged in an ongoing criminal fraud involving the dissemination of materially false and misleading statements regarding Nikola's business, technology and expected financial performance to Nikola stockholders and the public. Nikola ultimately paid the SEC \$125 million to settle an investigation relating to Milton's fraudulent scheme.

Mr. Jackson served as a law clerk to the Honorable Katherine B. Forrest of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and to the Honorable Robert D. Sack of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Mr. Jackson earned his A.B., summa cum laude, at Washington University in St. Louis, where he was a Lien Scholar. He earned his J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where he served as Forum Chair of the Harvard Law Review and won the Ames Moot Court Competition.

A prolific writer, Mr. Jackson's legal publications include Censorship and Freedom of Expression in the Age of Facebook, 44 N.M. L. Rev. 121 (2014); Note, Danger Lurking in the Shadows: Why Regulators Lack the Authority to Effectively Fight Contagion in the Shadow Banking System, 127 Harv. L. Rev. 729 (2013); and Recent Case, U.S. Bank National Ass'n v. Ibanez, 941 N.E.2d 40 (Mass. 2011), 125 Harv. L. Rev. 827 (2012).

Mr. Jackson currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Committee on Securities and Exchanges of the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA), and he is also a member of NYCLA's Committee on Federal Courts.

Before attending law school, Mr. Jackson was a consultant in the financial services practice of a global strategy consulting firm.

### Nicholas J. Jacques

Nicholas J. Jacques is an associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Human Rights practice. His practice focuses on representing individuals who have been victims of torture, human trafficking, forced labor, and other violations of international law.

Prior to becoming an associate at Cohen Milstein, Mr. Jacques was a Law Fellow at the firm where he worked across practices and was involved in litigating individual and class action cases at the district and appellate levels.

Immediately before his Fellowship, Mr. Jacques was a law clerk to the Honorable Carolyn Dineen King for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, as well as a law clerk to the Honorable Nancy Moritz for the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Mr. Jacques received his B.A., summa cum laude, from Northeastern University, where received several academic awards, including the Kappa Tau Alpha Top Scholar Award. He received his J.D., magna cum laude, from Cornell Law School, where he received numerous academic awards, including The Freeman Award for Civil-Human Rights and the Arthur S. Chatman Labor Law Prize.

While at law school he was Articles Editor at Cornell Law Review, Executive Bench Editor for the Moot Court Board, and Chapter President of the National Lawyers Guild.

Mr. Jacques's publications include, "Information Gathering in the Digital Age: Towards a Liberal Right to Record," 102 Cornell Law Review 783 (2017).

Prior to law school, Mr. Jacques was a journalist at The Boston Globe.

#### Peter Ketcham-Colwill

Peter Ketcham-Colwill is an associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Public Client practice. His practice focuses on the representation of state attorneys general and other public-sector clients in investigations and lawsuits involving false claims and fraudulent and deceptive trade practices.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2018, Mr. Ketcham-Colwill practiced as a litigation associate at an international disputes and transactions law firm in Washington, D.C. Before that, he served as the Voter Protection Director for the Democratic Party of Virginia's 2018 Coordinated Campaign. He also worked as a Regional Voter Protection Director for the Ohio Democratic Party's 2016 Coordinated Campaign.

Mr. Ketcham-Colwill is involved in the following high-profile litigation:

- Grubhub and DoorDash Litigation: Representing the City of Chicago in its enforcement actions against
  Grubhub and DoorDash for violations of the City's consumer protection laws. These cases allege
  widespread deceptive and unfair business practices impacting local restaurants, consumers, and drivers.
  Click here to view the lawsuit filed against DoorDash; click here to view the lawsuit filed against Grubhub.
- Uber Eats, Postmates Investigation: Represented the City of Chicago in its investigation into UberEats and Postmates for allegedly listing Chicago restaurants on their platforms without the eateries' consent, for violating the City's emergency fee cap ordinance during the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other false advertising-related misconduct. On December 5, 2022, the City announced a \$10 million settlement.

Following law school, Mr. Ketcham-Colwill served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable David Ezra, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.

Mr. Ketcham-Colwill graduated from Princeton University with an A.B. in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He earned his J.D. with Highest Honors from The George Washington University Law School, where he was the Senior Executive Editor of The George Washington Law Review.

Prior to law school, Mr. Ketcham-Colwill worked for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, where he organized investigative hearings and drafted legislation related to consumer protection and the environment.

### **Zachary Krowitz**

Zachary Krowitz is an associate in Cohen Milstein's Antitrust practice, where he represents a broad range of individuals and businesses in civil litigation, with a focus on multi-district class actions and antitrust litigation.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Krowitz served as a law clerk for the Honorable Pamela A. Harris of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Before his clerkship, Mr. Krowitz was an associate at a distinguished global law firm, where he focused on complex commercial litigation matters.

Mr. Krowitz is working on the following high-profile antitrust matters:

- Jien v. Perdue Farms, Inc. (D. Md.): Cohen Milstein serves as Co-Lead Counsel, representing a proposed class
  of poultry plant workers, in a suit alleging that the nation's largest chicken and turkey producers conspired
  to suppress their wages.
- In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation (N.D. III.): Cohen Milstein represents a putative class of broiler chicken consumers in a suit alleging that the nation's largest chicken producers, including Perdue Farms and

Tyson Foods, conspired to raise the price of chicken.

Mr. Krowitz received his B.A., summa cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania, B.A., and his J.D. from Stanford Law School, where he was the recipient of numerous awards for outstanding academic performance. During law school, Mr. Krowitz served as Symposium Co-Chair and Senior Editor for the Stanford Law Review. He co-authored "Confronting Efforts at Election Manipulation from Foreign Media Organizations" in Securing American Elections: Prescriptions for Enhancing the Integrity and Independence of the 2020 U.S. Presidential Elections and Beyond, Stanford Cyber Policy Center Freeman Spolgi Institute (June 2019).

Before law school, Mr. Krowitz was a staff assistant for U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal.

### **Christopher Lometti**

Christopher Lometti is of counsel in Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group. In this role, Mr. Lometti has litigated some of the most significant mortgage-backed securities (MBS) class action lawsuits to emerge from the financial crisis.

Mr. Lometti, together with his colleague Joel Laitman, initiated the Bear Stearns, Harborview, RALI, Lehman and HEMT MBS litigation at their named firm prior to joining Cohen Milstein. The lawsuits were high-risk matters involving novel claims on behalf of their Taft-Hartley pension fund clients injured by the dramatic downgrades of their MBS holdings from AAA to junk status. The MBS litigations have earned Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation Practice numerous accolades from the National Law Journal, Law360 and American Lawyer.

Mr. Lometti's successes include the following notable matters:

- Bear Stearns MBS Litigation: \$500 million settlement with JPMorgan Chase. Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging Bear Stearns violated securities laws in selling toxic mortgage-backed securities that failed to meet the bank's own underwriting standards and that contained false and misleading information as to the appraised values of the underlying mortgages. Mr. Lometti was one of the key litigators in the case, developing strategy and conducting extensive fact discovery into the 22 offerings backed by approximately 71,000 largely Alt-A mortgages that Bear Stearns sold to investors from May 2006 to April 2007.
- RALI MBS Litigation: \$335 million settlement with Citigroup, Goldman Sachs and UBS. Cohen Milstein was
  lead counsel in a class action litigation alleging RALI and its affiliates sold shoddy MBS securities that did not
  meet the standards of their underwriters. Mr. Lometti was one of the senior litigators on the class action,
  conducting fact discovery, deposing economic experts and preparing witnesses.
- Harborview MBS Litigation: \$275 million settlement with Royal Bank of Scotland. Cohen Milstein was lead
  counsel in a complex case, in which presiding Judge Loretta A. Preska, of the U.S. District Court, Southern
  District of New York, commented on the "job well done" by the Cohen Milstein team of which Mr. Lometti
  was a senior litigator.
- NovaStar MBS: Cohen Milstein is lead counsel in litigation alleging that RBS, Wells Fargo (formerly Wachovia)
  and Deutsche Bank sold toxic mortgage-backed securities to investors. The litigation is one of the last
  outstanding class action MBS lawsuits. The Second Circuit Court of Appeals reversed an earlier dismissal of
  the lawsuit, paving the way for prosecution of the case. In March 2019, the Court granted final approval of
  a \$165 million all-cash settlement.
- HEMT MBS Litigation: \$110 million settlement with Credit Suisse. Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a case alleging Credit Suisse and its affiliates sold toxic securities to pension fund investors. The suit, filed in 2008, was one of the first class action cases involving mortgage-backed securities to be filed.
- Lehman Litigation: \$40 million settlement. Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a class action lawsuit against individuals affiliated with the bankrupt firm, the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history. Mr. Lometti was a senior litigator on the lawsuit, developing strategy.

- FirstEnergy Shareholder Derivative Litigation: Cohen Milstein represented the Massachusetts Laborers
  Pension Fund in two shareholder derivative actions against certain current and former officers and directors
  and nominal defendant FirstEnergy related to the Company's involvement in Ohio's largest public bribery
  schemes. On August 23, 2022, the Court granted final approval of a \$180 million global settlement of all
  shareholder derivative cases.
- Dynex Litigation: \$7.5 million settlement. Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a class action lawsuit involving
  the asset-backed securities. Mr. Lometti was a central member of the team to litigate this seminal lawsuit
  involving hybrid securities. In the litigation, the U.S. District judge issued one of the first decisions certifying
  an investor class pursuing fraud claims in connection with the sale of asset-backed securities. The Dynex
  litigation laid out a road map that could be followed in litigating an asset-backed security.
- Braskem Litigation: \$10 million settlement. Cohen Milstein represented shareholders in a class action suit
  alleging that the Brazilian petrochemical company lied to investors in its American Depository Receipts
  about its role in a bribery scheme involving Petrobras, Brazil's giant oil producer.
- Prior to his joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Lometti played a substantive role in litigating and settling the massive class action suit against WorldCom, one of the largest bankruptcies in history, representing significant stakeholders in the telecom's bond offerings. The lawsuit resulted in a settlement of \$6.15 billion.

Mr. Lometti has been repeatedly recognized for his career accomplishments, including being named to the 2016 Lawdragon 500, one of the industry's leading peer-reviewed surveys, as well as annually recognized by New York Super Lawyers (2011- 2019).

He has served as a non-industry arbitrator for the New York Stock Exchange and National Association of Securities Dealers helping to resolve disputes, and as a mediator for the New York State Court System.

Mr. Lometti received a Bachelor of Arts from Fordham University in 1983, and his J.D. from Fordham Law School in 1986.

### Joshua Lurie

Joshua Lurie is a staff attorney at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Antitrust practice. In this role, Mr. Lurie assists in discovery and evidentiary-related aspects of litigation and deposition preparation.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Lurie was a senior associate at an Illinois-based defense law firm, where he focused on consumer-related financial services litigation, mortgage related disputes, and general civil litigation and criminal proceedings.

Mr. Lurie earned his B.A., magna cum laude, from Elon University and his J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he was on the Executive Board of The Chicago-Kent Law Review and a member of the Chicago-Kent Moot Court Honor Society.

While attending law school, Mr. Lurie was a judicial extern for the Honorable Robert E. Gordon for the Illinois Court of Appeals.

Mr. Lurie is the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Vertical Slice Games, an online website that aggregates video game reviews from professional game critics.

# Jeanne A. Markey

Jeanne A. Markey is of counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Whistleblower/False Claims Act practice. She has successfully represented whistleblowers in federal and state cases across the country in some of highest-profile qui tam litigation in the healthcare, defense, financial services, and education industries. She has also represented

whistleblower clients in the public housing sector, in S.E.C. related matters, and in matters involving complex financial instruments.

Representative settled cases include:

- United States of America et al., ex rel. Lauren Kieff, v. Wyeth: Ms. Markey was co-lead counsel in this False Claims Act whistleblower case against pharmaceutical giant Wyeth (subsequently acquired by Pfizer), in which the whistleblowers alleged that Wyeth defrauded Medicaid, the joint federal/state healthcare program for the poor, when it reported falsely inflated prices for its acid suppression drug Protonix from 2001 through 2006 for Medicaid rebate purposes. Weeks before trial, in February 2016, in one of the largest qui tam settlements in U.S. history, Wyeth agreed to pay \$784.6 million to the U.S. government and the over 35 intervening states.
- United States et al. ex relators v. Southern SNF Management, Inc. and Rehab Services in Motion, LLC: Ms.
   Markey was lead counsel in this False Claims Act case in which three whistleblowers employed by a chain of
   skilled nursing facilities located in Florida and Alabama alleged that the chain was engaged in a multi-year
   scheme of inflating the facilities' Medicare collections by assigning Medicare patients to levels of therapy,
   (often referred to as "RUG" levels), higher than what was medically reasonable and necessary for that
   patient. In July 2018 this case settled for \$10 million.
- Ven-A-Care Whistleblower Litigation: Ms. Markey was involved in a series of Ven-A-Care whistleblower
  cases which pertained to the inflated reimbursement amounts drug companies were causing Medicare and
  Medicaid to pay for prescription drugs by reporting inflated wholesale prices to the government. These
  large, highly-successful groundbreaking cases helped to pave the way for a wide range of subsequent False
  Claims Act cases in the realm of healthcare and directed at drug companies in particular.

In 2016, Ms. Markey was recognized as one of the top 25 women lawyers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by The Legal Intelligencer. In 2018, she, an alumna of Cornell University Law School, was invited to become a member of The President's Council of Cornell Women.

She is also an active member of Taxpayers Against Fraud, a nonprofit, public interest organization dedicated to combating fraud against the Federal Government through the promotion and use of the Federal False Claims Act and its Qui Tam provisions, and the Association of qui tam attorneys.

She frequently speaks about developments in the qui tam field and has co-authored several articles about topics including statistical sampling and representing whistleblowers in cases involving issues of medical necessity.

Ms. Markey received her B.A. (cum laude) from Colgate University and her J.D. from Cornell University Law School.

#### Aaron J. Marks

Aaron J. Marks is an associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Antitrust practice group. In this role, Mr. Marks represents a broad range of individuals and businesses in civil litigation, with a focus on multi-district class actions and antitrust litigation.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Marks was a Law Clerk for the Honorable Carol Bagley Amon of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Before his clerkship, Mr. Marks served as a Litigation Associate at a distinguished international law firm.

Mr. Marks is working on the following high-profile matters:

In re Tracleer Antitrust Litigation (D. Md.): Cohen Milstein serves as Co-Lead Counsel in this antitrust action,

- alleging that Defendant Actelion engaged in an anticompetitive scheme to withhold samples of its life-saving pulmonary arterial hypertension medication from would-be rivals, under the guise of a REMS program, which conduct ultimately delayed generic competition.
- In re Actos Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein represents End-Payor Plaintiffs in this antitrust action, alleging that Defendant Takeda engaged in anticompetitive conduct related to the listing of certain patents in the FDA's Orange Book thereby resulting in unlawful delays to the market entry of generic versions of Takeda's diabetes drug, Actos.
- PBM State Investigations: Cohen Milstein serves as Special Counsel to state Attorneys General throughout
  the United States in their investigation into the billing practices and fee structures of managed care
  organizations (MCOs) and PBMs in their delivery of services to state-funded health plans. To date, Cohen
  Milstein's work with Attorneys General has resulted in more than \$900 million in recoveries on behalf of
  state Medicaid programs.
- Ohio Highway Patrol Retirement System (HPRS) v. Express Scripts, Inc. (Franklin C.P., Ohio): Cohen Milstein serves as Special Counsel to the Ohio Attorney General in this breach of contract litigation alleging that Express Scripts, Inc. overcharged HPRS on the pharmaceutical claims that Express Scripts processed as HPRS's PBM.

Mr. Marks received his B.A. from New York University and his J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School. During law school, he was Online Editor of the Harvard National Security Journal.

Mr. Marks currently serves on the Antitrust & Trade Regulation Committee of the New York City Bar Association. Prior to pursuing a career in law, Mr. Marks was a software engineer.

### Diana L. Martin

Diana L. Martin is of counsel at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the Complex Tort Litigation and Consumer Protection practices. Her practice focuses on appellate litigation involving complex product liability, consumer class, mass tort, and managed care litigation. She not only handles appeals in these areas of law, but also provides appellate support at the trial stage. In this role, she works as an integral part of the trial team by strategizing best practices, drafting and arguing complex and case dispositive motions, handling jury instruction charge conferences, and assisting trial counsel in preserving and protecting the record in the event of an appeal.

Ms. Martin is often involved in cases that involve complex issues or require the development of innovative strategies for novel or evolving theories of liability. These areas have included developing legal theories to avoid the application of legal immunity to workers' compensation carriers who deny or delay medical care to injured workers, and using Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act to hold hospitals accountable for drastically overbilling patients on a uniform basis. Her experience spans various practice areas, such as constitutional and civil rights law, commercial litigation, mass tort and class action litigation, managed care litigation, products liability law, and catastrophic personal injury litigation.

Ms. Martin is on the litigation team for the following notable matters:

- United States ex rel. Long v. Janssen Biotech, Inc. (D. Mass.): Cohen Milstein represents the plaintiff-relator in a whistleblower/qui tam lawsuit against Janssen Biotech (a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson), alleging that the manufacturer of the rheumatoid arthritis drugs Remicade and Simponi ARIA violated federal law by engaging in a scheme through which it provided physicians free practice management and infusion business consulting services over an extended period to induce the physicians to purchase Remicade and Simponi ARIA and administer these drugs to patients, including Medicare beneficiaries, via infusions performed in their offices.
- Underwood v. Meta Platforms, Inc. (Facebook) (State Crt., Cal.): Cohen Milstein has filed a wrongful death

lawsuit on behalf of Angela Underwood Jacobs, the sister of slain federal security officer Dave Patrick Underwood, against Meta Platforms, Inc., formerly Facebook. On May 29, 2020, Officer Underwood was providing security at a federal courthouse during a rally to protest the killing of George Floyd. According to documents filed in federal criminal proceedings, Officer Underwood was the victim of a drive-by shooting by Steven Carrillo and his accomplice, Robert Alvin Justus, Jr., who identify as boogaloo adherents, part of an extremist movement that advocates targeted violence against federal officers. Plaintiff alleges that by connecting users to extremist groups, including Officer Underwood's killers who met through Facebook where they hatched their extremist plot to target and kill federal officers, and promoting inflammatory, divisive, and untrue content, the company bears responsibility for the tragic murder of Officer Underwood.

- CSX Litigation (E.D. N.C.): On October 4, 2018, Cohen Milstein filed a putative class action on behalf of faith leaders, businesses, and residents in the southern and western portions of Lumberton, North Carolina who have twice suffered catastrophic flooding and damage due to CSX Corporation and CSX transportation entities ignoring and trying to block government entities from building a floodgate on a train underpass it owns and operates, including preventing the city from building a temporary berm in 2018 to protect its citizens from impending Hurricane Florence.
- Edwards v. Tesla (State Crt., Cal.): On June 25, 2020, Cohen Milstein filed a product liability lawsuit against Tesla, Inc., on behalf of Kristian and Jason Edwards. Ms. Edwards sustained catastrophic injuries as a result of the failure of the airbags to deploy in her Tesla model 3 during an accident.
- Doe v. Chiquita Brands International (S.D. Fla.): Cohen Milstein is representing families of banana workers and others killed or tortured by the Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia, a foreign terrorist organization designated by the United States, which was allegedly receiving financial support and firearms and ammunition from Chiquita, a U.S. corporation with operations throughout Colombia.

# Ms. Martin has successfully litigated the following matters:

- Trahan v. Mulholland (Cir. Crt., Alachua Cnty., Fla.): In August 2018, after a week-long trial, a jury awarded Ms. Trahan, an adult survivor of childhood sexual abuse, \$4.6 million in damages for more than a decade of sexual abuse perpetrated by her father, a prominent Central Florida businessman. The jury also found her mother negligent in failing to use reasonable care to protect her daughter from the abuse. Ms. Martin represented Ms. Trahan as part of the trial team and on appeal, where she successfully defended the \$4.6 million judgment in Florida's First District Court of Appeal.
- S.B. v. FAMU (11th Cir. Ct. of Appeals): Cohen Milstein represented a FAMU student who filed an action alleging the university committed Title IX violations in failing to adequately investigate her claims of sexual assault. To protect her identity, Cohen Milstein named the plaintiff under a pseudonym, and the district court repeatedly denied the university's attempts to make her identity public. Ms. Martin successfully defended the district court's orders, protecting the plaintiff's anonymity, when the university appealed the issue to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.
- Herrera, et al. v. JFK Medical Center, et al. (M.D. Fla.): Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging that four Florida plaintiffs and others like them were billed inflated and exorbitant fees for emergency radiology services, in excess of the amount allowed by law, covered in part by their mandatory Florida Personal Injury Protection insurance. When the district court struck plaintiffs' class claims, Ms. Martin successfully petitioned the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals to accept immediate appellate review and obtained a reversal of the district court's order. Cohen Milstein resolved the case and secured final approval of a \$220 million injunctive relief settlement.
- Lindsay X-LITE Guardrail Litigation (State Crts.: Tenn., S.C.): Cohen Milstein successfully represented more than five families of decedents and victims of catastrophic injuries in a series of individual products liability, wrongful death and catastrophic injury lawsuits in Tennessee and South Carolina state courts against the Lindsay Corporation and several related entities for designing, manufacturing, selling, and installing defective X-Lite guardrails on state roadways.
- H.C., et al. v Ric Bradshaw, et al. (S.D. Fla.): Cohen Milstein, in conjunction with the Human Rights Defense

Center and the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, successfully represented juvenile offenders against the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the Palm Beach County School Board, challenging the practice of placing juvenile offenders in solitary confinement and for allegedly denying mandated educational services to juvenile offenders held at the Jail, "including services needed to address their disabilities," in violation of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Cohen Milstein and its co-counsel resolved the matter in 2018 by obtaining a settlement that was first-of-its-kind in Florida, as it ended the systemic practice of holding juveniles charged as adults in solitary confinement and ensures the provision of educational services to such juveniles.

- Hand et al., v. Scott et.al (N.D. Fla.): Cohen Milstein and Fair Elections Legal Network, a national voting rights organization, achieved a major victory in 2018 on behalf of former felons in Florida, who claimed their constitutional rights had been infringed by Florida's Clemency Board. The court ruled that the Clemency Board's process to grant or deny former felons' restoration of voting rights applications was unconstitutionally arbitrary and violated the U.S. Constitution's First and Fourteenth Amendments. While this case was on appeal before the 11th Circuit, Floridians voted to allow such voting rights restoration to felons.
- In re: Caterpillar, Inc. Engine Products Liability Litigation (D.N.J.): Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in a nationwide product liability class action lawsuit alleging Caterpillar sold diesel engines with defective exhaust emissions system that resulted in power losses and shutdowns. The case was settled in September 2016 for \$60 million.
- Mincey v. Takata (Cir. Crt., Duval Cnty., Fla.): Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a lawsuit brought on behalf of Patricia Mincey and her family, a Florida woman who sustained catastrophic injuries that rendered her a quadriplegic in 2014 when the driver's side airbag in her Honda Civic deployed too aggressively during a collision due to a product defect. Patricia Mincey passed away in early 2016 due to complications from her quadriplegia. The suit charged that Takata, the manufacturer of the airbag system, knew of the airbag defect and hid the problem from consumers. When the defendants removed Ms. Mincey's case to federal court in an attempt to have it bogged down in multi-district litigation, Ms. Martin successfully had the case remanded to Florida state court, where it is was resolved in July 2016.
- Wal-Mart Employment Discrimination Litigation (S.D. Fla.): Cohen Milstein represented individual female
  Walmart employees in a lawsuit alleging that the company discriminated against them on the basis of their
  sex. Ms. Martin worked as part of the trial and appellate teams until the parties reached a confidential
  settlement with the plaintiffs.

Ms. Martin currently serves on the Civil Procedure Rules Committee of the Florida Bar and serves as Audit Committee Chair of Families First of Palm Beach County. She is a past President of Florida Legal Services, where she was a board member from 2007 to 2016, and served as a board member on the Florida Bar Foundation from 2015 to 2016. She has written numerous legal articles, which have been published in a variety of journals, including Trial Magazine, The Florida Bar Journal, and the Florida Justice Association Journal, and co-authors Florida Insurance Law and Practice, an annual publication by Thomson/West. She was recognized by "Best Lawyers in America" in 2021 as "Best Lawyer" for practice areas of Appellate Practice; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions; and Personal Injury Litigation. In 2018, Ms. Martin was recognized by the Daily Business Review as the "Most Effective Lawyer" in the area of Pro Bono.

Ms. Martin attended Flagler College, graduating summa cum laude with Departmental Honors in Philosophy/Religion. She earned her J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, graduating with High Honors and achieving admission to the Order of the Coif.

Ms. Martin clerked for three years between 2002 and 2005 for the Honorable Martha C. Warner in Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal.

David M. Maser

David M. Maser is of counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Maser worked with a nationally recognized securities class action plaintiffs law firm for more than a decade, where he helped create the firm's securities monitoring program and cultivated important relationships with the firm's growing portfolio of institutional investor clients, nationally and globally.

As a result of his work, Mr. Maser successfully engaged over 25 public fund and union clients with well over \$200 billion in assets under management. Clients he has represented have been involved in more than 60 actions, generating more than \$4.6 billion in case recoveries.

Mr. Maser has worked extensively in both the public and private sectors and brings more than 25 years of experience and insight to pension funds and other institutional clients, specifically at the intersection of law, business and government.

Through his extensive experience in the public and private sectors, Mr. Maser has established bipartisan relationships in the political arena on the federal, state and local levels. His ability to see the big picture and create bipartisan collaborations has earned him a reputation as an exceptional diplomat and strategic consensus builder.

# Kalpish K. Mehta

Kalpish K. Mehta is a staff attorney at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice. He assists in discovery and evidentiary-related aspects of litigation and deposition preparation.

Mr. Mehta has extensive discovery experience in antitrust class action litigation, including Department of Justice Antitrust Division and Federal Trade Commission investigations.

Mr. Mehta's case work includes:

- Sutter Health Antitrust Litigation (Sup. Crt., San Fran. Cnty., Cal.): On August 27, 2021, the Court granted final approval of a \$575 million eve-of-trial settlement, which includes significant injunctive relief, in this closely-watched antitrust class action against Sutter Health, one of the largest healthcare providers in California, for restraining hospital competition through anticompetitive contracting practices with insurance companies. Cohen Milstein was one of five firms that litigated this case since 2014 on behalf of a certified class of self-insured employers and union trust funds. California's Attorney General joined the suit in March 2018.
- Stock Lending Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein and co-counsel filed a putative class action on August 17, 2017 in the Southern District of New York on behalf of Iowa Public Employees Retirement System and other investors, alleging collusion among six of the world's largest investment banks to prevent modernization of the \$1.7 trillion stock Ioan market. Plaintiffs allege that Bank of America, Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Morgan Stanley, and UBS conspired to overcharge investors and maintain the power they hold over the stock Ioan market, obstructing multiple efforts to create competitive electronic exchanges and enhance price transparency that would benefit both stock lenders and borrowers.

Mr. Mehta served in the United States Army. Prior to military service, he worked in variety of private practice settings. Mr. Mehta's litigation experience includes medical malpractice and criminal defense.

Mr. Mehta attended Santa Clara University, graduating cum laude with a B.S. in Accounting. He earned his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.

### Jan E. Messerschmidt

Jan E. Messerschmidt is an associate in Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice, where he represents institutional and individual shareholders in derivative lawsuits and securities class actions.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Messerschmidt was an associate at a highly regarded national litigation boutique, where he represented both plaintiffs and defendants in a range of issues involving antitrust, securities, cybersecurity, contract, personal tort, and malicious prosecution claims.

For his work, The National Law Journal named Mr. Messerschmidt one of its 2022 Elite Trial Lawyers "Rising Stars of the Plaintiffs Bar."

Mr. Messerschmidt is involved in the following notable matters:

- IBEW Local 98 Pension Fund v. Deloitte (D.S.C.): Cohen Milstein is sole Lead Counsel in this putative securities class action against Deloitte entities for allegedly breaching its external auditor duties related to SCANA's multi-billion-dollar nuclear energy expansion project in South Carolina.
- Pluralsight, Inc. Securities Litigation (D. Utah): Cohen Milstein is sole Lead Counsel in this securities class
  action, alleging that Pluralsight, a provider of cloud-based and video training courses, and its senior officers
  misrepresented and omitted material information from investors concerning the company's sales force
  before a \$37 million stock cash-out by Pluralsight insiders and in an over \$450 million secondary public
  offering orchestrated by those insiders.
- El Paso Firemen & Policemen's Pension Fund, San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund, and Indiana Public Retirement System v. InnovAge Holding Corp, et. al. (D. CO.): Cohen Milstein is sole Lead Counsel in this securities class action, alleging that InnovAge "substantially failed" to "provide to its participants medically necessary items and services" as required by government regulation. As a result, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the State of Colorado suspended enrollment at InnovAge's Colorado facilities. InnovAge's stock price declined 78% just nine months after its IPO, giving it the distinction of being one of 2021's five worst performing IPOs.

### Mr. Messerschmidt's recent successes include:

- Miller Energy/KPMG (E.D. Tenn.): Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Counsel in this certified securities class action, alleging that KPMG failed to meet its obligation as the independent auditor of Miller Energy Resources, Inc., perpetrating a massive fraud by Miller Energy, including overstating the value of largely worthless oil reserves to more than \$480 million. On July 12, 2022, the court granted final approval of a \$35 million settlement.
- In re GreenSky Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Counsel in this putative securities class action against GreenSky, a financial technology company, for failing to disclose the substantial change in the composition of GreenSky's merchant business mix and the resulting diminution in transaction-fee revenue, accounting for 87% of its overall revenue, as it moved from the solar panel energy merchant sector to the healthcare sector. On October 22, 2021, the court granted final approval of a \$27.5 million settlement.

Before entering private practice, Mr. Messerschmidt served as a law clerk to the Honorable Beryl A. Howell, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. He was also a law clerk to the Honorable Rosemary S. Pooler of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Mr. Messerschmidt earned his B.A., magna cum laude, from New York University, where he was the Co-Founder and Editor of Journal of Politics & International Affairs. He earned his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and received the Parker School Certificate for Achievement in International and

Comparative Law. During law school, Mr. Messerschmidt had the distinction of participating in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (U.S. National Champions (2012, 2013)), and he was the Head Articles Editor for Columbia Journal of Transnational Law and the note author of, "Hackback: Permitting Retaliatory Hacking by Non-State Actors as Proportionate Countermeasures to Transboundary Cyberharm," 52 COLUM. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 275 (2013)

Prior to law school, Mr. Messerschmidt was a legislative policy analyst for the New York City Council, Policy Division.

# **Amy Miller**

Amy Miller is of counsel in Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice, where she represents institutional and individual shareholders in derivative lawsuits and securities class actions, seeking accountability on issues ranging from breach of fiduciary to corporate waste. She is also a member of the practice's shareholder derivative case development team.

Ms. Miller brings to bear more than 20 years of plaintiff-side and defense-side securities litigation experience addressing matters involving corporate governance and corporate wrongdoing, mergers and acquisitions in which stockholders were not provided maximized value, and more recently with SPAC investment vehicles.

Immediately prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2019, Ms. Miller led the corporate governance and litigation practice at a highly regarded national securities plaintiffs' class action law firm. She began her career at one of the nation's top securities defense firms where she worked for nearly a decade.

Some of Ms. Miller's representations include:

Zucker, et al. v. Bowl America, Inc., et al. (D. Md.): Cohen Milstein represents shareholders of Bowl America, Inc., who allege that the board of directors of Bowlero Corp., orchestrated a merger that was unfair, misleading and grossly Inadequate, forcing the sale of Bowl America at a fire sale price. On October 11, 2022, the court denied in part defendants' motion to dismiss and the case is currently in discovery.

Some of Ms. Miller's recent successes include:

- FirstEnergy Shareholder Derivative Litigation (S.D. Ohio; N.D. Ohio): Cohen Milstein represented the Massachusetts Laborers Pension Fund in two shareholder derivative actions against certain current and former officers and directors and nominal defendant FirstEnergy related to the Company's involvement in Ohio's largest public bribery schemes. On August 23, 2022, the Court granted final approval of a \$180 million global settlement of all shareholder derivative cases.
- Boeing Derivative Litigation (N.D. III.; Del. Ch.): Cohen Milstein served as sole lead counsel in a federal derivative case brought by the Seafarers Pension Plan against The Boeing Company's directors and officers arising out of the 737 MAX crashes and alleging federal proxy statement violations in connection with director elections. After the case was dismissed on forum non conveniens grounds, Plaintiffs successfully argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, obtaining a 2-to1, precedent-setting decision reversing the district court's dismissal of the case based on enforcement of Boeing's forum selection bylaw. The derivative action ultimately settled, along with a companion class action filed by the Seafarers in Delaware Chancery Court after the district court's dismissal and challenging the bylaw under Delaware law, for corporate governance reforms valued in excess of \$100 million and a \$6.25 million payment by the Directors' insurers to the Company.

Since 2018, Ms. Miller has contributed to the American Bar Association's Survey of Federal Class Action Law: A U.S. Supreme Court and Circuit-by-Circuit Analysis. The Survey, produced by the ABA Litigation Section's Class Actions and Derivative Suits Committee, provides up-to-date analysis of class action law in each federal circuit.

Ms. Miller was an extern for the Honorable George B. Daniels of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Ms. Miller earned her B.A. from Boston University, magna cum laude, and she received her J.D. from New York Law School, summa cum laude. While attending law school, Ms. Miller was the Articles Editor for the New York Law School Law Review.

### Blake R. Miller

Blake R. Miller is discovery counsel in Cohen Milstein's Consumer Protection practice. Mr. Miller has developed expertise in handling all aspects of discovery in complex litigation. He has extensive knowledge regarding data breach litigation, cyber security, and various fraudulent schemes large corporations commit against consumers, Including healthcare fraud.

Mr. Miller is currently litigating the following notable matters:

- In re: Marriott International Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation (D. Md.): Cohen Milstein is court appointed Consumer Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel to oversee a class action related to the data breach that compromised the personal data of nearly 400 million customers, making it one of the largest data breaches in U.S. history. On May 3, 2022, the Court granted class certification to eight classes of plaintiffs.
- In Re: Blackbaud, Inc., Customer Data Breach Litigation (D.S.C.): Cohen Milstein is court appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in this data breach class action in which Plaintiffs claim that Blackbaudfailed to take reasonable steps to prevent a data beach, starting in February 2020, and failed to promptly or accurately provide notice of the data breach to those affected.

Immediately prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Miller was a staff attorney at the United States Department of Justice, Civil Division, Consumer Protection Branch for nearly a decade. Prior to that he worked at the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and at the U.S. DOJ, Civil Rights Division, Special Litigation Section.

Mr. Miller earned his B.B.A. at University of Miami Herbert Business School. He earned his J.D. from Emory University School of Law.

# **Rebecca Ojserkis**

Rebecca Ojserkis is an associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Civil Rights & Employment Litigation practice.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Ojserkis was an associate at a highly regarded national plaintiffs' law firm, where she represented clients in employment discrimination cases, including Title VII and ADA-related cases, and other public interest matters.

Prior to working in private practice, Ms. Ojserkis was a Fellow at the ACLU, where she worked with the Women's Rights Project, Immigrants' Rights Project, and National Prison Project. She also clerked for the Honorable Diane P. Wood of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and the Honorable Sidney H. Stein of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Currently, Ms. Ojserkis is litigating the following notable matters:

 Salvation Army ARC Unpaid Wages Litigation: Cohen Milstein represents participants in Salvation Army's adult rehabilitation centers (ARC), who perform labor in support of the organization as a condition of their

- enrollment, in three lawsuits alleging that The Salvation Army violated federal and state laws when it failed to pay minimum wage to ARC workers.
- Bird, et al. v. Garland (D.D.C.): Cohen Milstein represents a putative class action of women who suffered systemic discrimination on the basis of sex when they were terminated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Basic Training program for new agents and intelligence analysts.
- Ndugga v. Bloomberg, L.P. (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein represents a putative class of women who work or have worked as reporters, producers and editors at Bloomberg Media, and have been subjected to gender discrimination in pay.

Ms. Ojserkis received her B.A., magna cum laude, from Amherst College. She received her J.D. from Yale Law School, where she served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal and engaged in litigation and advocacy as a member of the Veterans Legal Services Clinic, the Reproductive Rights and Justice Project, and the Liman Project.

Before pursuing a career in law, Ms. Ojserkis worked at Massachusetts General Hospital in the area of mental health.

# **Madelyn Petersen**

Madelyn Petersen is an associate in Cohen Milstein's Consumer Protection practice. Ms. Petersen's practice focuses on litigating class actions on behalf of consumers who have been misled, deceived or harmed by large corporations.

Prior to becoming an associate at Cohen Milstein, Ms. Petersen was a law fellow at the firm. In this role, she worked across practices and was involved in litigating individual and class action cases at the district and appellate levels.

Before that, Ms. Petersen was a law clerk to the Honorable William Dimitrouleas of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Ms. Petersen received her B.A. from University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She received her J.D. from Harvard Law School, where she was Managing Editor, Harvard Journal of Law and Gender and Online Content Editor for Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review. While in law school, Ms. Petersen was also a board member of the Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project and participated in Harvard Law School's International Human Rights Clinic. She was also a legal intern for the Corporate Accountability Lab, the Advancement Project, and Oxfam America.

### Kit A. Pierson

Kit A. Pierson is of counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice. Mr. Pierson has also had the honor of serving as co-chair of the Antitrust practice (2010-2017). Under his leadership, the Legal 500 recognized Cohen Milstein as a Leading Plaintiff Class Action Firm for seven consecutive years and Law360 selected the Antitrust practice as a Competition Law Practice Group of the Year in 2013 and 2014.

Mr. Pierson has served as lead or co-lead counsel in many of the nation's most significant antitrust class actions on behalf of the victims of corporations engaged in price-fixing, market monopolization and other unlawful conduct. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2009, he spent more than 20 years primarily representing defendants in a broad range of complex matters. Some of the companies he represented included Microsoft Corp., 3M Corp. and other major corporations, national associations and individuals in class actions and other antitrust litigation. As a result of his experience as a defense lawyer, Mr. Pierson possesses deep insight into defense strategies, understands the dynamics of the other side and is someone who has earned the respect and credibility of opposing counsel.

Mr. Pierson is a hands-on litigator who has litigated and tried antitrust lawsuits and other complex civil cases in many jurisdictions, helping to win settlements and judgments cumulatively totaling more than \$1.8 billion in the past several years. Currently, he is lead or co-lead counsel in many antitrust cases at the firm. Some of Mr. Pierson's

### recent successes include:

- Domestic Drywall Litigation (E.D. Pa.): Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in an antitrust litigation alleging
  that the seven major U.S. manufacturers of drywall conspired to manipulate prices. Mr. Pierson ran the case
  for Cohen Milstein and in 2015 took the lead for the direct purchaser plaintiffs in arguing against the
  defendants' summary judgment motions (which were denied by the Court for four of the five defendants).
  The Court granted final approval to settlements totaling \$190 million.
- Ductile Iron Pipe Fittings Litigation (D.N.J.): Cohen Milstein, as co-lead counsel, represented direct purchasers in a price-fixing class action against the three largest manufacturers of ductile iron pipe fittings—McWane Inc., Sigma Corporation and Star Pipe Products—and a monopolization case against McWane for excluding significant competition in the domestic ductile iron pipe fittings market. In May 2018 the Court granted final approval to the outstanding settlement, ending the litigation and bringing the total recovery to more than \$17.3 million.
- Cast Iron Soil Pipe & Fittings Litigation (E.D. Tenn.): Cohen Milstein, as co-lead counsel, represented direct
  purchasers against the two largest soil pipe and fittings manufacturers in the country (McWane Inc. and
  Charlotte Pipe & Foundry) and the trade association they control (Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute) in a class
  action alleging that the defendants engaged in a nationwide price-fixing conspiracy and other
  anticompetitive actions. Mr. Pierson directed the litigation team. In May 2017, the Court granted final
  approval of a \$30 million settlement.
- Urethanes (Polyether Polyols) Antitrust Litigation (D. Kan.): Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel for direct purchaser plaintiffs in an antitrust class action alleging a nationwide conspiracy to fix the prices of chemicals used to make polyurethane foam. Four defendants—Bayer, BASF, Huntsman and Lyondell—settled for a total of \$139.5 million, while the case against the fifth manufacturer, Dow Chemical, went to trial. After a four-week jury trial, in which Mr. Pierson was one of the trial lawyers for the class, the jury returned a \$400 million verdict for the plaintiffs, which was trebled under federal antitrust law to more than \$1 billion, the largest verdict in the country in 2013, as reported by The National Law Journal. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit affirmed the judgment, and the case against Dow Chemical was settled for \$835 while the matter was pending before the United States Supreme Court (resulting in a total recovery of \$974.5 million in the case).
- Community Health Care System Litigation: Cohen Milstein was co-counsel representing an emergency room doctor and nurse who brought claims against Community Health Care System under the False Claims Act for allegedly defrauding the federal government in connection with health care bills. Mr. Pierson led Cohen Milstein's team in the case which was resolved for \$94 million.
- Electronic Books Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging that Apple and five of the leading U.S. publishers conspired to raise the retail prices of e-books. Mr. Pierson led the Cohen Milstein team, which secured class certification, defeated motions to exclude the class expert, and successfully moved for exclusion of most of Apple's expert testimony. The five publishing defendants settled for \$166 million and a settlement was reached with Apple shortly before trial for an additional \$450 million.
- Guantanamo Litigation (D.D.C.): Mr. Pierson represented Alla Ali Bin Ali Ahmed, a young man who had been arrested with many others while residing in a house in Pakistan and was then incarcerated in Guantanamo without a judicial hearing for more than seven years. After filing a habeas corpus petition, Mr. Pierson represented Mr. Ahmed at a multi-day evidentiary hearing before a United States District Court judge. At the conclusion of the hearing, the District Court ruled that the evidentiary record did not support Mr. Ahmed's detention and ordered that he be released from Guantanamo and returned to his home country.

A champion for civil rights, he is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law, a national organization, and a Member of the ACLU of Maryland's Committee on Litigation and Legal Priorities. Mr. Pierson is also a Board member of the Washington Urban Debate League.

Mr. Pierson has taught Complex Litigation as an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law School (a class that focused primarily on legal, ethical and strategic issues presented by class action litigation) and Antitrust Class Actions as a Visiting Lecturer at Yale Law School (a class examining legal, ethical and strategic issues in antitrust class action litigation).

Mr. Pierson attended Macalester College, earning a B.A., magna cum laude, in Economics and Political Science, and graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, magna cum laude, where he was a Note Editor of the Michigan Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif. Following law school, he served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Harry T. Edwards, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, from 1983-1984 and as a law clerk for the Honorable Chief Judge John Feikens, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, from 1984-1985.

# Casey M. Preston

Casey M. Preston is of counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Whistleblower/False Claims Act practice. He represents whistleblowers across the country in qui tam actions brought under the False Claims Act against individuals and corporations that engage in fraudulent conduct that causes significant economic harm to federal and state government programs as well as taxpayers. He has significant experience in investigating, reporting, and prosecuting Medicare and Medicaid fraud schemes and also has substantial experience with other types of government fraud, including non-compliance with government contracts, Title IV federal student aid fraud, customs and tariff fraud, and sales of defective mortgages. He also represents individuals who report securities fraud, tax fraud, and customs fraud through federal whistleblower programs. In addition, Mr. Preston has significant experience handling complex commercial cases and securities litigation in courts across the U.S.

Some of Mr. Preston's current representations include:

- A sealed qui tam action against a drug manufacturer that allegedly induced physicians to prescribe its drugs by providing kickbacks in the form of free practice management and business advisory services.
- A sealed qui tam action against a drug company that is alleged to have violated the Anti-Kickback Statute by paying physicians to provide sham speaker programs to induce them to prescribe its drug.
- A sealed qui tam action alleging that a medical equipment supplier is selling unnecessary equipment and supplies to Medicare beneficiaries.
- A sealed action against a hospital system for overcharging Medicare for services furnished at its off-campus locations
- A SEC whistleblower program case reporting that a biotech company is misleading investors about the status of a groundbreaking technology that it claims to be developing.

Mr. Preston has played a key role in a number of successful cases, including:

- United States ex rel. Kieff v. Wyeth: A qui tam action alleging that drug manufacturer Wyeth overcharged the state Medicaid programs by not providing them the statutorily required "best price" for a widely prescribed drug. This action resulted in a recovery of more than \$780 million by the government.
- United States ex rel. O'Connor v. National Spine and Pain Centers, LLC: A qui tam action alleging that pain management practices defrauded the government health care programs by (a) billing for services furnished by physician assistants and nurse practitioners as "incident to" a physician's service when the services did not qualify as such, and (b) referring patients for unnecessary drug tests. The United States intervened in and settled this action for approximately \$3.3 million.
- United States ex rel. Davis v. Southern SNF Management, Inc.: A qui tam action against skilled nursing facilities that were involved in a multi-year scheme of increasing the facilities' Medicare collections by

assigning Medicare patients to levels of therapy far greater than medically appropriate and billing Medicare at the higher amounts associated with this unnecessary therapy. There was a \$10 million recovery by the government.

- United States ex rel. Saidiani v. NextCare, Inc.: A qui tam action against the NextCare chain of urgent care
  centers that allegedly billed the government for unnecessary medical tests and services performed on
  beneficiaries of the government health care programs. There was a \$10 million recovery by the government.
- United States ex rel. Rai v. Kool Smiles, P.C.: A qui tam action against the Kool Smiles pediatric dentistry chain for allegedly billing the state Medicaid programs for unnecessary dental procedures. There was a \$23.9 million recovery by the federal government and several states.
- [Sealed] v. [Sealed]: Successfully represented an investor in several commercial real estate LLCs in a fraud and breach of fiduciary duty action against the LLCs' manager.
- In re Fleming Cos. Inc. Securities Litigation: Represented stock and bondholders in a class action against grocery chain and food distributor Fleming Companies and its outside auditor that resulted in a \$94 million recovery for investors.
- In re Carreker Corp. Securities Litigation: Represented stockholders in a securities class action against a software company that resulted in a \$5.25 million recovery for investors.
- Staro Asset Management v. Provell Inc.: Represented a hedge fund in a securities fraud action against a marketing company through which the hedge fund secured a \$4 million recovery.
- In re Cigna Corp. Securities Litigation.: Represented a state pension fund in a securities class action against health insurer Cigna that resulted in a \$93 million recovery for stockholders.

In addition, Mr. Preston has provided pro bono services to the Legal Clinic for the Disabled and the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

Mr. Preston served as law clerk for the Hon. William J. Nealon, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the Hon. Terrence R. Nealon, Court of Common Pleas, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Preston received his B.S. from The Citadel and his J.D. from the Villanova University School of Law.

### Karina G. Puttieva

Karina G. Puttieva is an associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Consumer Protection practice. Ms. Puttieva's practice focuses on litigating class actions on behalf of consumers who have been misled, deceived or harmed by large corporations.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Puttieva was a litigation associate at a highly regarded national defense firm, where she focused on consumer data privacy issues, government investigations and criminal litigation, and civil litigation in the areas of antitrust, consumer fraud, and misappropriation of intellectual property.

Ms. Puttieva is currently litigating the following matters:

- DZ Reserve et al. v. Facebook (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein represents a putative class of advertisers who claim
  that Facebook's key advertising metrics (Potential Reach and Estimated Daily Reach) are inflated and
  misleading.
- General Motors Litigation (E.D. Mich.): Cohen Milstein is Lead Counsel and Chair of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, overseeing this consolidated consumer class action filed against GM in over 30 states. Plaintiffs allege that GM's eight-speed automatic transmissions (GM 8L90 and the 8L45) manufactured between 2015 and 2019 were defective.
- Brooks, et al. v. Thomson Reuters (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein is representing a class of putative plaintiffs who
  claim that Thomson Reuters's CLEAR platform not only surreptitiously collects vast quantities of
  Californians' personal data but then sells this information to third parties, including commercial and

government entities.

Ms. Puttieva was involved in the following successful matters:

• Facebook 2018 Data Breach Litigation (N.D. Cal.): On May 6, 2021, the Court granted final approval of an injunctive relief settlement in this data breach class action against Facebook, which requires Facebook to adopt, implement, and/or maintain a detailed set of security commitments for the next five years, which will be independently assessed by a third-party. Cohen Milstein was Co-Interim Class Counsel in this matter.

Ms. Puttieva earned her B.A., magna cum laude, from Haverford College and her J.D. from University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, where she was the Submissions Editor and Associate Editor of the Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law.

While attending law school, Ms. Puttieva was a judicial extern for the Honorable Christina A. Snyder of United States District Court for the Central District of California and she was a law clerk for the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California.

Prior to law school, Ms. Puttieva worked as a victim/witness coordinator at the Family Violence/Sexual Assault Unit of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.

### **Poorad Razavi**

Poorad Razavi is an attorney at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Complex Tort Litigation practice. Mr. Razavi's practice focuses on products liability, vehicle defects, roadway design and maintenance defects, trucking and car accidents, chemical exposure, negligent security, with a specific focus on multimillion dollar wrongful death and catastrophic injury suits.

Mr. Razavi represents clients in state and federal courts across the nation, including in Florida, California, Indiana, Ohio, Georgia, New York, Nevada, Michigan, Alabama, South Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, Washington D.C., and Tennessee. He has litigated claims against all of the major insurance carriers, as well as automobile, tire, and component part manufacturers, including General Motors, Toyota, Honda, Chrysler, Takata, and Continental, as well as highway guardrail manufacturers, installers and other contractors.

Mr. Razavi has also handled a broad range of non-traditional personal injury and wrongful death cases throughout the country, including claims involving chemical and pesticide exposure, chlorine gas exposure, mold exposure, construction defect, boating defect, negligent vehicle repairs, and negligent tractor-trailer operation.

What is particularly unique about Mr. Razavi's experience is his background as a former civil litigation defense attorney and his perspective into the mindset of insurance companies and corporate defendants. This background gives him a unique understanding about how to maximize the value of a claim in order to ensure that clients receive maximum compensation for their injuries.

Mr. Razavi also has extensive experience in claims against the Department of Transportation and private state contractors for roadway design and defects. He has litigated multiple roadway design and maintenance defect claims resulting in multimillion dollar settlements and subsequent installation and remediation of guardrails, repaving, curbing, and rehabilitation of roadways in multiple counties.

Currently, Mr. Razavi is litigating the following notable matters:

 Bernardo, et al. v. Pfizer, Inc., et al. (S.D. Fla.): On February 20, 2020, Cohen Milstein filed a false advertising, medical monitoring, and personal injury class action against Pfizer, Inc., Boehringer Ingelheim, Sanofi, and other pharmaceutical companies on behalf of multiple plaintiffs and putative class members across the United States. Mr. Razavi also has extensive experience in claims against the Department of Transportation and private state contractors for roadway design and defects. He has litigated multiple roadway design and maintenance defect claims resulting in multi-million dollar settlements and subsequent installation and remediation of guardrails, re-paving, curbing, and rehabilitation of roadways in multiple counties. States who, as a result of taking Zantac (ranitidine), may have been afflicted with cancer or may now be subject to an increased risk of developing cancer.

- Ratha, et al v Phatthana Seafood Co. (C.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein is representing seven Cambodian plaintiffs in a cross-border human rights lawsuit involving human trafficking, forced labor, involuntary servitude, and peonage by factories in Thailand that produce shrimp and seafood for export to the United States.
- ExxonMobil Aceh, Indonesia (D.D.C.): Cohen Milstein is representing eleven Indonesian citizens in a crossborder human rights lawsuit involving allegations of physical abuse, sexual assault, other forms of torture, and murder committed by Indonesian soldiers who were hired by Exxon Mobil Corporation.

Mr. Razavi has successfully litigated the following matters:

- Lindsay X-LITE Guardrail Litigation (State Crts.: Tenn., S.C.): Cohen Milstein successfully represented more
  than five families of decedents and victims of catastrophic injuries in a series of individual products liability,
  wrongful death and catastrophic injury lawsuits in Tennessee and South Carolina state courts against the
  Lindsay Corporation and several related entities for designing, manufacturing, selling, and installing
  defective, X-Lite guardrails on state roadways.
- Saori Yamauchi, et al. v. Toyota Motor Corporation, et al. (Cir. Crt., Dutchess Cty., N.Y.): Cohen Milstein and local New York co-counsel resolved a product liability and personal injury lawsuit against Toyota Motor Corporation, Autoliv, and related entities on behalf of Saori Yamauchi. Mrs. Yamauchi sustained a catastrophic injury during an accident in her Toyota Sienna as a result of the vehicle's airbag system deploying in a dangerous manner.
- Hand et al., v. Scott et.al. (N.D. Fla.): Cohen Milstein and Fair Elections Legal Network, a national voting rights organization, achieved a major victory on behalf of former felons in Florida, who claimed their constitutional rights had been infringed by Florida's Clemency Board. U.S. District Court Judge Mark E. Walker ruled that the process by which Florida's Clemency Board grants or denies former felons' restoration of voting rights applications is unconstitutionally arbitrary and violates the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment right of free association and free expression, as well as the Fourteenth Amendment
- Quinteros, et al v. DynCorp, et al. (D.D.C.): Cohen Milstein represented over 2,000 Ecuadorian farmers and
  their families who suffered physical injuries and property damage as a result of aerial spraying of toxic
  herbicides on or near their land by DynCorp, a U.S. government contractor. A bellwether trial on behalf of
  the first six Ecuadorian clients came to a conclusion in April 2017, when the ten-person jury unanimously
  determined that DynCorp was responsible for the conduct of the pilots with whom it had subcontracted to
  conduct the chemical spraying after April 2003. This resolution allowed for a successful case settlement.
- Staton v. Elite Auto Logistics, Inc. (M.D. Fla.): In July 2018, Cohen Milstein successfully settled this personal
  injury and negligence lawsuit against Elite Auto Logistics, Inc. The complaint alleged that the driver of Elite
  Auto Logistics tractor trailer truck was driving in an unsafe manner and his negligence caused an accident
  and the subsequent disabling injuries to our client.

Additionally, Mr. Razavi initiated the investigation and discovery of a major nation-wide vehicle airbag defect resulting in the filing of a subsequent class action against the world's largest automobile manufacturers, in which he was selected to the Interim Plaintiffs' Executive Committee.

Mr. Razavi has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America (2019, 2020, 2021) for Personal Injury Litigation. He is annually distinguished by Florida Super Lawyers (2010, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2021) and Florida Trend Magazine (2013, 2014, 2018, 2020, 2021), and Palm Beach Illustrated. Mr. Razavi is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Mr. Razavi is also a frequent writer and speaker. His articles have been published in Florida Justice Association's (FJA) Journal and the American Bar Association (ABA) Journal involving a variety of issues, including preservation of evidence, fighting against large corporations, as well as defective guardrail and roadway design. Annually, Mr. Razavi is invited to speak at FJA seminars, including "Identifying and Developing Roadway and Guardrail Defect Claims" at FJA's Advanced Trial Skills seminars, as well as speaking about the Use of Technology in litigation for the Palm Beach County Justice Association. In addition to his private practice, Mr. Razavi proudly serves the legal and local community, holding several prominent Palm Beach County Bar Association roles, including being appointed Co-Chair for the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Annual Bench Bar Conference in 2016 and an elected Board Member for the Palm Beach County Justice Association from 2015 through 2019.

Mr. Razavi graduated from Indiana University with a B.S. in International Business and Business Economics. He received his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and was a Merit Scholarship recipient.

### Nathaniel D. Regenold

Nathaniel Regenold is an associate in Cohen Milstein's Antitrust practice. He represents a broad range of individuals and businesses in civil litigation, with a focus on multi-district class actions and antitrust litigation.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Regenold clerked for the Honorable Paul L. Friedman of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and for the Honorable Jane Kelly of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Before that, Mr. Regenold was a litigation associate at a highly regarded global law firm where he focused on antitrust and other civil litigation matters.

Mr. Regenold earned his B.A., with College Honors, from Washington University in St. Louis. He earned his J.D., magna cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was the vice president of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, an executive editor of the Georgetown Law Journal, and a member of the Order of the Coif.

Prior to law school, Mr. Regenold served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia, where he taught high school math and science, and worked as a legal assistant with the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project in his home state of Arizona, providing legal assistance to detained adults facing threat of deportation.

Mr. Regenold is proficient in Spanish.

Mr. Regenold Is applying for admission to the District of Columbia bar and is currently working under the close supervision of the partners of the firm's Antitrust practice who are admitted to practice in the District of Columbia.

### **Megan Reif**

Megan Reif is a staff attorney in Cohen Milstein's Civil Rights & Employment practice. She assists in discovery and evidentiary-related aspects of litigation and deposition preparation.

Prior to becoming a staff attorney at Cohen Milstein, Ms. Reif was a Civil Rights & Employment Law Fellow at the firm.

Before joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Reif was a Fair Housing and Community Development Fellow at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. During her fellowship, she worked on litigation and fair housing policy work, including authoring Assessments of Fair Housing, which analyze demographic data, local policies, and relevantlaws to identify barriers to fair housing and potential solutions. As a Fellow, she also worked side-by-side with Cohen Milstein lawyers on Long Island Housing Services, Inc. v. NPS Holiday Square LLC (E.D.N.Y.).

Ms. Reif speaks frequently on fair housing issues, including on the panel "Gentrification, Affordable Housing and Eviction: Defining the Impacts on Low Income," as a part of Ecumenical Advocacy Days, 2019.

Ms. Reif received her B.A., summa cum laude, from the University of Iowa, and her J.D., cum laude, from Washington University School of Law, where she was the recipient of the F. Hodge O'Neal Corporate Law Award and the Media and Symposium Editor of Global Studies Law Review.

#### Takisha D. Richardson

Takisha D. Richardson is of counsel at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the Complex Tort Litigation practice and the Sexual Abuse, Sex Trafficking, and Domestic Violence team. Ms. Richardson focuses on representing child sexual abuse victims and adult survivors of sexual abuse.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Richardson was an Assistant State Attorney and Chief of the Special Victims Unit of the State Attorney's Office for Palm Beach County. She brings more than a decade of experience both as an attorney and as a supervisor of a team responsible for the prosecution of crimes against children and the elderly, and sexually motivated offenses. Prior to that role, she prosecuted felony cases at all levels and was an Assistant Public Defender.

In 2023, Ms. Richardson was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Ms. Richardson has vast trial experience. To date, she has tried over 100 jury and non-jury trials, most of which involved sexual abuse and/or homicide matters.

Currently, Ms. Richardson is litigating the following notable matters:

- Doe, et al. v. Washington Hebrew Congregation, et al. (D.D.C.): On April 15, 2019, Cohen Milstein, on behalf
  of the families of 11 children between the ages of three and four, filed a lawsuit against Washington Hebrew
  Congregation Edlavitch Tyser Early Childhood Center and its Director for failing to protect their children from
  sexual abuse by a preschool teacher over a two-year period.
- Doe v. Scores, et al. (Cir. Crt., Hillsborough Cnty., Fla.): On January 29, 2020, Cohen Milstein filed a lawsuit
  on behalf of a young woman against Scores Holding Company, Inc. and its affiliates for illegally employing
  her when she was a minor at one of its Florida locations, subjecting her to be sexual abuse and human
  trafficking.

Ms. Richardson's past successes include:

- Jimmy Dac Ho (Cir. Crt., Palm Beach Cnty., Fla.): Ms. Richardson helped prosecute and incarcerate a former law enforcement officer for first-degree murder and kidnapping (with a firearm) of a 29-year-old aspiring law school student from Boynton Beach, Florida.
- Stephen Budd (Cir. Crt., Palm Beach Cnty., Fla.): Ms. Richardson brought to trial a former fourth-grade teacher who was found guilty on five charges of sexual assault and sentenced to serve three consecutive life sentences on the first three charges and 15 years on each of the final two charges.
- Carlos Soto (Cir. Crt., Palm Beach Cnty., Fla.): Ms. Richardson successfully prosecuted this lawsuit involving sexual battery of a child. The bravery of the victim, who testified at trial, aided in the conviction of the defendant on all charges and who is serving 45 years in prison.
- Jorge Gonzalez (Cir. Crt., Palm Beach Cnty., Fla.): Ms. Richardson prosecuted the defendant, who is now serving a life sentence in prison, as a result of the seven-year-old victim bravely telling a family friend about being forced to receive inappropriate, sexual touching.

Ms. Richardson was a Fellow in the Florida Bar's Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Leadership Academy 2019-2020 class, a program designed to assist a select group of lawyers from across the state in becoming better leaders within the Bar and legal community. She is also the Chair of the Legislation Relations Subcommittee for the Florida Bar and Vice Chair of the Family Law Rules Committee for the Florida Bar

In 2021, Ms. Richardson was recognized as a "Best Lawyer – Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs" by The Best Lawyers in America, and in 2019, Ms. Richardson received the Daily Business Review's "Innovative Practice Areas" award which honors the firm's Sexual Abuse, Sex Trafficking and Domestic Violence team.

Ms. Richardson is a member of the Sex Abuse Response Team (SART), a countywide coalition responsible both for advocacy on behalf of victims of sexual abuse and for maintaining national Law Enforcement protocols.

Ms. Richardson attended Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University in Tallahassee Florida, where she received her B.S. in Political Science. She earned her J.D., from University of Florida's Frederic G. Levin College of Law, where she was the recipient of the Virgil Hawkins Scholarship.

While attending law school, Ms. Richardson was a member of the U.F. Trial Team where she earned the title Vice President of Intramural Competitions and a Final Four Trial Team Competitor. She served as Vice President of the U.F. Black Law Student's Association.

### Kai Richter

Kai Richter is of counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Employee Benefits/ERISA practice.

Mr. Richter has extensive trial and appellate experience in ERISA class action litigation in federal courts across the country. In 2023, Chambers USA named him a "Top Ranked" lawyer in ERISA Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs USA - Nationwide.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Richter was a partner and practice leader at a highly regarded national plaintiffs' law firm, where he represented clients in all manner of class actions, including over two dozen ERISA class actions as court-appointed class counsel.

Mr. Richter's experience also includes public service as the Manager of the Complex Litigation Division of the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, and as a litigator in the Office of General Counsel for the Federal Election Commission.

Mr. Richter is currently involved in several high-profile matters:

- AT&T Pension Benefit Plan Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein represents AT&T pension plan participants
  a lawsuit, alleging that they were deprived of accrued, vested pension benefits when they received their
  pension benefit in the form of a Joint and Survivor Annuity, resulting in their receiving less than the actuarial
  equivalent of their vested accrued benefits.
- Envision Management Holding, Inc. ESOP Litigation (D. Col.): Cohen Milstein represents Envision Management Holding ESOP participants in a lawsuit in connection with the sale of Envision Management Holding, Inc. to the ESOP at an inflated price, which caused a multi-million-dollar loss to the ESOP.
- Luxottica Group Pension Plan Litigation (E.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein represents Luxottica pension plan participants in a lawsuit, alleging that the plan used outdated mortality tables to determine the value of participants' joint and survivor annuities, resulting in married retirees receiving less than the actuarial equivalent of the benefit that ERISA protects.
- Nationwide Savings Plan Litigation (S.D. Ohio): Cohen Milstein represents participants in the Nationwide

Savings Plan in a lawsuit, alleging that Nationwide improperly set its own compensation, earned impermissible profits at the expense of its employees, and exposed its employees' retirement savings to undue risk.

- New York Life 401(k) Plan Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein represents employees in a lawsuit against New York Life, which alleges corporate self-dealing and the prohibited transfer of employees' retirement assets to defendants at the expense of the retirement savings of New York Life employees and agents.
- Western Milling ESOP Litigation (E.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein represents participants and beneficiaries of the Western Milling Employee Stock Ownership Plan, who allege that the ESOP's trustees breached their fiduciary duties under ERISA In connection with the purchase of Kruse-Western, Inc. company stock.

A sought-after public speaker, Mr. Richter has spoken frequently on ERISA before the American Law Institute, American Bar Association, Professional Liability Underwriting Society, Retirement Advisor Council, Practising Law Institute, and American Conference Institute.

In addition, Mr. Richter has held teaching roles as the Co-Director of the Robert F. Wagner Labor Law Moot Court Program for the University of Minnesota Law School, and as an adjunct legal writing instructor at Hamline University. He also formerly served as the Co-Chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association Consumer Litigation Section.

Mr. Richter received his B.A., cum laude, from Dartmouth College, and his received his J.D., cum laude, from University of Minnesota Law School.

#### Raymond M. Sarola

Raymond M. Sarola is of counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Whistleblower/False Claims Act and the Ethics and Fiduciary Counseling practices. He represents whistleblowers in qui tam cases brought under the federal and state False Claims Act statutes in industries that conduct business with the government, including health care, defense, and financial services. As a member of the firm's Ethics and Fiduciary Counseling practice, Mr. Sarola calls on his experience as a trustee on the New York City pension fund boards in counseling public pension funds fiduciary issues.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Sarola served as Senior Policy Advisor & Counsel in the Mayor's Office of the City of New York, where he represented the Mayor and Commissioner of Finance on the boards of the City's pension systems and deferred compensation plan and advised on legal issues regarding pension investments, benefit payments, securities litigation and corporate governance initiatives. Previously, Mr. Sarola was a litigation associate at a noted defendants' firm, where he focused on securities, antitrust, and other complex commercial litigation, and internal investigations.

Mr. Sarola's government service and corporate defense litigation experience has been invaluable to his role in counseling clients in their claims against the government and corporate entities.

Mr. Sarola has been involved in high-profile whistleblower cases including:

- United States et al., ex rel. Lauren Kieff, v. Wyeth: Mr. Sarola assisted in this qui tam action against the
  pharmaceutical company Wyeth, resulting in a \$784.6 million settlement, the seventh-largest False Claims
  Act recovery on record.
- United States ex rel. Davis, et al. v. Southern SNF Management, Inc. et al.: Mr. Sarola was actively involved
  in this qui tam case in which the whistleblowers alleged the skilled nursing facilities in which they worked
  were involved in a multi-year scheme to increase the facilities' Medicare reimbursement by assigning
  Medicare patients to levels of therapy far greater than medically appropriate and billing Medicare at the
  higher amounts associated with this unnecessary therapy. The government recovered \$10 million from the

defendants.

Some of Mr. Sarola's current representations include:

- A sealed qui tam action against a healthcare company alleging that it performed medically unnecessary procedures on patients covered by Medicare and Medicaid.
- A sealed qui tam action against healthcare companies alleging that they denied necessary treatment to patients in violation of Medicare regulations.
- Multiple qui tam actions alleging the unnecessary provision of skilled therapy in nursing homes.
- A sealed qui tam action alleging fraud in the bidding for a public contract.
- A sealed qui tam action against a provider of telehealth services alleging overbilling and underprovision of healthcare services.
- A sealed qui tam action against a healthcare company for allegedly defrauding the government's Electronic Health Record Incentive Programs.
- Sealed qui tam actions against pharmaceutical companies alleging that they overcharged the government healthcare programs for brand-name drugs.
- Submissions under the Securities and Exchange Commission Whistleblower Program and the Internal Revenue Service Whistleblower Program alleging securities and tax fraud against major financial services companies and other entities.
- Submissions under the SEC and Commodity Futures Trading Commission Whistleblower Programs alleging violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the Commodity Exchange Act.

Mr. Sarola has published articles on whistleblower issues, including the use of statistical sampling to prove large fraud cases. He has also published and spoken at conferences on pension fund fiduciary issues, in particular the SEC's pay-to-play rule. He is a member of Taxpayers Against Fraud, a nonprofit, public interest organization dedicated to combating fraud against the Federal Government through the promotion and use of the False Claims Act.

In addition, Mr. Sarola was part of the Cohen Milstein team that successfully represented the estate of Kirsten Englund in a wrongful death case of first impression in Oregon state court and nationally, addressing the legal liability for federally licensed firearms dealers involved in online straw sales. The landmark settlement (October 2018) establishes important legal precedent at the state and federal levels regarding gun dealer responsibility for online sales of firearms. Given the precedential significance of this lawsuit, Cohen Milstein was named to The National Law Journal's "2019 Pro Bono Hot List" and won Public Justice Foundation's "2019 Trial Lawyer of the Year

– Finalist" award. Mr. Sarola was a co-author of "INSIGHT: Holding Firearms Dealers Accountable for Online Straw Sales," Bloomberg Law (December 19, 2018), which discussed this case and won a 2019 Burton Award for Distinguished Legal Writing.

Mr. Sarola received his B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and earned his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he also earned a Certificate of Study in Business and Public Policy from the Wharton School. While in law school, he was a Summer Intern for the Honorable Clarence Newcomer, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

#### Brendan Schneiderman

Brendan Schneiderman is an associate in Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice, where he represents institutional and individual shareholders in derivative lawsuits and securities class actions.

Prior to becoming an associate at Cohen Milstein, Mr. Schneiderman was a Law Fellow at the firm where he worked across practices and was involved in litigating individual and class action cases at the district and appellate levels.

Mr. Schneiderman Is Involved In the following high-profile cases:

- Chahal v. Credit Suisse Grp. AG, et al. (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is Co-Lead Counsel in this putative securities class action alleging fraud and market manipulation of XIV Exchange Traded Note market.
- Bristol-Myers Squibb CVR Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is Lead Counsel in this securities class action arising from Bristol Myers' alleged subversion of the FDA approval process for the cancer therapy Liso-cel for the purpose of avoiding a \$6.4 billion payment to holders of contingent value rights (CVRs).

Mr. Schneiderman also has an active pro bono practice. High-profile cases Include:

• Lewis, et al v. Cain, et al. (M.D. La.): Cohen Milstein represents a certified class of more than 6,000 incarcerated individuals in a lawsuit filed against the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, LA, the largest maximum-security prison in the country, and the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections for deficient and discriminatory medical care in violation of the Eighth Amendment, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Rehabilitation Act.

Mr. Schneiderman received his B.A., magna cum laude, from Pomona College and his J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he was the Executive Technical Editor and Article Selection Editor for Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, and a member of the People's Parity Project.

During law school, Mr. Schneiderman participated in several legal internships, including a summer internship at Cohen Milstein.

Prior to pursuing a legal career, Mr. Schneiderman was a consultant at an energy regulatory, economics and advocacy consulting firm.

#### Jacob Schutz

Jacob Schutz is an associate in Cohen Milstein's Employee Benefits/ERISA practice. In this role, Mr. Schutz represents the interests of employees, retirees, plan participants and beneficiaries in ERISA class-action lawsuits across the country.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Schutz was an associate for several years at a highly regarded national plaintiffs' law firm, where he represented clients in employee benefits/ERISA class actions.

Mr. Schutz received his B.A., summa cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania. He received his J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of Minnesota Law School, where he was a notes and articles editor for the ABA Journal of Labor & Employment Law and a member of the Order of the Coif. While at law school, he published the note: Association Discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act: The Case of Dependent Healthcare Costs, 27 ABA J. Lab. & Emp. L. 485.

#### Aniko R. Schwarcz

Aniko R. Schwarcz is an attorney in Cohen Milstein's Civil Rights & Employment practice where she serves as director of case development. She investigates and develops new cases involving the antidiscrimination provisions of Title VII, the Equal Pay Act, the Affordable Care Act and the Fair Housing Act, as well as wage theft issues under the Fair Labor Standards Act and state law.

With over a decade of experience in employment law, interviewing and working with clients and witnesses and

assessing the legal claims of prospective class members, Ms. Schwarcz directs and oversees the intake and evaluation of the firm's civil rights-related inquiries and case referrals. She also onboards, educates, and supports clients throughout the class action litigation process, from investigation through resolution.

Ms. Schwarcz's multi-disciplinary training and experience contribute to her unique insight and broad capacity for understanding both the social-emotional and economic effects of workplace discrimination on her clients.

Representative Clients, Investigations, and Litigation:

- Female Retail Employees Investigation of pregnancy and gender-based discrimination in violation of the Equal Pay Act and Title VII.
- LGBTQ+ Employees Investigation into denial of coverage for gender affirming healthcare.
- Detained Immigrants Investigation into wage theft at Federal administrative detention facility.
- Individuals Seeking Treatment for Substance Use Disorder Investigation into wage theft at adult rehabilitation centers.

She also represents others including non-profit organizations, in conducting internal workplace investigations.

Ms. Schwarcz played a key role in Jock, et al. v. Sterling Jewelers Inc. (A.A.A.; S.D.N.Y.), a nationwide Title VII gender discrimination and Equal Pay Act case, which parties agreed to settle in 2022. Ms. Schwarcz interviewed and collected affidavits from hundreds of the company's retail workers, which were produced in support of the team's successful motion for class certification. Ms. Schwarcz also interviewed and filed hundreds of EEOC charges on behalf of former class members in Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Schwarcz was a Social Work Fellow in Advocacy Programs at the Alliance for Justice.

Ms. Schwarcz attended Vanderbilt University, graduating with honors and earned her J.D. from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. She also holds a Masters of Social Work from the University of Maryland.

#### **Richard A. Speirs**

Richard A. Speirs is of counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice. Mr. Speirs is principally responsible for developing and litigating the firm's derivative and merger-related lawsuits. He has also worked on many of the mortgage-backed securities fraud cases that were successfully litigated by the firm.

Mr. Speirs has been involved in the following notable settlements:

- FirstEnergy Shareholder Derivative Litigation (S.D. Ohio; N.D. Ohio): Cohen Milstein represented the
  Massachusetts Laborers Pension Fund in two shareholder derivative actions against certain current and
  former officers and directors and nominal defendant FirstEnergy related to the Company's involvement in
  Ohio's largest public bribery schemes. On August 23, 2022, the Court granted final approval of a \$180 million
  global settlement of all shareholder derivative cases.
- Boeing Derivative Litigation (N.D. III.; Del. Ch.): Cohen Milstein served as sole lead counsel in a federal derivative case brought by the Seafarers Pension Plan against The Boeing Company's directors and officers arising out of the 737 MAX crashes and alleging federal proxy statement violations in connection with director elections. After the case was dismissed on forum non conveniens grounds, Plaintiffs successfully argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, obtaining a 2-to1, precedent-setting decision reversing the district court's dismissal of the case based on enforcement of Boeing's forum selection

- bylaw. The derivative action ultimately settled, along with a companion class action filed by the Seafarers in Delaware Chancery Court after the district court's dismissal and challenging the bylaw under Delaware law, for corporate governance reforms valued in excess of \$100 million and a \$6.25 million payment by the Directors' insurers to the Company.
- In re Alphabet Shareholder Derivative Litigation (Sup. Crt. Cal., Santa Clara Cnty.): Cohen Milstein, as Co-Lead Counsel, represented Northern California Pipe Trades Pension Plan and Teamsters Local 272 Labor Management Pension Fund in a shareholder derivative lawsuit against the Board of Directors of Alphabet, Inc. Shareholders alleged that the tech giant's Board violated its fiduciary duty by enabling a double standard at Alphabet that allowed powerful executives to sexually harass and discriminate against women without consequence. On November 30, 2020, the Court granted final approval of a historic settlement, including a \$310 million commitment to fund diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives at Alphabet-owned companies, and workplace and corporate governance reforms including limiting non-disclosure agreements and ending mandatory arbitration in sexual harassment, gender discrimination, and retaliation-related disputes.
- Wynn Resorts, Ltd. Derivative Litigation (Eighth Jud. Dist. Crt., Clark Cnty., Nev.): Cohen Milstein represented New York State Common Retirement Fund and the New York City Pension Funds as Lead Counsel in a derivative shareholder lawsuit against certain officers and directors of Wynn Resorts, Ltd., arising out of their failure to hold Mr. Wynn, the former CEO and Chairman of the Board, accountable for his longstanding pattern of sexual abuse and harassment of company employees. In March 2020, the Court granted final approval of a \$90 million settlement in the form of cash payments and landmark corporate governance reforms, placing it among the largest, most comprehensive derivative settlements in history.
- Intuitive Surgical Inc. Derivative Litigation (Sup. Crt., Cal.): Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in a now settled derivative action against the company's directors and officers, asserting breaches of fiduciary duties and insider trading claims in connection with concealing regulatory compliance problems and safety defects in the company's flagship product, the da Vinci robotic surgery system.
- Ocwen Financial Corp. Derivative Litigation (D.V.I.): Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in a derivative action alleging that Ocwen's board of directors breached their fiduciary duties by permitting a pervasive scheme of wrongdoing in violation of applicable federal and state consumer financial protection laws. The defendants had exposed Ocwen to substantial harm by concealing failures with respect to the Company's compliance with regulations governing the servicing of mortgage loans, failing to establish adequate internal controls, permitting former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer to be involved in a series of improper self-dealing transactions and allowing insiders to trade on material adverse information. The litigation resulted in a settlement involving the adoption of significant corporate governance measures.
- Bear Stearns Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): \$505 million settlement by JPMorgan Chase & Co. to settle a class action litigation arising from Bear Stearns' sale of \$27.2 billion of mortgagebacked securities that proved defective during the U.S. housing and financial crises.
- RALI MBS Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): \$335 million settlement with Citigroup, Goldman Sachs and UBS. Cohen
  Milstein was lead counsel in a class action litigation alleging RALI and its affiliates sold shoddy MBS securities
  that did not meet the standards of their underwriters. Mr. Speirs was a critical member of the team of
  litigators, conducting fact discovery, deposing economic experts and preparing witnesses.
- Harborview MBS Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): \$275 million settlement with Royal Bank of Scotland. Cohen Milstein
  was lead counsel in a complex case, in which presiding Judge Loretta A. Preska, of the U.S. District Court,
  Southern District of New York, commented on the "job well done" by the Cohen Milstein team.
- NovaStar Mortgage Backed Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): \$165 million settlement on behalf of investors in
  a Securities Act litigation involving billions of dollars of mortgage-backed securities underwritten by the
  Royal Bank of Scotland, Wachovia and Deutsche Bank.
- HEMT MBS Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): \$110 million settlement on behalf of investors in mortgage-backed securities issued and underwritten by Credit Suisse after more than seven years of litigation, which included the first written decision certifying a Securities Act class of mortgage-backed securities in the country.
- Sino-Forest Corp. Securities Litigation (Sup. Crt., New York Cnty., N.Y.): Cohen Milstein served as lead counsel for U.S. investors in securities fraud class action brought on behalf of investors in Sino-Forest Corp., a

Canadian corporation, which achieved \$150 million in settlements from numerous defendants.

He is currently litigating the following cases:

- XL Fleet (Pivotal) Stockholder Litigation (Del. Ch.): Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a stockholder action
  against XL Fleet and certain current and former officers and directors. The action alleges that XL Fleet and
  Pivotal entered into a de-SPAC transaction harmful to stockholders.
- Nikola Corporation Derivative Litigation (Del. Ch.): Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a shareholder derivative action against Trevor Milton, the founder and former CEO and Executive Chairman of Nikola Corporation, a zero-emissions vehicle startup company, and certain other current and former directors and officers of Nikola. The action alleges that Milton engaged in an ongoing criminal fraud involving the dissemination of materially false and misleading statements regarding Nikola's business, technology and expected financial performance to Nikola stockholders and the public. The action further alleges that Nikola and VectolQ entered into a de-SPAC transaction harmful to stockholders.
- Virgin Galactic Holdings, Inc. Derivative Litigation (E.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein filed a shareholder derivative
  action against Richard Branson, the founder and controlling stockholder of Virgin Galactic, a commercial
  space start-up company, and certain other current and former officers and directors of Virgin Galactic. The
  action alleges insider trading against Branson and others based on sales of stock while in possession of
  negative information concerning the safety of the company's commercial space vehicles and the success of
  test flights.
- Zucker, et al. v. Bowl America, Inc., et al. (D. Md.): Cohen Milstein represents shareholders of Bowl America, Inc., who allege that the board of directors of Bowlero Corp., orchestrated a merger that was unfair, misleading and grossly Inadequate, forcing the sale of Bowl America at a fire sale price. On October 11, 2022, the court denied in part defendants' motion to dismiss and the case is currently in discovery.

In a career spanning more than 35 years, Mr. Speirs has been lead or co-lead attorney in a number of securities class actions where the court has issued an important decision under the federal securities laws. Among the issues decided were the improper grouping of unaffiliated investors in a lead plaintiff motion (In re Telxon Corp. Securities Litigation (N.D. Ohio 1999)); recommendation of default sanction against auditing firm for discovery misconduct involving electronic audit work papers (Hayman v. PriceWaterhouseCoopers (N.D. Ohio 2004)); and liability under Section 10(b) of a non-issuer for disclosures made by the issuer (In re BP Prudhoe Bay Royalty Trust Securities Litigation (W.D. Wash. 2007)).

Mr. Speirs has appeared on numerous panels and legal events to discuss securities fraud and investor protection. He attended Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, where he received a B.A., cum laude, and earned his J.D. at Brooklyn Law School, where he earned the Order of the Coif.

#### Harini Srinivasan

Harini Srinivasan is an associate in Cohen Milstein's Civil Rights & Employment Litigation practice.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Srinivasan was an associate at a highly respected plaintiff-focused employment litigation firm, where she represented clients in employment discrimination cases involving claims under Title VII, the Age Discrimination Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and state and federal wage theft statutes.

Prior to working in private practice, Ms. Srinivasan was a Georgetown Law Center Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow and worked at the National Partnership for Women & Families.

Ms. Srinivasan Is working on the following notable cases:

- Harris, et al. v. Medical Transportation Management, Inc. (D.D.C.): Cohen Milstein represents nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) drivers in a certified class action alleging that their employer, Medical Transportation Management, Inc. (MTM), knowingly and willfully failed to pay proper wages to its NEMT drivers across Washington, D.C. This lawsuit seeks to hold MTM liable as a joint employer of the drivers.
- Talarico, et al. v. Public Partnerships, LLC (E.D. Pa.): Cohen Milstein is leading a conditionally certified collective action of more than 4,900 past and present "direct care" workers, who provide home care for individuals with disabilities, for denied overtime wages. The case involves novel joint employer issues.
- Allen, et al. v. AT&T Mobility Services LLC (N.D. Ga.): Cohen Milstein and the ACLU Women's Rights Project
  represent former AT&T Mobility sales representatives in a novel pregnancy discrimination class action
  alleging that AT&T Mobility's "point" system for tardiness or absenteeism violates the Pregnancy
  Discrimination Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, and Family and Medical Leave Act, among others.
- Temporary Employment Staffing Agency Litigation (N.D. III.): Cohen Milstein is involved in a series of race-based discrimination class actions in Chicago, representing African-American laborers who allege that their temporary staffing agencies and their factory-clients engaged in a repeated and collusive practice of excluding African Americans from temporary laborer positions.

Ms. Srinivasan was involved in the following high-profile cases:

- Jock, et al. v. Sterling Jewelers Inc. (A.A.A.; S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein represented a certified class of more than 69,000 female employees of Sterling Jewelers, one of the nation's largest jewelry chains, in a nationwide Title VII gender discrimination and Equal Pay Act class arbitration. Claimants alleged that they were subjected to a pattern of gender-based pay and promotions discrimination. On November 15, 2022, the Arbitrator granted final approval of a \$175 million settlement.
- Alvarez et al. v. Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. et al. (D.N.J.): Cohen Milstein represented a class of managerial apprentices at Chipotle Mexican Grill restaurants in New Jersey who were denied the overtime pay to which they were entitled under federal and state law, including the newly enacted 2016 Overtime Rule, which was slated to take effect in December 2016 and would have doubled the salary threshold for executive, administrative and professional workers to be exempt from overtime pay requirements. On September 20, 2021, the Court approved a \$15 million settlement against Chipotle to resolve the class claims and end the lawsuit.

Ms. Srinivasan has authored and co-authored several articles for Law360 and Corporate Compliance Insight.

Ms. Srinivasan received her B.A., with honors, from the University of Chicago, and she received her J.D., cum laude, from American University Washington College of Law, where she was on the editorial staff of the American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy.

#### Nada S. Sulaiman

Nada S. Sulaiman is a staff attorney at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice where she assists in discovery and evidentiary-related aspects of litigation and deposition preparation.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Sulaiman was an associate and staff attorney at two highly regarded defense law firms in the area of antitrust litigation.

Ms. Sulaiman's case work includes the following high-profile matters:

• In re Interest Rate Swaps Market Manipulation Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is court appointed Co-Lead Counsel in this groundbreaking putative class action, charging 12 Wall Street banks with conspiring to

- engineer and maintain a collusive and anti-competitive stranglehold over the interest rate swaps market one of the world's biggest financial markets.
- Stock Lending Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is co-leading an antitrust class action alleging that major investment banks conspired to prevent the stock lending market from evolving by boycotting and interfering with various platforms and services designed to increase transparency and reduce costs in the stock lending market.
- Sutter Health Antitrust Litigation (Sup. Crt., San Fran. Cnty., Cal.): On August 27, 2021, the Court granted final approval of a \$575 million eve-of-trial settlement, which includes significant injunctive relief, in this closely watched antitrust class action against Sutter Health, one of the largest healthcare providers in California, for restraining hospital competition through anticompetitive contracting practices with insurance companies. Cohen Milstein was one of five firms that litigated this case since 2014 on behalf of a certified class of self-insured employers and union trust funds. California's Attorney General joined the suit in March 2018.

Outside of the practice of law, Ms. Sulaiman is a regular volunteer at Earth Sanga, a not-for profit native plant nursery.

Ms. Sulaiman is a graduate of George Washington University, where she received a B.A., magna cum laude, in International Affairs. She earned her J.D., cum laude, from Villanova University.

#### Daniel R. Sutter

Daniel R. Sutter is an associate in Cohen Milstein's Employee Benefits/ERISA practice. He represents the interests of employees, retirees, plan participants and beneficiaries in ERISA cases across the country. Since 2022, Chambers USA has named Mr. Sutter an "Associate to Watch" in ERISA Litigation - Mainly Plaintiffs. In 2023, The National Law Journal named him a "Rising Star."

Prior to becoming an associate at Cohen Milstein, Mr. Sutter served as a Legal Fellow in the firm's Employee Benefits practice, where he investigated, developed, and drafted complaints against major financial institutions for ERISA violations. Before that, Mr. Sutter worked at Cohen Milstein as a law clerk (2013-2016) and as an analyst (2010-2016), where he researched and aided in the development potential cases for a number of practices.

Mr. Sutter is currently litigating the following high-profile matters:

- AT&T Pension Benefit Plan Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein represents participants and beneficiaries in the AT&T Pension Benefit Plan who allege that AT&T failed comply with ERISA's actuarial equivalence requirements when providing married participants joint and survivor annuities.
- Triad Manufacturing, Inc. ESOP Litigation (N.D. III.): Cohen Milstein represents participants and beneficiaries in the Triad Manufacturing ESOP who allege that the ESOP trustees breached their fiduciary duties in connection with the sale of Triad Manufacturing to the ESOP. In September 2021, the Seventh Circuit, in a precedent-setting decision, cited an exception to the Federal Arbitration Act that permits a court to overrule an arbitration agreement if it blocks a party from being able to bring claims under federal law. As a result of this decision, Cohen Milstein and co-counsel were recognized in The American Lawyer as "Litigators of the Week."
- Western Global Airlines ESOP Litigation (D. Del.): Cohen Milstein represents employees in connection challenging the valuation of Western Global Airlines at approximately \$1.3 billion based on the sale of 37.5% of the Company to the ESOP for \$510 million. The lawsuit seeks to restore substantial losses to the ESOP and to disgorge all ill-gotten gains received by the Neff family.
- New York Life 401(k) Plan Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein represents employees in a lawsuit against New York Life which alleges corporate self-dealing and the prohibited transfer of employees' retirement

- assets to Defendants at the expense of the retirement savings of New York Life employees and agents.
- Nationwide Savings Plan Litigation (S.D. Oh.): Cohen Milstein represents employees in a lawsuit against Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company for its prohibited transfer of employees' retirement assets into its general account.

Mr. Sutter was also significantly involved in the following high-profile successes:

- Becker v. Wells Fargo & Co. et al. (D. Minn.): Cohen Milstein recently achieved a \$32.5 million settlement prior to class certification and expert discovery. If approved, the settlement will recover 40% of estimated damages.
- BlackRock 401(k) Plan Litigation (N.D.Cal.): Cohen Milstein represented participants in the BlackRock 401(k)
  Plan, who allege that the Plan fiduciaries violated their duties under ERISA by investing employees' 401(k)
  savings almost exclusively in BlackRock proprietary funds and by using BlackRock subsidiaries to broker
  securities lending deals using the Plan's assets. In November 2021, the court granted final approval of a
  \$9.65 million settlement.

Mr. Sutter attended George Washington University, graduating with a B.A. in Finance in 2010. He earned his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School in 2016. During law school, he was a member of the Federal Circuit Bar Journal, and he also worked as a law clerk at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Legal Division, over the summer of 2015. He also studied at the London School of Economics.

#### Steven J. Toll

Steven J. Toll is a partner at Cohen Milstein and co-chair of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice. He guides the firm's mediation efforts and strategy and has been lead or principal counsel on some of the most high-profile stock fraud lawsuits in the past 30 years, arguing important matters before the highest courts in the country.

Mr. Toll has built a distinguished career and reputation as a fierce advocate of the rights of shareholders and has guided mediation efforts on the firm's largest and most important matters (both securities fraud and other consumer type cases), a role in which he has earned the trust of mediators, as well as the respect of defense counsel. Mr. Toll has been involved in settling some of the most important mortgage-backed securities (MBS) class-action lawsuits in the aftermath of the financial crisis, including: Countrywide Financial Corp., which settled for \$500 million in 2013; Residential Accredited Loans Inc. (RALI), which settled for \$335 million in 2014; Harborview MBS, which settled for \$275 million, also in 2014; and Novastar MBS, which settled for \$165 million in 2019. He also negotiated a \$90 million settlement of a suit against MF Global.

Among Mr. Toll's important cases is the Harman class action suit, where Mr. Toll argued and won an important ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The Circuit Court reinstated the suit against electronics maker Harman International Industries; the ruling is significant in that it places limits on the protection allowed by the safe harbor rule for forward-looking statements. A \$28.25 million settlement was achieved in this action in 2017.

Mr. Toll was also co-lead counsel in the BP Securities class action securities fraud lawsuit that arose from the devastating Deepwater oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the certification of the class of investors alleged to have been injured by BP's misrepresenting the amount of oil spilling into the Gulf of Mexico, and thus minimizing the extent of the cost and financial impact to BP of the clean-up and resulting damages. In February 2017, the court granted final approval to a \$175 million settlement reached between BP and lead plaintiffs for the "post-explosion" class.

Mr. Toll was co-lead counsel in the consumer class action suit against Lumber Liquidators, a lawsuit that alleges the Page **115** of **120** 

nationwide retailer sold Chinese-made laminate flooring containing hazardous levels of the carcinogen formaldehyde while falsely labeling their products as meeting or exceeding California emissions standards, a story that was profiled twice on 60 Minutes in 2015. In October 2018, the court granted final approval to a settlement of \$36 million between Lumber Liquidators and plaintiffs.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Toll has received numerous industry recognitions for his work. Most recently, in 2019, The National Law Journal and The Trial Lawyer named him one of "America's 50 Most Influential Trial Lawyers." In 2018 and 2019, Mr. Toll was named a Legal 500 "Leading Lawyer – Securities Litigation." In 2018, he was named Law360's "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar." In 2017, he was named Law360's "MVP – Class Actions," in 2015, he was named Law360's "MVP – Securities," and since 2014, he has been perennially named to the Lawdragon 500, which recognizes the 500 leading lawyers in America. He is also annually recognized as a Super Lawyer in Securities Litigation and Class Action/Mass Torts.

Mr. Toll writes and speaks extensively on securities litigation and investor protection issues. His articles have appeared in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation and Cohen Milstein's Shareholder Advocate.

Mr. Toll has provided a great deal of pro bono legal work during a career at Cohen Milstein that spans more than three decades. In addition, he has been an active supporter of Children's Hospital National Medical Center for decades, setting up an endowment in his daughter's name to help the Hospital's leukemia patients and their families (his daughter passed away from leukemia in 1987), plus more recently establishing regular programs for music and laughter for the children during their hospital stays.

Mr. Toll is a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, earning a B.S., cum laude, and received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was Special Project Editor of The Tax Lawyer.

#### Claire L. Torchiana

Claire Torchiana is an associate in Cohen Milstein's Consumer Protection practice. Ms. Torchiana's practice focuses on litigating class actions on behalf of consumers who have been misled, deceived or harmed by large corporations.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Torchiana was an attorney focused on student loan debt at the Student Borrower Protection Center and Housing and Economic Rights Advocates, two of the country's leading consumer protection advocacy organizations.

Ms. Torchiana earned her B.A. with Distinction from Stanford University and her J.D., with High Pro Bono Distinction from Stanford Law School. While at law school, she was a senior and executive editor of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

During law school, Ms. Torchiana participated in several legal internships, including the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, the National Housing Law Project, and the California Department of Justice, Office of Attorney General.

Ms. Torchiana is fluent In French.

Ms. Torchiana is admitted only in California. She is currently working under the close supervision of partners of the firm who are admitted to practice in New York.

#### **Catherine A. Torell**

Catherine A. Torell is the director of securities research and analysis at Cohen Milstein and a member of the

Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice. She has the exclusive role of analyzing every securities case that is brought to the firm.

Ms. Torell is also responsible for thoroughly researching the factual and legal merits of all of the federal securities fraud class actions filed in the United States. Based on her research, she generates written analyses to evaluate the merits of each case for the firm's Case Evaluation Committee and assesses the potential importance of the case to the firm's clients. As a result, she has played an integral role in helping to cultivate and significantly expand Cohen Milstein's investor client base.

Ms. Torell also prepares the written analyses that are sent to the firm's institutional clients. Those analyses describe and evaluate the merits of the cases in which those clients have sustained substantial losses and include a recommendation as to whether the firm believes the client should pursue a lead plaintiff role in the case.

Prior to focusing exclusively on her current role, Ms. Torell also actively participated in many of the firm's notable securities class actions, including In re Parmalat Securities Litigation 376 F. Supp. 2d 472 (S.D.N.Y. 2005).

Ms. Torell has been practicing law for more than 25 years. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Torell was counsel at a number of prominent plaintiffs' class action firms, serving in co-lead and leadership positions in numerous successful class action cases that resulted in settlements collectively totaling hundreds of millions of dollars for the clients she represented. She served as a co-lead counsel in In re Providian Financial Securities Litigation, which resulted in a \$38 million settlement. In approving the settlement, the Court remarked on the "extremely high quality" and "skill and efficiency" of plaintiffs' counsel's work throughout the litigation.

Ms. Torell attended Stony Brook University, receiving a B.A., magna cum laude, in Political Science, and earned her J.D. from St. John's University School of Law, where she was the recipient of the Federal Jurisprudence Award.

#### Lyzette M. Wallace

Lyzette Wallace is discovery counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice. She assists in discovery and evidentiary-related aspects of litigation and deposition preparation.

Ms. Wallace has extensive discovery experience related to government investigations and litigation involving securities, antitrust, and False Claims Act violations, across a range of industries, including financial services, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, healthcare, and involving the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Trade Commission, Food and Drug Administration, and numerous state attorney general offices.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Wallace was as an associate at a highly regarded plaintiffs' firm and a senior associate at a highly regarded defense firm. As a plaintiffs' attorney, Ms. Wallace represented health care insurers against brand pharmaceutical manufacturers in large, antitrust class actions involving False Claims Act violations, kickbacks, Hatch-Waxman abuses and Whistleblower claims. Ms. Wallace was a member of the team that represented a whistleblower against a brand pharmaceutical manufacturer, leading to what was at the time the largest health care fraud settlement in the U.S. Department of Justice's history. As a defense attorney, Ms. Wallace defended clients in internal and external investigations in deferred prosecution agreements, False Claims Act; Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act violations; kickbacks and qui tam matters involving the U.S. Department of Justice, the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, Food and Drug Administration, and various state attorney general offices.

Ms. Wallace is currently involved in the following high-profile matters:

- PBM State Investigations: Cohen Milstein serves as Special Counsel to state attorneys general throughout
  the United States in their investigation into the billing practices and fee structures of managed care
  organizations (MCOs) and PBMs in their delivery of services to state-funded health plans.
- Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) Ohio Litigation (Franklin C.P., Ohio): Cohen Milstein serves as Special Counsel to the Ohio Attorney General's Office in breach of contract litigation against PBMs Express Scripts, Inc. and OptumRx Administrative Services, LLC for allegedly overcharging certain of Ohio's state-funded health plans on millions of prescription drug claims.

#### Some of Ms. Wallace's recent successes include:

- In re Pinterest Derivative Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein, as Interim Lead Counsel, represented the Employees Retirement System of Rhode Island and other Pinterest shareholders in a consolidated shareholder derivative complaint against certain current officers and directors of Pinterest, including its Board Chairman and CEO, for breaches of fiduciary duty and other violations of Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act, relating to their alleged personal engagement in and facilitation of a systematic practice of illegal discrimination of employees on the basis of race and sex. As a result of this illegal misconduct, the Company's financial position, goodwill, and reputation among users had been harmed. On June 9, 2022, the Court granted final approval of a \$50 million settlement.
- Eric Weiner v. Tivity Health, Inc. (M.D. Tenn.): Cohen Milstein was Class Counsel, representing Class Representative Oklahoma Firefighters' Pension and Retirement System and other purchasers of Tivity Health stock in a putative securities class action for Exchange Act violations related to Tivity's misleading the public about its relationship with United Healthcare, Inc. On October 7, 2021, the Court granted final approval of a \$7.5 million settlement.
- Ohio Department of Medicaid v. Centene, Corp. (Franklin C.P., Ohio): On June 14, 2021, the Ohio Attorney General announced a \$88.3 million settlement with Centene Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiaries for their alleged role in not only breaching contractual and fiduciary obligations to the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), but also defrauding ODM out of millions of dollars through an elaborate scheme with pharmacy benefit subcontractors to maximize company profits at the expense of the ODM and millions of Ohioans who rely on Medicaid. Cohen Milstein served as Special Counsel to the Ohio Attorney General's Office in breach of contract litigation.
- In re Alphabet Shareholder Derivative Litigation (Sup. Crt. Cal., Santa Clara Cnty.): Cohen Milstein, as Co-Lead Counsel, represented Northern California Pipe Trades Pension Plan and Teamsters Local 272 Labor Management Pension Fund in a shareholder derivative lawsuit against the Board of Directors of Alphabet, Inc. Shareholders alleged that the tech giant's Board violated its fiduciary duty by enabling a double standard at Alphabet that allowed powerful executives to sexually harass and discriminate against women without consequence. On November 30, 2020, the court granted final approval of a historic settlement, including a \$310 million commitment to fund diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives at Alphabet-owned companies, and workplace and corporate governance reforms including limiting non-disclosure agreements and ending mandatory arbitration in sexual harassment, gender discrimination, and retaliation-related disputes.

Ms. Wallace is a certified coach through the Coach Training Alliance and founded C3 Coaching, Inc. She is also an accomplished facilitator and speaker and has had the opportunity to give a presentation to a State Department audience that provided successful strategies for managing difficult client relationships and communications.

Ms. Wallace earned her B.A. from Stanford University, and she received her J.D. from Howard University School of Law, where she was the Founder & President of the Intellectual Property Student Association.

#### **Ryan Wheeler**

Ryan Wheeler is an associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Employee Benefits practice. He represents the interests of employees, retirees, plan participants and beneficiaries in ERISA cases across the country.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein as an associate, Mr. Wheeler was a Fellow in the firm's Fellowship program, where he worked on litigation matters spanning the firm's antitrust, consumer protection, civil rights and employment litigation, human rights, and securities litigation practices.

Before that, Mr. Wheeler was a law clerk to the Honorable Michael H. Simon of the United States District Court for the District of Oregon.

Mr. Wheeler received his B.A. from Pomona College and his J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he was the Solicited Content Editor for Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, a founding member of the Pipeline Parity Project (now known as the People's Parity Project), and the co-president of Project No One Leaves.

#### **Kamilah Williams**

Kamilah Williams is a staff attorney at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice. She assists in discovery and evidentiary-related aspects of litigation and deposition preparation.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Williams was a staff attorney at a highly regarded global defense law firm, where she organized and analyzed, among other things, custodial documents regarding antitrust violations, second requests, state and federal investigations, fraud, and various class actions, as well as conducted deposition, trial, hearing, merger and settlement preparations.

Ms. Williams is currently involved in these high-profile matters:

- In re Interest Rate Swaps Market Manipulation Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is court appointed Co-Lead Counsel in this groundbreaking putative class action, charging 12 Wall Street banks with conspiring to engineer and maintain a collusive and anti-competitive stranglehold over the interest rate swaps market – one of the world's biggest financial markets.
- Stock Lending Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein is co-leading an antitrust class action alleging that major investment banks conspired to prevent the stock lending market from evolving by boycotting and interfering with various platforms and services designed to increase transparency and reduce costs in the stock lending market.

Ms. Williams earned her B.A. from Salisbury State University and her J.D. from Catholic University of America-Columbus School of Law.

While attending law school, Ms. Williams was a student attorney at Catholic University's Columbus Community Legal Services, where she provided legal advice and counsel to disadvantaged individuals and families regarding domestic violence, adoption, special education issues, child support, disabilities and veteran claims.

#### **Phoebe Wolfe**

Phoebe Wolfe is an associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Civil Rights & Employment Litigation practice.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Wolfe was the Litigation Fellow at the National Women's Law Center, where she

worked on litigation and amicus briefs aimed at advancing the Center's mission across intersecting legal issues that affect women, particularly in the workplace.

Before the National Women's Law Center, Ms. Wolfe was a Public Interest Fellow at Tycko & Zavareei LLP, a class action plaintiffs law firm. As part of her fellowship, Ms. Wolfe also spent several months at Public Justice, one of the nation's foremost plaintiff advocacy and litigation organizations.

Ms. Wolfe received her B.A. from the Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College. She received her J.D. from Columbia Law School, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and senior editor of the Columbia Law Review.

Ms. Wolfe has applied for admission to the District of Columbia Bar and is currently working under the close supervision of the partners of the firm who are admitted to practice in the District of Columbia.



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18		EXCLUSION RECEIVED TO DATE				
19		Assigned for All Purposes to:				
20		Honorable Susan L. Greenberg Date: August 22, 2024				
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- 1. I am employed as a Vice President of Securities by Gilardi & Co. LLC ("Gilardi"), located at 1 McInnis Parkway, Suite 250, San Rafael, California. The following statements are based on my personal knowledge and information provided to me by other Gilardi employees and if called to testify I could and would do so competently.
- 2. Pursuant to this Court's Amended Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement and Providing for Notice ("Notice Order"), filed January 17, 2024, Gilardi was appointed as the Claims Administrator in connection with the proposed Settlement of the above-captioned action (the "Action"). I oversaw the notice services that Gilardi provided in accordance with the Notice Order.
- 3. I submit this declaration in order to provide the Court and the parties to the Action with information regarding: (i) mailing and emailing of the Court-approved Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (the "Notice") and Proof of Claim and Release form (the "Proof of Claim") (collectively, the "Claim Package," attached hereto as Exhibit A); (ii) publication of the Summary Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Action (the "Summary Notice"); (iii) establishment of the website and toll-free telephone number dedicated to this Settlement; and (iv) the number of requests for exclusion from the Class received to date by Gilardi.

#### DISSEMINATION OF NOTICE

4. Pursuant to the Notice Order, Gilardi is responsible for disseminating the Claim Package to potential Class Members. The Class consists of all Persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Tintri, Inc. ("Tintri") common stock pursuant or traceable to the Registration Statement and Prospectus issued in connection with Tintri's June 30, 2017 Initial Public Offering (*i.e.*, between June 30, 2017 and December 26, 2017, inclusive). Subject to the Investment Vehicle carve-out in the following sentence, excluded from the Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) any Person

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Any capitalized terms used that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation of Settlement dated July 17, 2023 (the "Stipulation"), which is available on the website established for the Settlement at www.TintriSecuritiesLitigation.com.

who served as a partner, control person, executive officer or director of Tintri, or the Underwriters Defendants, and their immediate family members; (iii) present and former parents, subsidiaries, assigns, successors, affiliates, and predecessors of Tintri and the Underwriters Defendants; (iv) the Venture Investment Funds and each of their respective general partners; (v) any entity in which Defendants have or had a majority ownership interest; (vi) any trust of which any Individual Defendant is the settler or which is for the benefit of any Individual Defendant and/or their immediate family members; and (vii) the legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns of any person or entity excluded under provisions (i) through (vi) hereto. The foregoing exclusions shall not cover Investment Vehicles. For the avoidance of doubt, any limited partner, shareholder, member, manager, managing member, or director of any of the Venture Investment Funds may only participate in the Settlement with respect to those shares, if any, that were purchased or acquired in an open market transaction or some other transaction independent from any of the Venture Investment Funds and otherwise not directly or indirectly acquired by such person from any of the Venture Investment Funds. Also excluded from the Class are those Class Members who timely and validly request exclusion in accordance with the requirements set by the Court.

- 5. Gilardi received a file via email from Tintri's transfer agent, which contained the names and addresses of potential Class Members. The list was reviewed to identify and eliminate duplicate entries and incomplete data, resulting in a usable mailing list of three unique names and addresses. Gilardi had the unique name and address data printed on to Claim Packages, posted the Claim Packages for First-Class Mail, postage prepaid, and delivered three Claim Packages on January 16, 2024, to the United States Post Office for mailing.
- 6. On January 17, 2024, as part of its normal mailing procedures, Gilardi mailed, by First-Class Mail, Claim Packages and cover letters to 281 brokerages, custodial banks, and other institutions ("Nominee Holders") that hold securities in "street name" as nominees for the benefit of their customers who are the beneficial owners of the securities. The Nominee Holders also include a group of filers/institutions who have requested notification of every securities case. These Nominee Holders are included in a proprietary database created and maintained by Gilardi.

In Gilardi's experience, the Nominee Holders included in this proprietary database represent a significant majority of the beneficial holders of securities. The cover letter accompanying the Claim Packages advised the Nominee Holders of the proposed Settlement and requested their cooperation in forwarding the Claim Packages to potential Class Members. In the more than four decades that Gilardi has been providing notice and claims administration services in securities class actions, Gilardi has found the majority of potential class members hold their securities in street name and are notified through the Nominee Holders. Gilardi also mailed Claim Packages and cover letters to the 4,424 institutions included on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") list of active brokers and dealers at the time of mailing. A sample of the cover letter mailed to Nominee Holders and the institutions included on the SEC's list of active brokers and dealers is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

- 7. On January 16, 2024, Gilardi delivered electronic copies of the Claim Package to 325 registered electronic filers who are qualified to submit electronic claims. These filers are primarily institutions and third-party filers who typically file numerous claims on behalf of beneficial owners for whom they act as trustees or fiduciaries.
- 8. As part of the notice program for this Settlement, on January 16, 2024, Gilardi also delivered an electronic copy of the Claim Package via email to be published by the Depository Trust Company ("DTC") on the DTC Legal Notice System ("LENS"). LENS enables the participating bank and broker nominees to review the Claim Package and contact Gilardi for copies of the Claim Package for their beneficial holders.
- 9. Gilardi has acted as a repository for shareholder and nominee inquiries and communications received in this Settlement. In this regard, Gilardi has forwarded the Claim Package on request to nominees who purchased or acquired Tintri common stock for the beneficial interest of other persons. Gilardi has also forwarded the Claim Package directly to beneficial owners upon receipt of the names and addresses from such beneficial owners or nominees.
- 10. Following the initial mailing, Gilardi received 12 responses to the outreach efforts described above, which included computer files containing a total of 748 names and addresses of

potential Class Members. In addition, 22 institutions requested that Gilardi send them a total of 2,055 Claim Packages for forwarding directly to their clients. Gilardi also received three requests for Claim Packages from potential Class Members. Gilardi has also mailed 36 Claim Packages as a result of returned mail for which new addresses were identified for re-mailing to those potential Class Members. Each of these requests has been completed in a timely manner.

11. As of July 10, 2024, Gilardi has mailed or emailed a total of 7,875 Claim Packages to potential Class Members and nominees. Additionally, two institutions reported that they anticipated sending 1,494 Claim Packages via email to potential Class Members.

#### PUBLICATION OF THE SUMMARY NOTICE

12. In accordance with the Notice Order, on January 26, 2024, Gilardi caused the Summary Notice to be published in *The Wall Street Journal* and to be transmitted over *Business Wire*, as shown in the confirmations of publication attached hereto as Exhibit C.

#### TELEPHONE HELPLINE AND WEBSITE

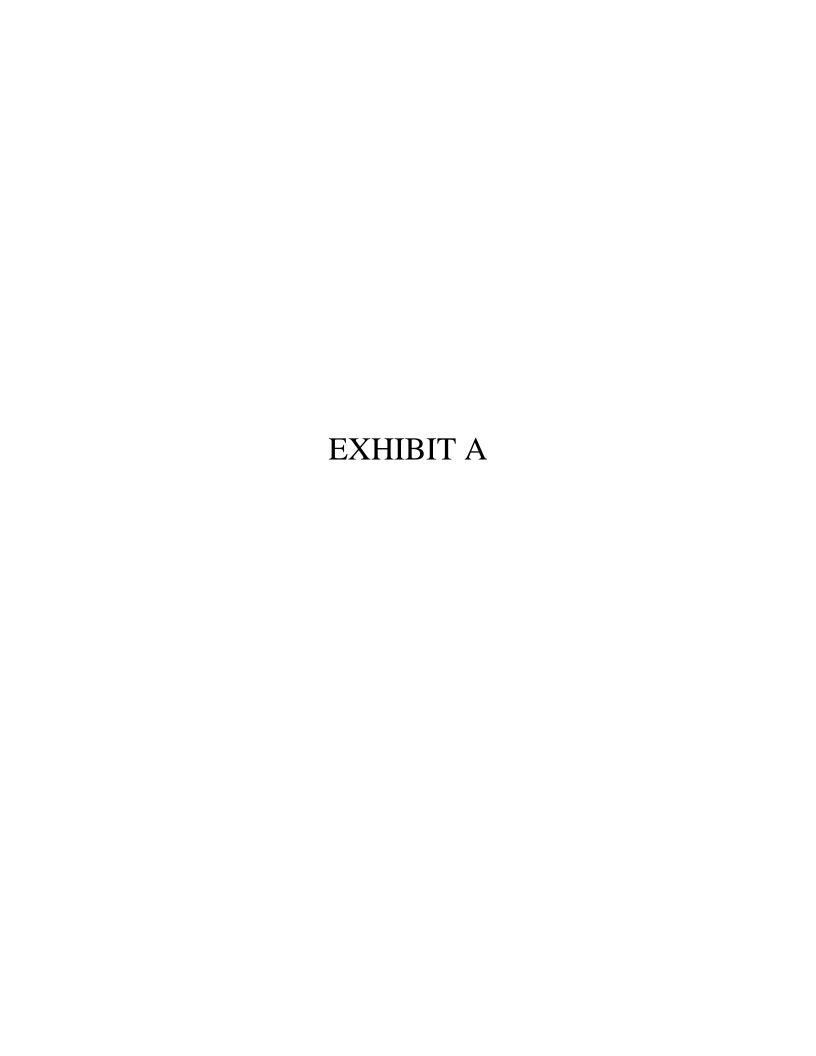
- 13. On January 16, 2024, Gilardi established and continues to maintain a case-specific, toll-free telephone helpline, 1-866-779-6823, to accommodate potential Class Member inquiries. The toll-free number was set forth in the Notice and on the case website. Gilardi has been and will continue to promptly respond to all inquiries to the toll-free telephone helpline.
- 14. On January 16, 2024, Gilardi established and continues to maintain a website dedicated to this Settlement (www.TintriSecuritiesLitigation.com) to provide additional information to Class Members and to provide answers to frequently asked questions. The web address was set forth in the Notice, Proof of Claim, and Summary Notice. The website includes information regarding the Action and the Settlement, including the objection and claim filing deadlines, and the date and time of the Court's Settlement Fairness Hearing. Copies of the Notice, Proof of Claim, Stipulation, and Notice Order are posted on the website and are available for downloading. Class Members can also complete and submit a Proof of Claim through the website.

#### REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION RECEIVED TO DATE

- 15. The Notice informs potential Class Members that written requests for exclusion from the Class must be mailed to *Tintri Securities Litigation*, c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC, EXCLUSIONS, P.O. Box 5100, Larkspur, CA 94977-5100, such that they are postmarked no later than July 25, 2024. However, because the Settlement Fairness Hearing has been continued to August 22, 2024, and because the deadline for submission of requests for exclusions is 3 weeks before the date set for the Settlement Fairness Hearing, the new deadline for written submissions of requests for exclusions is August 1, 2024. The website has been amended to reflect this new date.
- 16. The Notice also sets forth the information that must be included in each request for exclusion. Gilardi has monitored and will continue to monitor all mail delivered to this address. As of the date of this declaration, Gilardi has not received any requests for exclusion.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed this 10th day of July, 2024, at San Rafael, California.

ROSS D. MURRAY



# SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

In re TINTRI, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION	<ul><li>) Lead Case No. 17-CIV-04312</li><li>) (Consolidated with Nos. 17-CIV-04321;</li><li>—) 17-CIV-04618; and 20-CIV-00980)</li></ul>
This Document Relates To:	CLASS ACTION
ALL ACTIONS.	) Assigned for All Purposes to:  —) Honorable Susan L. Greenberg
	Dept. 3 Date Action Filed: 09/20/17

#### NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION

TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES THAT PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED TINTRI, INC. ("TINTRI" OR THE "COMPANY") COMMON STOCK PURSUANT OR TRACEABLE TO THE COMPANY'S REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND PROSPECTUS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH TINTRI'S JUNE 30, 2017 INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING ("IPO") ("CLASS" OR "CLASS MEMBERS").

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR A SETTLEMENT PAYMENT, YOU MUST TIMELY SUBMIT A PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM ("PROOF OF CLAIM") BY APRIL 16, 2024.

THIS NOTICE WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE COURT. IT IS NOT A LAWYER SOLICITATION. PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY.

#### WHY SHOULD I READ THIS NOTICE?

This Notice is given pursuant to an order issued by the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo (the "Court"). This Notice serves to inform you of the proposed Settlement of the above-captioned class action lawsuit (the "Settlement") and the hearing (the "Settlement Fairness Hearing") to be held by the Court to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement, as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated July 17, 2023 (the "Stipulation"), by and between Plaintiffs Rustam Mustafin, Henrik Thørring, and Laurence Clayton ("Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and the Class (as defined herein), and Defendant Tintri, Defendants Ken Klein, Ian Halifax, John Bolger, Charles Giancarlo, Adam Grosser, Kieran Harty, Harvey Jones, Christopher Schaepe, and Peter Sonsini (collectively, the "Individual Defendants" and, together with Tintri, the "Tintri Defendants"), and Defendants Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc., Needham & Company, LLC, Piper Jaffray & Co. (n/k/a Piper Sandler Companies), Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and William Blair & Company, L.L.C. (collectively, the "Underwriter Defendants" and, together with the Tintri Defendants, "Defendants").

This Notice is intended to inform you how this lawsuit and proposed Settlement may affect your rights and what steps you may take in relation to it. This Notice is NOT an expression of any opinion by the Court as to the merits of the claims or defenses asserted in the lawsuit or whether the Defendants engaged in any wrongdoing.

#### WHAT IS THIS LAWSUIT ABOUT?

#### I. THE ALLEGATIONS

Plaintiffs claim that Defendants violated §§11 and 15 of the Securities Act by reason of material misrepresentations and omissions in the Registration Statement and Prospectus for Tintri's June 30, 2017 IPO. Specifically, Plaintiffs allege the Offering Documents were misleading because they omitted material information about (among other things) growing dissatisfaction and attrition among the Company's employees in the months leading up to the IPO. Plaintiffs also allege that going into the IPO, the Company struggled to keep its best sales personnel and engineers and was having trouble recruiting new employees. These facts allegedly were known to Tintri's management before the IPO and were likely to have a material impact on the Company's revenue.

Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, each and all of Plaintiffs' allegations and deny that there were any material misrepresentations in the Offering Documents for Tintri's June 30, 2017 IPO, or any violation of the Securities Act.

THE COURT HAS NOT RULED AS TO WHETHER DEFENDANTS ARE LIABLE TO PLAINTIFFS OR TO THE CLASS. THIS NOTICE IS NOT INTENDED TO BE AN EXPRESSION OF ANY OPINION BY THE COURT WITH RESPECT TO THE TRUTH OF THE ALLEGATIONS IN THIS ACTION OR THE MERITS OF THE CLAIMS OR

For purposes of this Settlement only, the Class consists of all Persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Tintri common stock between June 30, 2017 and December 26, 2017, inclusive.

The Stipulation can be viewed and/or downloaded at www.TintriSecuritiesLitigation.com. All capitalized terms used herein have the same meaning as the terms defined in the Stipulation.

# DEFENSES ASSERTED. THIS NOTICE IS SOLELY TO ADVISE YOU OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF THIS ACTION AND YOUR RIGHTS IN CONNECTION WITH THAT SETTLEMENT.

#### II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The initial complaint was filed in this Court by plaintiff Laurence Clayton on September 20, 2017. Two additional complaints were filed thereafter.

On October 3, 2017, Defendants removed two of the actions to federal court. On October 10, 2017, Plaintiffs filed motions to remand the actions. On October 30, 2017, the federal court entered an order remanding the actions back to this Court.

On June 7, 2018, the Court consolidated the three pending actions and appointed Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP and Bottini & Bottini, Inc. as co-lead counsel for the Plaintiffs in the Action.

On July 9, 2018, Plaintiffs filed the Consolidated Complaint for Violations of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Consolidated Complaint"), which is the operative complaint.

On July 10, 2018, Tintri filed a Notice of Filing of Petition under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code and of Automatic Stay. On August 1, 2018, the Court stayed all proceedings in light of Tintri's filing and vacated all previously set deadlines.

On August 6, 2019, Plaintiffs and the Tintri Defendants participated in a global mediation before the mediator Michelle Yoshida, Esq. in an effort to resolve the state court action and a related action pending in federal court ("Federal Action"). The cases did not settle.

In February 2020, in order to conserve the resources of the Parties, the plaintiffs in the Federal Action voluntarily dismissed their complaint and, thereafter, Plaintiffs Mustafin and Thørring filed a related action in this Court, which was consolidated into the present Action.

On July 10, 2020, the Court lifted the stay in the Action.

On December 11, 2020, the Court denied Defendants' motion to dismiss on the basis of *forum non conveniens*. By order dated May 13, 2021, the Court overruled the Tintri Defendants' and the Underwriter Defendants' demurrers to Plaintiffs' §§11 and 15 claims, sustained with leave to amend demurrers by certain venture capital defendants, and denied the motion to stay discovery.

On May 25, 2021, Defendants answered the Consolidated Complaint with general denials and affirmative defenses.

On March 21, 2018, Plaintiffs propounded their first set of requests for production of documents ("RFPs") on the Tintri Defendants. The Tintri Defendants served their responses and objections on April 25, 2018. On July 20, 2021, the Court entered the Protective Order submitted by the Parties. On July 23, 2021, Tintri served supplemental responses and objections regarding, and produced documents responsive to, Plaintiffs' first set of RFPs.

On September 10, 2021, Tintri served its first set of RFPs on Plaintiffs. On November 12, 2021, Plaintiffs served their responses and objections to Tintri's RFPs and, on December 24, 2021, Plaintiffs made their first rolling production of documents. Plaintiffs made two supplemental productions in May and June 2022.

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

Defendants took the deposition of Plaintiff Mustafin on June 1, 2022, Plaintiff Thørring on June 8, 2022, and Plaintiff Clayton on July 13, 2022.

On March 21, 2022, Plaintiffs filed a motion for class certification. On September 6, 2022, Defendants opposed the motion. Plaintiffs filed a reply on October 18, 2022.

In an effort to conserve judicial resources and attempt to settle the Action, the Parties engaged the services of the Hon. Layn R. Phillips (Ret.), a nationally recognized mediator. There was an exchange of detailed mediation statements and exhibits and a full-day mediation with Judge Phillips on October 11, 2022. Although the Parties did not reach an agreement to settle the Action at the mediation, negotiations continued through Judge Phillips. Thereafter, Judge Phillips issued a "mediator's proposal" for the monetary terms for a settlement of this Action on a class-wide basis. The Parties accepted Judge Phillips' mediator's proposal subject to the negotiation of a Stipulation of Settlement and approval by the Court. The Stipulation (together with the exhibits thereto) reflects the final and binding agreement between the Parties.

#### HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM A CLASS MEMBER?

For purposes of this Settlement only, you are a Class Member if you purchased or otherwise acquired Tintri common stock between June 30, 2017 and December 26, 2017, inclusive. As set forth in the Stipulation, subject to the Investment Vehicle carve-out in the following sentence, excluded from the Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) any Person who served as a partner, control person, executive officer or director of Tintri, or the Underwriters Defendants, and their immediate family members; (iii) present and former parents, subsidiaries, assigns, successors, affiliates, and predecessors of Tintri and the Underwriters Defendants; (iv) the Venture Investment Funds and each of their respective general partners; (v) any entity in which Defendants have or had a majority ownership interest; (vi) any trust of which any Individual Defendant is the settler or which is for the benefit of any Individual Defendant and/or their immediate family members; and (vii) the legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns of any person or entity excluded under provisions (i) through (vi) hereto. The foregoing exclusions shall not cover Investment Vehicles. For the avoidance of doubt, any limited partner, shareholder, member, manager, managing member, or director of any of the Venture Investment Funds may only participate in the Settlement with respect to those shares, if any, that were purchased or acquired in an open market transaction or some other transaction independent from any of the Venture Investment Funds and otherwise not directly or indirectly acquired by such person from any of the Venture Investment Funds. Also excluded from the Class are those Class Members who timely and validly request exclusion in accordance with the requirements set by the Court.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Receipt of this Notice does not mean that you are a Class Member or that you will be entitled to receive a payment from the Settlement. If you are a Class Member and you wish to be eligible to participate in the distribution of proceeds from the Settlement, you are required to submit the Proof of Claim that is being distributed with this Notice and the required supporting documentation as set forth therein postmarked or submitted online on or before April 16, 2024.

#### WHAT IS THE MONETARY VALUE OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

The Settlement, if approved, will result in the creation of a cash settlement fund of \$7,000,000.00 (the "Settlement Amount"). The Settlement Amount, plus accrued interest, is the Settlement Fund. The Settlement Fund minus the costs of this Notice and all costs associated with the administration of the Settlement, Taxes and Tax Expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses, and any award to Plaintiffs in connection with their representation of the Class, as approved by the Court (the "Net Settlement Fund"), will be distributed to eligible Class Members pursuant to the Plan of Allocation that is described in the next section of this Notice.

#### WHAT IS THE PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION?

The objective of the Plan of Allocation is to equitably distribute the Net Settlement Fund among Class Members based on their respective alleged economic losses resulting from the securities law violations alleged in the Action.

The Claims Administrator shall determine each Class Member's share of the Net Settlement Fund based on the recognized loss formula (the "Recognized Loss") described below. A Recognized Loss will be calculated for each share of Tintri common stock purchased or otherwise acquired pursuant or traceable to the Company's June 30, 2017 IPO (*i.e.*, between June 30, 2017 and December 26, 2017, inclusive). The calculation of Recognized Loss will depend upon several factors, including when the Tintri shares were purchased or otherwise acquired and in what amounts, whether the shares were ever sold, and, if so, when they were sold and for what amounts. The Recognized Loss is not intended to estimate the amount a Class Member might have been able to recover after a trial, nor to estimate the amount that will be paid to Class Members pursuant to the Settlement. The Recognized Loss is the basis upon which the Net Settlement Fund will be proportionately allocated to Class Members.

Your share of the Net Settlement Fund will depend on, among other things, the number of valid Proofs of Claim that Class Members submit, how many Tintri shares you purchased or otherwise acquired pursuant or traceable to Tintri's IPO, the purchase price, whether you sold any of those shares, when you sold them and, if so, the sales price.

The Venture Investment Funds are not eligible to participate in the Settlement. No limited partner, shareholder, member, manager, managing member, or director of any of the Venture Investment Funds should include on the Proof of Claim any information relating to (a) transactions by the Venture Investment Funds in Tintri common stock between June 30, 2017 and December 26, 2017, inclusive, or (b) shares of Tintri common stock acquired in any manner from a Venture Investment Fund, including (but not limited to) by distribution. Any limited partner, shareholder, member, manager, managing member, or director of any of the Venture Investment Funds may only participate in the Settlement with respect to those shares, if any, that were purchased or acquired in the open market and otherwise not directly or indirectly from any of the Venture Investment Funds.

The calculation of claims below is not an estimate of the amount you will receive. It is a formula for allocating the Net Settlement Fund among all Authorized Claimants. Furthermore, if any of the formulas set forth below yield an amount less than \$0.00, the claim per share is \$0.00.

#### **PLAN OF ALLOCATION**

For each share of Tintri common stock purchased or otherwise acquired pursuant or traceable to the Registration Statement and Prospectus issued in connection with Tintri's IPO, or on the open market from June 30, 2017 through December 26, 2017, inclusive, and:

- a. sold prior to September 21, 2017, the claim per share is the purchase price per share (not to exceed \$7.00 per share) minus the sales price per share;
- b. sold from September 21, 2017 through March 19, 2018, inclusive, the claim per share is the lesser of:
  - i. the purchase price per share (not to exceed \$7.00 per share) less the sales price per share, or
  - ii. the purchase price per share (not to exceed \$7.00 per share) less \$3.05 per share;
- c. retained at the end of March 19, 2018, the claim per share is the purchase price per share (not to exceed \$7.00 per share) minus \$3.05 per share.

In the event a Class Member has more than one purchase or acquisition or sale of Tintri common stock, pursuant or traceable to the Registration Statement, all such purchases and sales shall be matched on a First-In, First-Out ("FIFO") basis. Sales will be matched against purchases in chronological order, beginning with the earliest purchase made during the relevant period.

A purchase, acquisition, or sale of Tintri shares shall be deemed to have occurred on the "contract" or "trade" date as opposed to the "settlement" or "payment" date. All purchase, acquisition and sale prices shall exclude any fees and commissions. The receipt or grant by gift, devise, or operation of law of Tintri shares shall not be deemed a purchase, acquisition or sale of Tintri shares for the calculation of a claimant's recognized claim nor shall it be deemed an assignment of any claim relating to the purchase or acquisition of such shares unless specifically provided in the instrument of gift or assignment. The receipt of Tintri shares in exchange for securities of any other corporation or entity shall not be deemed a purchase, acquisition or sale of Tintri shares.

The total of all profits shall be subtracted from the total of all losses from eligible transactions to determine if a Class Member has a recognized claim. Only if a Class Member had a net market loss, after all profits from eligible transactions in Tintri common stock are subtracted from all losses, will such Class Member be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund.

If an Authorized Claimant has an overall market gain, the recognized claim for that Authorized Claimant will be \$0.00. If an Authorized Claimant has an overall market loss, that Authorized Claimant's recognized claim will be limited to the amount of overall market loss. The Claims Administrator shall allocate to each Authorized Claimant a *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based on his, her, or its recognized claim as compared to the total recognized claims of all Authorized Claimants. No distribution shall be made to Authorized Claimants who would otherwise receive a distribution of less than \$10.00.

Distributions will be made to Authorized Claimants after all claims have been processed, after the Court has finally approved the Settlement, and after any appeals are resolved. If there is any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund after a reasonable amount of time from the initial date of distribution of the Net Settlement Fund (whether by reason of tax refunds, uncashed checks, or otherwise), the Claims Administrator shall, if economically feasible, reallocate such balance among Authorized Claimants in an equitable and economic fashion. These redistributions shall be repeated until the balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund is no longer economically feasible to distribute to Class Members. Thereafter, subject to distribution to state entities, as required by California Code of Civil Procedure §384(b)(3), any balance that remains in the Net Settlement Fund shall be donated to Bay Area Legal Aid.

Please contact the Claims Administrator or Plaintiffs' Counsel if you disagree with any determinations made by the Claims Administrator regarding your Proof of Claim. If you are dissatisfied with the determinations, you may ask the Court, which retains jurisdiction over all Class Members and the claims administration process, to decide the issue by submitting a written request.

The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust the claim of any Class Member on equitable grounds.

Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation set forth above shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. No Person shall have any claim against Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Counsel, any Claims Administrator, any other Person designated by Plaintiffs' Counsel, or any of the Released Persons or Defendants' Counsel based on the distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation and the Settlement contained therein, the Plan of Allocation, or further orders of the Court. All Class Members who fail to complete and submit a valid and timely Proof of Claim shall be barred from participating in distributions from the Net Settlement Fund (unless otherwise ordered by the Court), but otherwise shall be bound by the terms of the Stipulation, including the terms of any judgment entered and the releases given.

# DO I NEED TO CONTACT PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN DISTRIBUTION OF THE SETTLEMENT FUND?

No. If you have received this Notice and timely submit your Proof of Claim along with the required documentation to the designated address, you need not contact Plaintiffs' Counsel. If your address changes, please contact the Claims Administrator at:

Tintri Securities Litigation
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 301171
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1171
Telephone: 1-866-779-6823
www.TintriSecuritiesLitigation.com

#### THERE WILL BE NO PAYMENTS IF THE STIPULATION IS TERMINATED

The Stipulation may be terminated under several circumstances outlined in it. If the Stipulation is terminated, the Action will proceed as if the Stipulation had not been entered.

#### WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR SETTLEMENT?

The Settlement was reached after highly contested motion practice directed to the sufficiency of Plaintiffs' claims. The Parties also conducted document discovery and several depositions. Nevertheless, the Court has not reached any final decisions in connection with Plaintiffs' claims against Defendants. Instead, Plaintiffs and Defendants have agreed to this Settlement, which was reached with the substantial assistance of the Hon. Layn R. Phillips (Ret.), a highly respected former federal district court judge with extensive experience in the mediation of complex class actions. In reaching the Settlement, the Parties have avoided the cost, delay, and uncertainty of further litigation.

As in any litigation, Plaintiffs and the proposed Class would face an uncertain outcome if they did not agree to the Settlement. The Parties expected that the case could continue for a lengthy period of time and that even if Plaintiffs succeeded, Defendants would file appeals that would postpone final resolution of the case. Continuation of the Action against Defendants could also result in no recovery at all or a judgment that is less than the amount of the Settlement. Conversely, with regard to Defendants, continuing the case could result in a judgment in an amount greater than this Settlement. Accordingly, both Plaintiffs and Defendants have determined that Settlement on the terms set forth in the Stipulation was in their best interests in light of the facts and procedural posture of the Action and the uncertainty of continued litigation.

Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel believe that this Settlement is fair and reasonable to the members of the Class. They have reached this conclusion for several reasons. Specifically, if the Settlement is approved, the Class will receive a certain and immediate monetary recovery. Additionally, Plaintiffs' Counsel believe that the significant and immediate benefits of the Settlement, when weighed against the significant risk, delay, and uncertainty of continued litigation, are a very favorable result for the Class.

#### WHO REPRESENTS THE CLASS?

The following attorneys are counsel for the Class:

James I. Jaconette ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD LLP 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900 San Diego, CA 92101 Telephone: 800-449-4900

> Francis A. Bottini, Jr. BOTTINI & BOTTINI, INC. 7817 Ivanhoe Avenue, Suite 102 La Jolla, CA 92037 Telephone: 858-914-2001

Kara M. Wolke GLANCY PRONGAY & MURRAY LLP 1925 Century Park East, Suite 2100 Los Angeles, CA 90067 Telephone: 888-773-9224

If you have any questions about the Action, or the Settlement, you are entitled to consult with Plaintiffs' Counsel by contacting counsel at the phone numbers listed above.

You may obtain a copy of the Stipulation by contacting the Claims Administrator at:

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#### **HOW WILL THE PLAINTIFFS' LAWYERS BE PAID?**

Lead Counsel will file a motion for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses that will be considered at the Settlement Fairness Hearing. Lead Counsel will apply for an attorneys' fee award for Plaintiffs' Counsel in the amount of up to one-third of the Settlement Amount, plus payment of Plaintiffs' Counsel's expenses incurred in connection with this Action in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00. In addition, Plaintiffs may seek a payment of up to \$45,000.00 in the aggregate for their efforts in representing the Class. Such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

The attorneys' fees and expenses requested will be the only payment to Plaintiffs' Counsel for their efforts in achieving this Settlement and for their risk in undertaking this representation on a wholly contingent basis. The fees requested will compensate Plaintiffs' Counsel for their work in achieving the Settlement. The Court will decide what constitutes a reasonable fee award and may award less than the amount requested by Plaintiffs' Counsel.

#### **CAN I EXCLUDE MYSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT?**

Yes. If you do not want to receive a payment from this Settlement, or you want to keep the right to sue or continue to sue Defendants on your own about the legal issues in this case, then you must take steps to get out of the Class. This is called excluding yourself from, or "opting out" of, the Class. If you are requesting exclusion because you want to bring your own lawsuit based on the matters alleged in this Action, you may want to consult an attorney and discuss whether any individual claim that you may wish to pursue would be time-barred by the applicable statutes of limitation or repose.

To exclude yourself from the Class, you must send a signed letter by mail saying that you want to be excluded from the Class in the following Action: *In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Lead Case No. 17-CIV-04312. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, and the date(s), price(s), and number of Tintri shares that you purchased or acquired between June 30, 2017 and December 26, 2017, inclusive. Your exclusion request must be **postmarked no later than July 25, 2024** and sent to the Claims Administrator at:

Tintri Securities Litigation c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC EXCLUSIONS P.O. Box 5100 Larkspur, CA 94977-5100

You cannot exclude yourself by phone or by email. If you make a proper request for exclusion, you will not receive a settlement payment, and you cannot object to the Settlement. If you make a proper request for exclusion, you will not be legally bound by anything that happens in this lawsuit.

# CAN I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT, THE REQUESTED ATTORNEYS' FEES, THE REQUESTED PAYMENT OF COSTS AND EXPENSES, AND/OR THE PLAN OF ALLOCATION?

Yes. If you are a Class Member, you may object to the terms of the Settlement. Whether or not you object to the terms of the Settlement, you may also object to the requested attorneys' fees and expenses, Plaintiffs' request for awards for representing the Class, and/or the Plan of Allocation. In order for any objection to be considered, you must file a written statement, accompanied by proof of Class membership, with the Court and send a copy to Plaintiffs' Counsel, the Tintri Defendants' Counsel, and the Underwriter Defendants' Counsel at the addresses listed below **by July 25, 2024**. The Court's address is: Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063 c/o Clerk of the Court; Lead Counsel's address is Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101, c/o James I. Jaconette; the Tintri Defendants' Counsel's address is Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, P.C., 650 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, CA 94304, c/o Benjamin M. Crosson; and the Underwriter Defendants' Counsel is O'Melveny & Myers LLP, 7 Times Square, New York, NY 10036, c/o Jonathan Rosenberg. Attendance at the Settlement Fairness Hearing is not necessary; however, persons wishing to be heard orally at the Settlement Fairness Hearing are required to indicate in their written objection their intention to appear at the hearing and identify any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits, if any, they intend to introduce into evidence.

#### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OBJECTING AND EXCLUDING MYSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT?

Objecting is telling the Court that you do not like something about the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or Plaintiffs' Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses. You can object only if you stay in the Class. Excluding yourself is telling the Court that you do not want to be part of the Class. If you exclude yourself, you have no basis to object because the case no longer applies to you.

#### WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE SETTLEMENT?

If you are a Class Member and you do not exclude yourself from the Class, you may receive the benefit of, and you will be bound by, the terms of the Settlement described in this Notice, upon approval by the Court.

#### **HOW CAN I GET A PAYMENT?**

To qualify for a payment, you must timely complete and return the Proof of Claim that accompanies this Notice. A Proof of Claim is enclosed with this Notice and also may be downloaded at www.TintriSecuritiesLitigation.com. Read the instructions carefully; fill out the Proof of Claim; sign it; and mail or submit it online along with supporting documentation so that it is **postmarked (if mailed) or received (if submitted online) no later than April 16, 2024**. The Proof of Claim may be submitted online at www.TintriSecuritiesLitigation.com. If you do not submit a timely Proof of Claim with all the required information, you will not receive a payment from the Settlement Fund; however, unless you expressly exclude yourself from the Class as described above, you will still be bound in all other respects by the Settlement, the Judgment, and the release contained in them.

#### WHAT CLAIMS WILL BE RELEASED BY THE SETTLEMENT?

If the Settlement is approved by the Court, the Court will enter a Judgment. If the Judgment becomes final pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation, all Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever waived, released, compromised, settled, resolved, relinquished, and discharged any and all of the Released Persons from all Released Claims.

"Released Claims" means any and all claims (including "Unknown Claims" as defined in the Stipulation) against Defendants and their "Related Persons" (as defined in the Stipulation), arising out of, relating to, or in connection with both: (a) the purchase or acquisition of Tintri common stock pursuant or traceable to the Registration Statement issued in connection with Tintri's June 30, 2017 IPO, and (b) the allegations, acts, facts, transactions, matters, occurrences, disclosures, filings, representations, or omissions which were or could have been alleged in this Action (except for claims to enforce any of the terms of the Stipulation).

THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND THE RELEASES IS ONLY A SUMMARY. The complete terms, including the definitions of "Related Persons" and "Unknown Claims" as used in the preceding paragraphs, are set forth in the Stipulation (including its exhibits), which may be obtained at www.TintriSecuritiesLitigation.com or by contacting Plaintiffs' Counsel listed on Page 5 above.

#### THE SETTLEMENT FAIRNESS HEARING

The Court will hold a Settlement Fairness Hearing on August 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., before the Honorable Susan L. Greenberg at the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, Department 3, Courtroom 2B, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063, for the purpose of determining whether: (1) the Settlement as set forth in the Stipulation for \$7,000,000.00 in cash should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate; (2) Judgment as provided under the Stipulation should be entered; (3) to award Plaintiffs' Counsel attorneys' fees and expenses out of the Settlement Fund and, if so, in what amount; (4) to pay Plaintiffs for their efforts in representing the Class out of the Settlement Fund and, if so, in what amount; and (5) the Plan of Allocation should be approved by the Court. The Court may adjourn or continue the Settlement Fairness Hearing without further notice to members of the Class. If you want to attend the Settlement Fairness Hearing, you should confirm the date and time with Lead Counsel.

Any Class Member may appear at the Settlement Fairness Hearing and be heard on any of the foregoing matters; provided, however, that no such person shall be heard unless his, her, or its objection is made in writing and is filed, together with proof of membership in the Class and with copies of all other papers and briefs to be submitted by him, her, or it to the Court at the Settlement Fairness Hearing, with the Court no later than July 25, 2024, and showing proof of service on the following counsel:

James I. Jaconette ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD LLP 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900 San Diego, CA 92101

Attorneys for Plaintiffs

Benjamin M. Crosson WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI, P.C. 650 Page Mill Road Palo Alto, CA 94304

Attorneys for Tintri Defendants

Jonathan Rosenberg O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP 7 Times Square New York, NY 10036

Attorneys for Underwriter Defendants

Unless otherwise directed by the Court, any Class Member who does not make his, her, or its objection in the manner provided shall be deemed to have waived all objections to this Settlement and shall be foreclosed from raising (in this or any other proceeding or on any appeal) any objection and any untimely objection shall be barred.

If you hire an attorney (at your own expense) to represent you for purposes of objecting, your attorney must serve a notice of appearance on counsel listed above and file it with the Court (at the address set out above) by no later than July 25, 2024.

#### INJUNCTION

The Court has issued an order enjoining all Class Members from instituting, commencing, maintaining or prosecuting any action in any court or tribunal that asserts Released Claims against any Released Person, pending final determination by the Court of whether the Settlement should be approved.

#### **HOW DO I OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

This Notice contains only a summary of the terms of the proposed Settlement. The records in this Action may be examined and copied at any time during regular office hours, and subject to customary copying fees, at the Clerk of the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo. In addition, all the Settlement documents, including the Stipulation, this Notice, the Proof of Claim, and proposed Judgment may be obtained by contacting the Claims Administrator at:

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Los Angeles, CA 90030-1171
Email: info@tintrisecuritieslitigation.com
Telephone: 1-866-779-6823
www.TintriSecuritiesLitigation.com

In addition, you may contact Greg Wood, Shareholder Relations, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101, 1-800-449-4900, settlementinfo@rgrdlaw.com, if you have any questions about the Action or the Settlement.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE TO BANKS, BROKERS, AND OTHER NOMINEES

If you hold any shares of Tintri common stock purchased or acquired between June 30, 2017 and December 26, 2017, inclusive, as a nominee for a beneficial owner, then, within ten (10) calendar days after you receive this Notice, you must either: (1) send a copy of this Notice and the Proof of Claim (collectively, "Notice Packet") by First-Class Mail to all such Persons; or (2) provide a list of the names and addresses of such Persons to the Claims Administrator at notifications@gilardi.com or:

Tintri Securities Litigation
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 301171
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1171

If you choose to mail the Notice Packet yourself, you may obtain from the Claims Administrator (without cost to you) as many additional copies of these documents as you will need to complete the mailing.

Regardless of whether you choose to complete the mailing yourself or elect to have the mailing performed for you, you may obtain reimbursement for reasonable administrative costs actually incurred in connection with forwarding the Notice Packet, or providing names and addresses to the Claims Administrator, upon submission of appropriate documentation to the Claims Administrator. Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred in connection with the foregoing includes up to \$0.03 for providing names, addresses, and email addresses to the Claims Administrator per record; and up to a maximum of \$0.03 per Notice Packet mailed by you, plus postage at the rate used by the Claims Administrator. Such properly documented expenses incurred by nominees in compliance with the terms of these instructions will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Disputes concerning the reasonableness of reimbursement costs shall be resolved by the Court.

#### DO NOT WRITE TO OR TELEPHONE THE COURT FOR INFORMATION

DATED: December 26, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO HONORABLE SUSAN L. GREENBERG

# SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

In re TINTRI, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION	)	Lead Case No. 17-CIV-04312 (Consolidated with Nos. 17-CIV-04321 17-CIV-04618; and 20-CIV-00980)
This Document Relates To: ALL ACTIONS.	) ) )	CLASS ACTION
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#### **PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE**

#### I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. To recover as a Class Member based on the claims in the action entitled *In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Lead Case No. 17-CIV-04312 (the "Action"), 1 you must complete and, on page 6 hereof, sign this Proof of Claim. If you fail to file a properly addressed (as set forth in paragraph 3 below) Proof of Claim, your claim may be rejected and you may be precluded from any recovery from the Net Settlement Fund created in connection with the proposed Settlement.
- 2. Submission of this Proof of Claim, however, does not assure that you will share in the proceeds of the Settlement of the Action.
- 3. YOU MUST MAIL OR SUBMIT ONLINE YOUR COMPLETED AND SIGNED PROOF OF CLAIM, ACCOMPANIED BY COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED HEREIN, **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 16, 2024**, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

Tintri Securities Litigation Claims Administrator c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC P.O. Box 301171 Los Angeles, CA 90030-1171

Online Submissions: www.TintriSecuritiesLitigation.com

If you are NOT a Class Member, as defined in the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Notice"), DO NOT submit a Proof of Claim.

- 4. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Venture Investment Funds are not eligible to participate in the Settlement.<sup>2</sup> No limited partner, shareholder, member, manager, managing member, or director of any of the Venture Investment Funds should include on the Claim Form any information relating to (a) transactions by the Venture Investment Funds in Tintri common stock between June 30, 2017 and December 26, 2017, inclusive, or (b) shares of Tintri common stock acquired in any manner from a Venture Investment Fund, including (but not limited to) by distribution. Any limited partner, shareholder, member, manager, managing member, or director of any of the Venture Investment Funds should include on this Proof of Claim only those shares, if any, that were purchased or acquired in an open market transaction or some other transaction independent from any of the Venture Investment Funds and otherwise not directly or indirectly acquired by such person from any of the Venture Investment Funds.
- 5. If you are a Class Member and you do not timely request exclusion, you are bound by the terms of any judgment entered in the Action, including the releases provided therein, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBMIT A PROOF OF CLAIM.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This Proof of Claim and Release ("Proof of Claim") incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation"), which can be obtained at www.TintriSecuritiesLitigation.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Venture Investment Funds" mean New Enterprise Associates 12, Limited Partnership, NEA Ventures 2008, Limited Partnership, NEA Partners 12, Limited Partnership, NEA 12 GP, LLC, Silver Lake Kraftwerk Fund, L.P., Silver Lake Technology Investors Kraftwerk, L.P., Silver Lake Group, L.L.C., SLTA Kraftwerk (GP), L.L.C., Silver Lake Technology Associates Kraftwerk, L.P., Insight Venture Partners VIII, L.P., Insight Venture Partners (Delaware) VIII, L.P., Insight Venture Partners (Cayman) VIII, L.P., Insight Venture Partners VIII (Co-Investors), L.P., Star Trinity, L.P., Star Trinity GP, LLC, Insight Venture Management, LLC, Insight Venture Associates VIII, L.P., Insight Venture Associates VIII, Ltd., and Lightspeed General Partner VIII, L.P.

#### II. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

You are a member of the Class if you purchased or otherwise acquired Tintri, Inc. ("Tintri") common stock pursuant or traceable to the Registration Statement and Prospectus filed in connection with Tintri's June 30, 2017 Initial Public Offering ("IPO"). For purposes of this Settlement only, you are a Class Member if you purchased or otherwise acquired Tintri common stock between June 30, 2017, and December 26, 2017, inclusive.

Use Part I of this form entitled "Claimant Identification" to identify each purchaser of record ("nominee") of the Tintri common stock that forms the basis of this claim. THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED BY THE ACTUAL BENEFICIAL PURCHASER(S) OR ACQUIRER(S) OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH PURCHASER(S) OR ACQUIRER(S) OF THE TINTRI COMMON STOCK UPON WHICH THIS CLAIM IS BASED.

All joint purchasers or acquirers must sign this claim. Executors, administrators, guardians, conservators, and trustees must complete and sign this claim on behalf of persons represented by them, and their authority must accompany this claim and their titles or capacities must be stated. The Social Security (or taxpayer identification) number and telephone number of the beneficial owner may be used in verifying the claim. Failure to provide the foregoing information could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of the claim.

#### III. CLAIM FORM

Use Part II of this form entitled "Schedule of Transactions in Tintri Common Stock" to supply all required details of your transaction(s). If you need more space or additional schedules, attach separate sheets giving all of the required information in substantially the same form. Sign and print or type your name on each additional sheet.

On the schedules, provide all of the requested information with respect to **all** of your purchases, acquisitions, and sales of Tintri common stock that took place between June 30, 2017 and March 19, 2018, inclusive, whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. You must also provide all of the requested information with respect to the number of shares of Tintri common stock you held at the close of trading on March 19, 2018. Failure to report all such transactions may result in the rejection of your claim.

List each transaction separately and in chronological order, by trade date, beginning with the earliest. You must accurately provide the month, day, and year of each transaction you list.

The date of covering a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of purchase of Tintri common stock. The date of a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of sale of Tintri common stock.

COPIES OF BROKER CONFIRMATIONS OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION OF YOUR TRANSACTIONS IN TINTRI COMMON STOCK SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO YOUR CLAIM. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS DOCUMENTATION COULD DELAY VERIFICATION OF YOUR CLAIM OR RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR CLAIM.

NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES: Certain claimants with large numbers of transactions may request, or may be requested, to submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files. All such claimants MUST also submit a manually signed paper Proof of Claim whether or not they also submit electronic copies. If you wish to submit your claim electronically, you must contact the Claims Administrator at edata@gilardi.com to obtain the required file layout. Any file not in accordance with the required electronic filing format will be subject to rejection. Only one claim should be submitted for each separate legal entity and the complete name of the beneficial owner(s) of the securities must be entered where called for. Distribution payments must be made by check or electronic payment payable to the Authorized Claimant (beneficial account owner). The Third-Party Filer shall not be the payee of any distribution payment check or electronic distribution payment. No electronic files will be considered to have been properly submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues to the claimant a written acknowledgment of receipt and acceptance of electronically submitted data.

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# SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

In re Tintri, Inc. Securities Litigation Lead Case No. 17-CIV-04312

#### **PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE**

Must Be Postmarked (if Mailed) or Received (if Submitted Online) No Later Than April 16, 2024

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Please Type or Print in the Boxes Below Must use Black or Blue Ink or your claim may be deemed deficient.

REMEMBER TO ATTACH COPIES OF BROKER CONFIRMATIONS OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION OF YOUR TRANSACTIONS IN TINTRI COMMON STOCK. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS DOCUMENTATION COULD DELAY VERIFICATION OF YOUR CLAIM OR RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR CLAIM.

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#### PART II. SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN TINTRI COMMON STOCK

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Sign and print your name on each additional page.

Proof Enclosed?

YOU MUST READ AND SIGN THE RELEASE ON PAGE 6. FAILURE TO SIGN THE RELEASE MAY RESULT IN A DELAY IN PROCESSING OR THE REJECTION OF YOUR CLAIM.



C. Number of shares of Tintri common stock held at the close of

trading on March 19, 2018. (Must be documented.) If none, write "zero":

#### IV. SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I (We) submit this Proof of Claim under the terms of the Stipulation described in the Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Mateo, with respect to my (our) claim as a Class Member and for purposes of enforcing the release set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I am (we are) bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment that may be entered in the Action. I (We) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim if requested to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases, acquisitions or sales of Tintri common stock during the relevant period and know of no other person having done so on my (our) behalf.

#### V. RELEASES

- 1. I (We) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally, and forever settle, release, and discharge from the Released Claims each and all of the "Released Persons," defined as Defendants and each and all of their Related Persons.
- 2. "Related Persons" means each of a Defendant's past, present, or future parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and their respective directors, officers, employees, partners, members, principals, agents, underwriters, insurers, co-insurers, reinsurers, majority ownership shareholders, attorneys, accountants or auditors, financial or investment advisors or consultants, banks or investment bankers, personal or legal representatives, predecessors, successors, assigns, spouses, heirs, related or affiliated entities, any entity in which a Defendant holds more than a majority ownership interest, Investment Vehicles of which any Underwriter Defendant or any of its affiliates is a majority owner or holds a majority beneficial interest, any member of an Individual Defendant's immediate family, or any trust of which any Individual Defendant is the settler or which is for the benefit of any Individual Defendant and/or member(s) of his or her family, all in their capacities as such.
- 3. "Released Claims" means any and all claims, demands, losses, rights, liability, and causes of action of every nature and description whatsoever, including Unknown Claims as defined below, whether arising under federal, state, local, common, statutory, administrative, or foreign law, or any other law, rule, or regulation, at law or in equity, whether fixed or contingent, whether foreseen or unforeseen, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether liquidated or unliquidated, whether matured or unmatured, whether direct, representative, class, or individual in nature, that either were or could have been asserted in this Action, or could be in the future asserted in any forum, arising out of, relating to, or in connection with both (a) the purchase or acquisition of Tintri common stock pursuant or traceable to the Registration Statement issued in connection with Tintri's June 30, 2017 IPO, and (b) the allegations, acts, facts, transactions, matters, occurrences, disclosures, filings, representations, or omissions that were or could have been involved, set forth, alleged or referred to in this Action. "Released Claims" also includes any and all claims arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the Settlement or resolution of the Action against the Released Persons (including Unknown Claims), except for claims to enforce any of the terms of the Stipulation.
- 4. "Unknown Claims" means: (i) any and all Released Claims and potential claims against the Released Persons which Plaintiffs or any Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in their, his, her, or its favor as of the Effective Date, including, without limitation, those that, if known by such Plaintiffs or Class Members, might have affected their, his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement or the releases, including their, his, her, or its decision(s) to object or not to object to the Settlement or to exclude themselves, himself, herself, or itself from the Class, and (ii) any Released Defendants' Claims against Plaintiffs, which Defendants do not know or suspect to exist in their, his, her or its favor, which if known by them, him, her, or it might have affected their, his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement. With respect to any and all Released Claims and Released Defendants' Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that by operation of the Final Judgment, upon the Effective Date, Plaintiffs and Defendants shall have expressly waived, and each Class Member shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have expressly waived, the provisions, rights, and benefits of Cal. Civ. Code §1542, which provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

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discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. The Parties acknowledge, and Class Members shall be deemed to have acknowledged, that the inclusion of "Unknown Claims" in the definition of Released Claims and Released Defendants' Claims was separately bargained for and is an essential element of the Settlement.

- 5. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have not assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any matter released pursuant to this release or any other part or portion thereof.
- 6. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included information about all of my (our) transactions in Tintri common stock that occurred during the relevant period as well as the number of shares of Tintri common stock held by me (us) at the close of trading on March 19, 2018.
- 7. By filling in this circle, I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) am (are) not, nor have I (we) ever have been a general partner of any of the following entities: New Enterprise Associates 12, Limited Partnership, NEA Ventures 2008, Limited Partnership, NEA Partners 12, Limited Partnership, NEA 12 GP, LLC, Silver Lake Kraftwerk Fund, L.P., Silver Lake Technology Investors Kraftwerk, L.P., Silver Lake Group, L.L.C., SLTA Kraftwerk (GP), L.L.C., Silver Lake Technology Associates Kraftwerk, L.P., Insight Venture Partners VIII, L.P., Insight Venture Partners (Cayman) VIII, L.P., Insight Venture Partners VIII (Co-Investors), L.P., Star Trinity, L.P., Star Trinity GP, LLC, Insight Venture Management, LLC, Insight Venture Associates VIII, L.P., Insight Venture Partners VIII, L.P., Lightspeed Ultimate General Partner VIII, Ltd., or Lightspeed General Partner VIII, L.P.

I (We) declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all of the foregoing information supplied on this Proof of Claim by the undersigned is true and correct.

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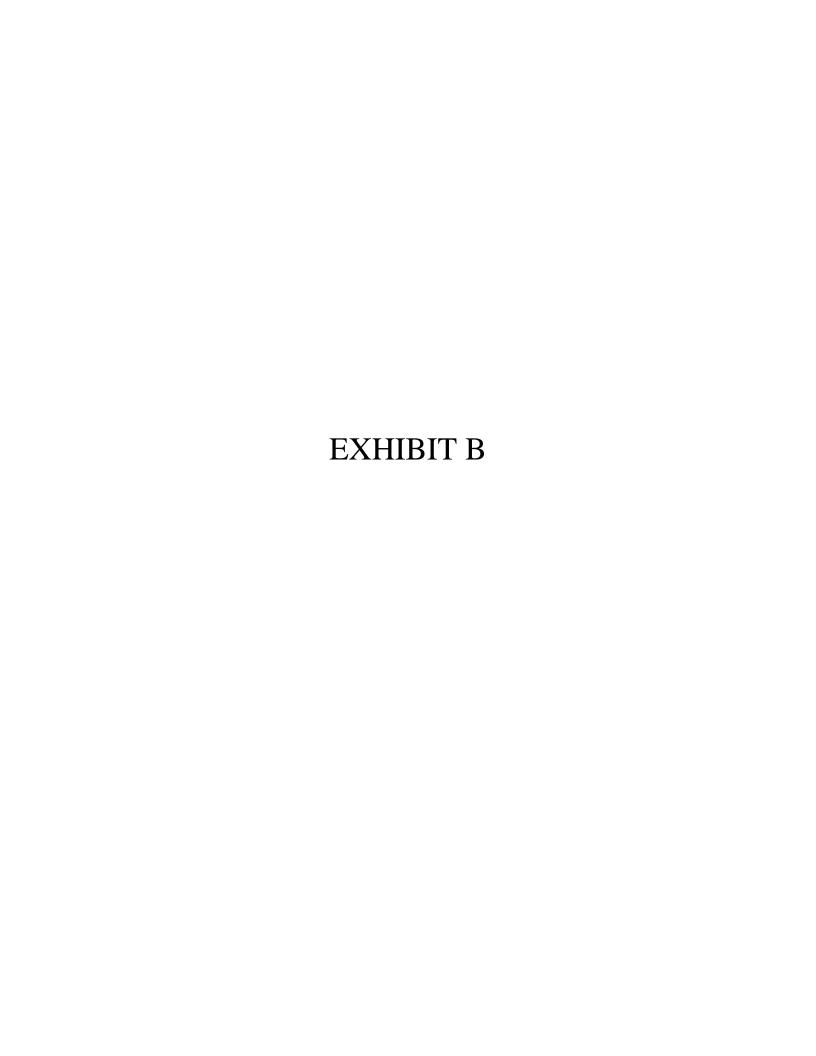
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- 5. If you desire an acknowledgment of receipt of your Proof of Claim, please send it Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.
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# THIS PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE OR MAILED NO LATER THAN APRIL 16, 2024, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

Tintri Securities Litigation
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 301171
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1171

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January 16, 2024

«FirstName» «LastName» «Company» «Addr1» «Addr2» South Bend, IN 46601 «FCountry»

Re: Tintri Securities Litigation

#### Dear «GENDER» «LastName»:

Please find enclosed the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Notice") and Proof of Claim and Release ("Proof of Claim") for the above-referenced litigation. Please note both the class period and the designated eligible securities described on page one of the Notice, specifically, the inclusion of all persons and entities that purchased or otherwise acquired Tintri, Inc. ("Tintri" or the "Company") Common Stock pursuant or traceable to the Company's Registration Statement and Prospectus issued in connection with Tintri's June 30, 2017 initial public offering. In addition, the Notice provides that the Exclusion Deadline is July 25, 2024 and the Claim Filing Deadline is April 16, 2024.

Please pay particular attention to the "Special Notice to Banks, Brokers and Other Nominees" on page eight of the Notice which states, in part: If you hold any shares of Tintri common stock purchased or acquired between June 30, 2017 and December 26, 2017, inclusive, as a nominee for a beneficial owner, then, within ten (10) calendar days after you receive this Notice, you must either: (1) send a copy of this Notice and the Proof of Claim (collectively, "Notice Packet") by First-Class Mail to all such Persons; or (2) provide a list of the names and addresses of such Persons to the Claims Administrator at notifications@gilardi.com or: Tintri Securities Litigation, Claims Administrator, c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC, P.O. Box 301171, Los Angeles, CA 90030-1171. If you choose to mail the Notice Packet yourself, you may obtain from the Claims Administrator (without cost to you) as many additional copies of these documents as you will need to complete the mailing.

Please do not make your own copies of the Proof of Claim, as copies may not be accepted for processing. Additional copies of the appropriate documents may be requested by contacting us at the above address and/or phone number. If we conduct the necessary mailing on your behalf, please submit names and addresses either via email to <a href="Motifications@Gilardi.com">Motifications@Gilardi.com</a>, via CD Rom to the above address or contact us to obtain secure FTP transmission instructions. Mailing labels will be accepted, but you may be requested to provide an additional copy of the address information you send. Do not include any confidential information that should not appear on a mailing label.

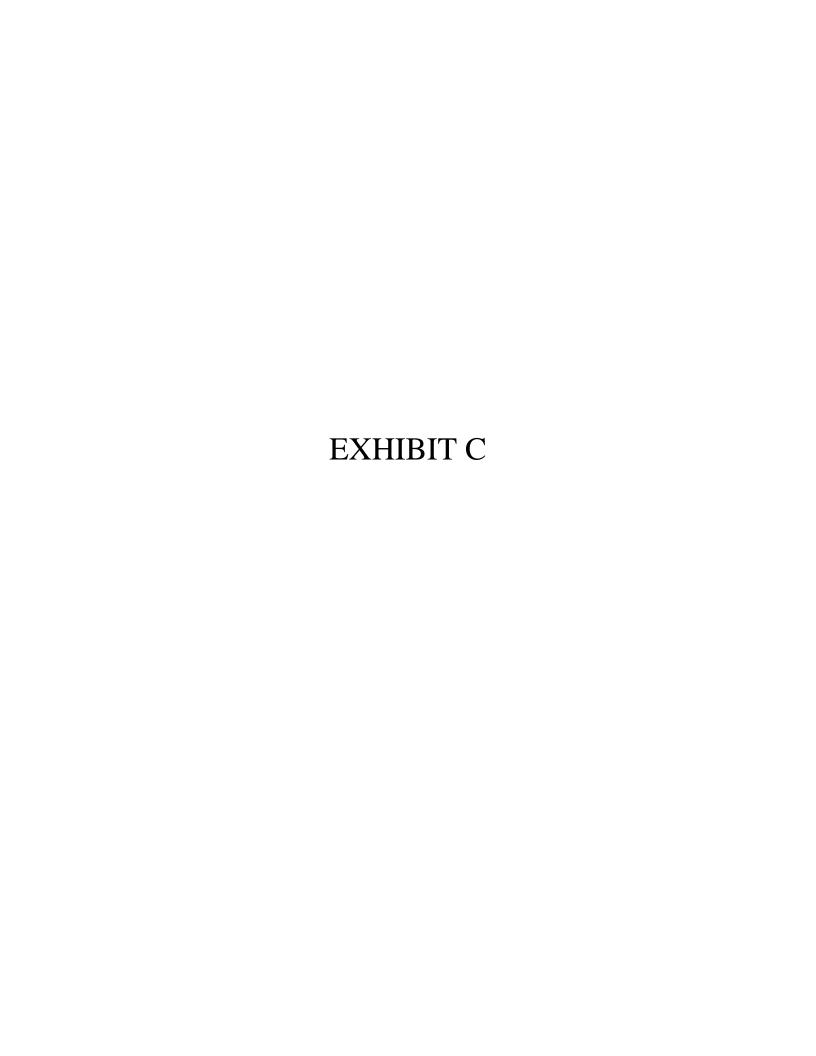
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Sincerely,

Gilardi and Co., LLC



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# Intel Outlook Muted Even as Sales Rise Apple's Smartel

By Asa Fitch

Intel gave a tepid outlook for sales in its current quarter, signaling further challenges for its business amid signs that the PC market is starting to recover.

company forecast roughly \$12.7 billion of sales for the first quarter, higher than the same period last year but lower than Wall Street expected in a survey of analysts by FactSet.

The company's shares fell more than 8% in after-hours

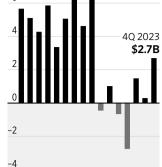
Chief Executive Pat Gelsinger said factors including a rocky market for a programmable-chip unit and weakerthan-anticipated sales for **Mo**bileye Global, an autonomousdriving company in which Intel owns a majority stake, hurt the outlook. He characterized those headwinds as "temporary," and said he expected sales to grow every quarter this year, both sequentially and year-over-year.

That growth is expected to come partly from a longawaited rebound in the market for personal computers, where Intel's chips are ubiqui-

After eight straight quarters of decline, research firm



Intel's quarterly profit/loss



Sources: S&P Capital IQ; the company

Gartner said this month that PC shipments had increased by 0.3% in the October-to-December quarter. Intel and its peers are betting that growing interest in AI software on PCs will give the market an added boost through this year. Intel last month launched new lantop chips with features that speed up AI calculations.

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Intel said sales in the division that handles PC chips rose 33% to \$8.8 billion in the fourth quarter, as the comrevenue overall climbed. Intel made \$15.4 billion of sales in the quarter, up

The company sees a rocky market ahead for programmable chips, among other technologies.

from \$14 billion a year before and better than analysts forecast. Intel also made \$2.7 billion of profit, reversing a loss in the year-ago period.

In addition to PCs, Intel is vying for a bigger foothold in chips that do AI calculations in data centers, where its competitor Nvidia is the dominant player. Buyers of data center equipment are spending heavily on Nvidia's chips, using them to create advanced-language and imagegenerating systems such as OpenAI's ChatGPT.

Intel's AI and data center

division's sales fell 10% to \$4 billion in the fourth quarter. But Gelsinger said Intel was positioned to grab a bigger part of the AI computing market as the focus shifts away from creating advanced AI systems and toward deploying

Other chip makers are starting to see benefits, too. South Korea's SK Hynix, a major maker of memory chips that are critical in AI systems, on Wednesday reported a profit for its last quarter, besting analyst forecasts of a loss.

The results come at a cru-

By Alexandra Bruell

AND JESSICA TOONKEL

cial time for Intel and Gelsinger, who was hired three vears ago to return the company to the ranks of the world's most advanced chip makers.

Gelsinger has doubled down on Intel's manufacturing operations, plowing tens of billions of dollars into new factories. He started a business making chips on contract for outside circuit designers—something the company had never succeeded at before.

Gelsinger said the company's bid to leap ahead in manufacturing is on track.

# Smartphone Shipments In China Fall

By BEN OTTO

Apple's smartphone shipments in China fell in the final quarter of 2023, hurt by weaker consumer demand and rising market share for rival Huawei Technologies, data from research firm IDC showed Thursday.

Shipments of Apple smartphones fell 2.1% in the world's largest smartphone market in the fourth quarter, IDC said in its quarterly tracking of mobile-phone shipments. Apple retained its spot as the top smartphone seller in China, even as its market share fell to 20% from 20.6% a year earlier.

For the full year, the U.S. tech giant overtook local rival Vivo to become China's top smartphone vendor for the first time, with its market share rising to 17.3% from 16.8% a year earlier.

Chinese telecom specialist Huawei posted a 36% jump in quarterly shipments to boost its market share to 13.9% from 10.3% a year ago. The company ranked as China's fourthlargest smartphone vendor in the quarter.

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#### **CLASS ACTION**

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO In re TINTRI, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION

This Document Relates To: ALL ACTIONS. Lead Case No. 17-CIV-04312 (Consolidated with Nos. 17-CIV-04321; 17-CIV-04618; and 20-CIV-00980)

SUMMARY NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

Assigned for All Purposes to: Honorable Susan L. Greenberg Dept. 3 Date Action Filed: 09/20/17

TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED TINTRI, INC. ("TINTRI") COMMON STOCK PURSUANT OR TRACEABLE TO THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND PROSPECTUS FILED IN CONNECTION WITH TINTRI'S INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING ("IPO") ON OR ABOUT JUNE 30, 2017.1

THIS NOTICE WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE COURT. IT IS NOT A LAWYER SOLICITATION. PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a hearing will be held on August 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., before the Honorable Susan L. Greenberg at the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, Department 3, Courtroom 2B, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063, to determine whether: (1) the proposed settlement (the "Settlement") of the above-captioned action as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation") for \$7,000,000.00 in cash should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate; (2) the Judgment as provided under the Stipulation should be entered; (3) to award Plaintiffs' Counsel attorneys' fees and expenses out of the Settlement Fund (as defined in the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Notice"), which is discussed below) and, if so, in what amount; (4) to pay Plaintiffs for representing the Class out of the Settlement Fund and, if so, in what amount; and (5) the Plan of Allocation should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate. (5) the Plan of Allocation should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate

This Action is a consolidated securities putative class action brought on behalf of those Persons and entities who purchased or acquired Tintri common stock pursuant or traceable to the Registration Statement and Prospectus for Tintri's June 30, 2017 IPO, against Tintri and certain of its officers, directors, and underwriters of Tintri's IPO (collectively, "Defendants") for, among other things, allegedly misstating and omitting material facts from the Registration Statement and Prospectus filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with Tintri's IPO. Plaintiffs allege that these purportedly false and misleading statements resulted in damage to Class Members when the truth was revealed. Defendants deny all of Plaintiffs' allegations.

IF YOU PURCHASED OR ACQUIRED TINTRI COMMON STOCK BETWEEN JUNE 30, 2017 THROUGH AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 26, 2017, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS ACTION.

To share in the distribution of the Settlement Fund, you must establish your rights by submitting a Proof of Claim and Release form ("Proof of Claim"), along with the required supporting documentation, by mail (postmarked no later than April 16, 2024) or online (no later than April 16, 2024). Your failure to submit your Proof of Claim by April 16, 2024, will subject your claim to rejection and preclude you from receiving any of the recovery in connection with the Settlement of this Action. If you are a member of the Class and do not request exclusion therefrom, you will be bound by the Settlement and any judgment and release entered in the Action, including, but not limited to, the Judgment, whether or not you submit a Proof of Claim.

If you have not received a copy of the Notice, which more completely describes the Settlement and your rights thereunder, and a Proof of Claim, you may obtain these documents, as well as a copy of the Stipulation (which, among other things, contains definitions for the defined terms used in this Summary Notice) and other settlement documents, online at www.TintriSecuritiesLitigation.com, or by writing to:

> Tintri Securities Litigation Claims Administrator c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC P.O. Box 301171 Los Angeles, CA 90030-1171

Inquiries should NOT be directed to Defendants, the Court, or the Clerk of the Court.

Inquiries, other than requests for the Notice or for a Proof of Claim, may be made to Plaintiffs' Counsel: ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD LLP

James I. Jaconette
655 West Broadway, Suite 1900
San Diego, CA 92101
Telephone: 800-449-4900

settlementinfo@rgrdlaw.com IF YOU DESIRE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE CLASS, YOU MUST SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION SUCH THAT IT IS **POSTMARKED BY JULY 25, 2024,** IN THE MANNER AND FORM EXPLAINED IN THE NOTICE. ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLASS WHO HAVE NOT REQUESTED EXCLUSION FROM THE CLASS WILL BE BOUND BY THE SETTLEMENT EVEN IF THEY DO NOT SUBMIT A TIMELY PROOF OF

IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT, THE PLAN OF ALLOCATION, THE REQUEST BY PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES, AND/OR THE PAYMENT TO PLAINTIFFS FOR THEIR REPRESENTATION OF THE CLASS. ANY OBJECTIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE COURT AND SENT TO PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL AND DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL BY JULY 25, 2024, IN THE MANNER AND FORM EXPLAINED IN THE NOTICE.

DATED: December 26, 2023

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For purposes of this Settlement only, the Class consists of all Persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Tintri commo stock between June 30, 2017 and December 26, 2017, inclusive.

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sell its food sites, Tasty and

First We Feast, people familiar with the situation said. Meanwhile, Fortress Investment Group, which took over Vice in bankruptcy last year, is in talks to sell its Refinery29 women's lifestyle-focused site, other people said.

The sale discussions mark yet another chapter in the demise of these digital-media companies that raised money at sky-high valuations nearly a decade ago only to struggle amid a volatile ad market and a decline in traffic sourced from Google and social-media sites.

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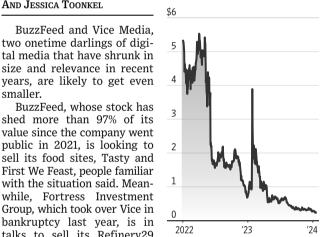
Fortress is in talks to sell Refinery29 after a failed attempt to find a buyer for Vice in its entirety, which includes its namesake news brand, production studio and creative

Vice and BuzzFeed declined

#### BuzzFeed's share price

Their Food and Lifestyle Sites

BuzzFeed, Vice Look to Sell



Source: FactSet

agency, among other assets. Fortress is in discussions with bidders prospective for Refinerv29, which saw a decrease in revenue to \$30 million last year from around \$50 million in 2022, people familiar with the matter said.

Vice bought Refinery29 for \$400 million in 2019. The site, founded in 2005, was one of the early digital-media players to gain relevance among millennial women and generate revenue through ads, events and licensing deals.

Tasty, a cooking-focused

platform, has been a key component of BuzzFeed's efforts to generate revenue streams beyond advertising.

BuzzFeed last year pulled the plug on its namesake news operation. It is also in talks to sell Complex Networks—a digital publisher that specializes in streetwear, music and pop culture that it acquired for \$300 million in 2021—to live-video shopping company NTWRK for significantly less than what it paid, people familiar with the matter said.

BuzzFeed was once valued at \$1.7 billion, and Vice Media at \$5.7 billion. Before filing for bankruptcy last year, Vice had looked for a buyer willing to pay a fraction of the earlier valuation, and struggled to cover basic costs, falling behind on bills from its vendors. It cut staff and shut its Vice News Tonight broadcast.

Fortress and other lenders took over Vice Media at a valuation of \$350 million—less than what Vice had paid for Refinery29 in 2019.

Other digital companies that promised to disrupt the traditional publishing industry in the early aughts have closed or are greatly diminished.

–Alexander Saeedy contributed to this article.

# Microsoft Value Tops \$3 Trillion

Continued from page B1 with the release of ChatGPT, a chatbot built by Silicon Valley nonprofit startup OpenAI that uses "large language models" to write poems, craft emails and generate computer code.

Microsoft is the largest investor in OpenAI. In multiple rounds over the past five years, it has agreed to invest \$13 billion in OpenAI in exchange for what is essentially a 49% stake in the earnings of its for-profit arm. The relationship has also given Microsoft early access to OpenAI's latest models, which are trained and hosted on the company's cloud-computing service, Azure.

Microsoft's aggressive adoption and expansion of the technology have helped it leapfrog rivals in investors' minds. Since Microsoft's multibillion-dollar investment in OpenAI in January 2023, the stock has gained nearly 70%, adding more than \$1.2 trillion to Microsoft's market value.

Nadella has forged a close relationship with OpenAI's CEO, Sam Altman, and incorporated his startup's technology into top Microsoft products. Investors have been bullish on the prospect that

## **Tech Giant Cuts Videogaming Staff**

Microsoft is laying off about 8% of its videogaming staff, cuts that largely reflect redundancies from its October acquisition of Activision Blizzard.

Roughly 1,900 employees will be affected, said Phil Spencer, chief executive of Microsoft Gaming, in a company email Thursday reviewed by The Wall Street Journal. The layoffs mostly represent Activision employees and constitute less than 1% of Microsoft's total workforce, a spokesman said.

In the email, Spencer said Microsoft and Activision are working to create a sustainable cost structure.

'Together, we've set priorities, identified areas of overlap, and ensured that we're all aligned on the best opportunities for growth," he said. Two Blizzard Entertain-

ment executives are leaving the company, President Mike Ybarra and design chief Allen Adham, a Microsoft spokesman confirmed.

—Sarah E. Needleman

these AI tools—including an assistant Copilot that plugs into key Microsoft software like Word, Outlook and Teams—will become a major new revenue stream for the company.

"They have a huge head start owing to OpenAI and innovating quickly and moving faster than other enterprise software companies have been able to," said Rishi Jaluria, an analyst at RBC Capital.

While the AI hype has boosted stocks across the tech sector, Microsoft has ridden the wave better than the rest. In 2023, Microsoft's stock rose more than 55%, outpacing the Nasdaq Composite Index, which rose less than 45%.

Some investors worry there could be a bubble forming around the soaring prices of AI-driven stocks. It is still unclear how much new revenue the AI boom will add to any of the companies. Even for some of the biggest beneficiaries, it could take years before enterprises and individuals embrace AI tools at the scale the technology's biggest proponents expect.

Microsoft's early attempt to integrate AI into its products has been hit or miss. The AI chat added to its Bing search engine hasn't done much to boost its market share against Google's. Its GitHub Copilot product, which uses AI to speed up coding, has been popular.

#### **Declaration of Publication**

I, Carla Peak, as Vice President, Legal Notification Services at Gilardi & Co. LLC, a KCC Class Action Services Company in San Rafael, California, hereby certify that I caused the attached notice to be printed in said publication on January 26, 2024:

Name of Publication: The Wall Street Journal

Address: 1211 Avenue of the Americas City, State, Zip: New York, NY 10036

Phone #: 1-800-568-7625

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State of: New York

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 26th day of January 2024, at Sellersville, Pennsylvania.

Carla Peak



# Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, Bottini & Bottini, Inc., and Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP Announce Proposed Settlement in the Tintri Securities Litigation

January 26, 2024 08:00 AM Eastern Standard Time

SAN DIEGO--(<u>BUSINESS WIRE</u>)--The following statement is being issued by Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, Bottini & Bottini, Inc., and Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP regarding the Tintri Securities Settlement:

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**

In re TINTRI, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION	Lead Case No. 17-CIV-04312
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	(Consolidated with Nos. 17-CIV-04321;
	17-CIV-04618; and 20-CIV-00980)
This Document Relates To:	CLASS ACTION
ALL ACTIONS.	
	SUMMARY NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT
	OF CLASS ACTION
	Assigned for All Purposes to:
	Honorable Susan L. Greenberg
	Dept. 3
	Date Action Filed: 09/20/17

TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED TINTRI, INC. ("TINTRI") COMMON STOCK PURSUANT OR TRACEABLE TO THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND PROSPECTUS FILED IN CONNECTION WITH TINTRI'S INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING ("IPO") ON OR ABOUT JUNE 30, 2017.<sup>1</sup>

THIS NOTICE WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE COURT. IT IS NOT A LAWYER SOLICITATION. PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a hearing will be held on August 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., before the Honorable Susan L. Greenberg at the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, Department 3, Courtroom 2B, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063, to determine whether: (1) the proposed settlement (the "Settlement") of the above-captioned action as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement ("Stipulation")<sup>2</sup> for \$7,000,000.00 in cash should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate; (2) the Judgment as provided under the Stipulation should be entered; (3) to award Plaintiffs' Counsel attorneys' fees and expenses out of the Settlement Fund (as defined in the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Notice"), which is discussed below) and, if so, in what amount; (4) to pay Plaintiffs for representing the Class out of the Settlement Fund and, if so, in what amount; and (5) the Plan of Allocation should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate.

This Action is a consolidated securities putative class action brought on behalf of those Persons and entities who purchased or acquired Tintri common stock pursuant or traceable to the Registration Statement and Prospectus for Tintri's June 30, 2017 IPO, against Tintri and certain of its officers, directors, and underwriters of Tintri's IPO (collectively, "Defendants") for, among other things, allegedly misstating and omitting material facts from the Registration Statement and Prospectus filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with Tintri's IPO. Plaintiffs allege that these purportedly false and misleading statements resulted in damage to Class Members when the truth was revealed. Defendants deny all of Plaintiffs' allegations.

IF YOU PURCHASED OR ACQUIRED TINTRI COMMON STOCK BETWEEN JUNE 30, 2017 THROUGH AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 26, 2017, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS ACTION.

To share in the distribution of the Settlement Fund, you must establish your rights by submitting a Proof of Claim and Release form ("Proof of Claim"), along with the required supporting documentation, by mail (**postmarked no later than April 16, 2024**) or online (**no later than April 16, 2024**). Your failure to submit your Proof of Claim by April 16, 2024, will subject your claim to rejection and preclude you from receiving any of the recovery in connection with the Settlement of this Action. If you are a member of the Class and do not request exclusion therefrom, you will be bound by the Settlement and any judgment and release entered in the Action, including, but not limited to, the Judgment, whether or not you submit a Proof of Claim

If you have not received a copy of the Notice, which more completely describes the Settlement and your rights thereunder, and a Proof of Claim, you may obtain these documents, as well as a copy of the Stipulation (which, among other things, contains definitions for the defined terms used in this Summary Notice) and other settlement documents, online at <a href="https://www.TintriSecuritiesLitigation.com">www.TintriSecuritiesLitigation.com</a>, or by writing to:

Tintri Securities Litigation
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 301171
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1171

Inquiries should NOT be directed to Defendants, the Court, or the Clerk of the Court.

Inquiries, other than requests for the Notice or for a Proof of Claim, may be made to Plaintiffs' Counsel:

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IF YOU DESIRE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE CLASS, YOU MUST SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION SUCH THAT IT IS **POSTMARKED BY JULY 25, 2024**, IN THE MANNER AND FORM EXPLAINED IN THE NOTICE. ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLASS WHO HAVE NOT REQUESTED EXCLUSION FROM THE CLASS WILL BE BOUND BY THE SETTLEMENT EVEN IF THEY DO NOT SUBMIT A TIMELY PROOF OF CLAIM.

IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT, THE PLAN OF ALLOCATION, THE REQUEST BY PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES, AND/OR THE PAYMENT TO PLAINTIFFS FOR THEIR REPRESENTATION OF THE CLASS. ANY OBJECTIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE COURT AND SENT TO PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL AND DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL BY JULY 25, 2024, IN THE MANNER AND FORM EXPLAINED IN THE NOTICE.

DATED: December 26, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
THE HONORABLE SUSAN L. GREENBERG

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For purposes of this Settlement only, the Class consists of all Persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Tintri common stock between June 30, 2017 and December 26, 2017, inclusive.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Stipulation can be viewed and/or obtained at <u>www.TintriSecuritiesLitigation.com</u>. All capitalized terms used herein have the same meaning as the terms defined in the Stipulation.

#### **Declaration of Publication**

I, Carla Peak, as Vice President, Legal Notification Services at Gilardi & Co. LLC, a KCC Class Action Services Company in San Rafael, California, hereby certify that I caused the attached notice to be published as a press release by the following wire service:

Name of Publication: BusinessWire

Address: 101 California Street 20th Floor City, ST Zip: San Francisco, CA 94111

Phone #: 415-986-4422

State of: California

The press release was distributed on January 26, 2024 to the following media circuits offered by the above-referenced wire service:

#### 1. National Newsline

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 26th day of January 2024, at Sellersville, Pennsylvania.

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