## EXHIBIT 3

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re REMICADE ANTITRUST LITIGATION	Civil Action No. 2:17-cv-04326-KSM (Consolidated)
This Document Relates To:	CLASS ACTION
INDIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS.	The Honorable Karen S. Marston
	DECLARATION OF LINDA A. KELLNER ON BEHALF OF LOCAL 295 IBT EMPLOYER GROUP WELFARE FUND FILED IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR (1) FINAL APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT; (2) PLAN OF ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION; (3) AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES: AND (4) SERVICE AWARDS

#### I, LINDA A. KELLNER, declare as follows:

- 1. I am President of Savasta Co., the Third-Party Administrator ((TPA) for the Local 295 IBT Employer Group Welfare Fund ("Local 295"), a Court-appointed Class Representative in the above-captioned class action. I respectfully submit this Declaration on Local 295's behalf in support of the proposed \$25,000,000 settlement and request that the Court approve the proposed settlement on behalf of the Class. I also submit this declaration in support of Local 295's request for a service award associated with the time spent by myself, Local 295's Board of Trustees, and other TPA staff monitoring and participating in the litigation on Local 295's behalf. I have personal knowledge of the statements herein, and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. Local 295 has actively participated in this case from inception. On December 12, 2017, Local 295 filed a lawsuit, alleging violations of the Sherman Antitrust Act and various state antitrust and consumer protection laws. Local 295's action was subsequently consolidated with related indirect-purchaser actions. On February 21, 2018, NEHP and the other named plaintiffs filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint for Violations of the Sherman Antitrust Act, the Clayton Act and State Antitrust and Consumer Protection Statutes concerning the Defendants' alleged Remicade pricing scheme.
- 3. Since becoming involved, I and Local 295 have been kept fully informed of case developments and procedural matters over the course of the case, including regular correspondence, conference calls, Board meetings, and in-person meetings with Local 295's retained counsel at Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP ("Robbins Geller"), concerning the status and direction of the case, the investigation and filing of the complaints, discovery, class certification and summary judgment-related issues, and settlement.

4. Specifically, in addition to the above, Local 295's Board of Trustees and I, as well as others acting at their direction aided in the creation of pleadings, searched for and provided significant information and data in response to discovery requests from Defendants, and prepared for and sat for deposition on December 15, 2021. Local 295 worked closely with class counsel

Robbins Geller throughout the litigation and during discovery.

- 5. Local 295's Board of Trustees, I and others acting on Local 295's behalf directly participated in and helped to oversee this litigation on behalf of the Class, including reviewing major pleadings and filings in this case, numerous and regular conferences and correspondence with counsel, and searching for, collecting, and producing documents and data as well as preparing and sitting for a deposition. In addition, Local 295 expended \$600.00 in unreimbursed out-ofpocket costs for legal services regarding this Action from Local 295's outside fund counsel, Cary Kane PLLC.
- 6. I have discussed the settlement with Local 295's Board of Trustees and with counsel, and Local 295 has evaluated the risks of continuing the case. Local 295 authorized counsel to settle this matter for \$25,000,000 for Class members. I and Local 295 believe this Settlement is fair and reasonable and is in the best interest of the Class members.

I declare under penalty or perjus,

day of October, 2022, at how york, hew york.

Linda A. Kelliner I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this

## EXHIBIT 4

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re REMICADE ANTITRUST LITIGATION	Civil Action No. 2:17-cv-04326-KSM (Consolidated)
This Document Relates To:	) CLASS ACTION
INDIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS.	The Honorable Karen S. Marston
	DECLARATION OF STEVEN W. NOBLES ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH PLAN IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR (1) FINAL APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT; (2) PLAN OF ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION; (3) AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES: AND (4) SERVICE AWARDS

#### I, STEVEN W. NOBLES, declare as follows:

- 1. I am Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the National Employees Health Plan ("NEHP"), a Court-appointed Class Representative in the above-captioned class action. I respectfully submit this Declaration in support of the proposed \$25,000,000 settlement and request that the Court approve the proposed settlement on behalf of the Class. I also submit this declaration in support of NEHP's request for a service award associated with the time spent by myself, NEHP's Board of Trustees, and NEHP's fund counsel monitoring and participating in the litigation. I have personal knowledge of the statements herein, and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. NEHP has actively participated in this case from inception. On September 28, 2017, NEHP filed a lawsuit, alleging violations of the Sherman Antitrust Act and various state antitrust and consumer protection laws. NEHP's action was subsequently consolidated with related indirect-purchaser actions. On February 21, 2018, NEHP and the other named plaintiffs filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint for Violations of the Sherman Antitrust Act, the Clayton Act and State Antitrust and Consumer Protection Statutes concerning the Defendants' alleged Remicade pricing scheme.
- 3. Since becoming involved, NEHP has been kept fully informed of case developments and procedural matters over the course of the case, including regular correspondence, conference calls, Board meetings, and in-person meetings with NEHP's retained counsel at Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP ("Robbins Geller"), as well as with fund counsel Howard S. Susskind, Esq., concerning the status and direction of the case, the investigation and filing of the complaints, discovery, class certification and summary judgment-related issues, and settlement.
- 4. Specifically, in addition to the above, I and others acting at NEPH's direction aided in the creation of pleadings, searched for and provided information and data in response to discovery

requests from Defendants, and prepared for and sat for deposition on January 20, 2022. NEHP worked closely with Robbins Geller throughout the litigation and during discovery.

- 5. Altogether, I and others, including NEHP's fund counsel, directly participated in and helped to oversee this litigation on behalf of the Class, including reviewing major pleadings and filings in this case, numerous and regular conferences and correspondence with counsel, and searching for, collecting, and producing documents and data.
- 6. I have discussed the settlement with NEHP's Board of Trustees and with counsel, and NEHP has evaluated the risks of continuing the case. NEHP authorized counsel to settle this matter for \$25,000,000 for Class members. I and NEHP believe this Settlement is fair and reasonable and is in the best interest of the Class members.

day of October, 2022, at 4600 CHICAGO RD WARREN. MICHIGAN 48092

STEVEN W. NOBLES

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## EXHIBIT 5

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re REMICADE ANTITRUST LITIGATION	Civil Action No. 2:17-cv-04326-KSM (Consolidated)
This Document Relates To:	CLASS ACTION
INDIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS.	The Honorable Karen S. Marston
	DECLARATION OF ALEXANDRA S. BERNAY FILED ON BEHALF OF ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD LLP IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES

#### I, ALEXANDRA S. BERNAY, 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 Class Counsel of record for plaintiffs Local 295 IBT Employer Group
   Welfare Fund, National Employees Health Plan, 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 on the printouts 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 20,380.80. 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 \$10,074,155.25. 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 antitrust 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 \$2,067,209.83 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, Witness and Other Fees: \$3,936.30. 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 the attached Exhibit C.
- (b) Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$20,386.61. In connection with the prosecution of this case, the Firm has paid for travel expenses to, among other things, attend court hearings, meet with witnesses, experts, and opposing counsel, and take or defend depositions. The date, destination, and purpose of each trip is set forth in the attached Exhibit D.
- (c) Court Hearing Transcripts and Deposition Reporting, Transcripts and Videography: \$43,241.41. The vendors who were paid for these services are listed in the attached Exhibit E.
- (d) Consultant (Info Tech, Inc.): \$14,850.00. Prior to the litigation expense fund being established, Robbins Geller paid \$14,850.00 directly to Info Tech, Inc. for expert research and analysis, including detailed assessment of pricing in the biosimilars market, assessment of market power, econometric analysis of the market and antitrust impact. Additional

amounts totaling \$829,425.66 were paid to Info Tech, Inc. from the litigation expense fund. *See* Exhibit F attached hereto.

- (e) Photocopies: \$38.40. In connection with this case, the Firm made 256 black and white copies. Robbins Geller requests \$0.15 per copy for a total of \$38.40. Each time an inhouse 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: \$6,182.94. This category includes vendors such as LexisNexis, PACER, Thomson Financial, and Westlaw. These resources were used to obtain access to SEC filings, FDA materials, 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 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: \$785,610.94. Robbins Geller requests (g) \$785,610.94 for hosting eDiscovery related to this Litigation. Robbins Geller has installed top 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 30 servers are dedicated to Robbins Geller's Relativity hosting environment with all data stored in a secure SSAE 18 Type II 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 thirdparty vendor. Utilizing a secure, advanced platform in-house has allowed Robbins Geller to prosecute actions more efficiently 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 20 million pages of documents and 1.1 million native files produced by parties and non-parties in this action. Documents were hosted for nearly five years.
- (h) My Firm maintained a litigation expense fund for certain common expenses in connection with the prosecution of this case. The category entitled "Litigation Fund Contributions" in each plaintiffs' counsel's fee and expense declaration represents contributions to this expense fund. A breakdown of the contributions to and payments made from the litigation expense fund is attached as Exhibit F.

- 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 G.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 31st day of October, 2022, at San Diego, California.

s/Alexandra S. Bernay
ALEXANDRA S. BERNAY

## **EXHIBIT A**

#### **EXHIBIT A**

In re Remicade Antitrust Litigation, Case No. 17-cv-04326-KSM Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP Inception through August 26, 2022

NAME		HOURS	RATE	LODESTAR
Bernay, Alexandra S.	(P)	1,357.20	925	\$ 1,255,410.00
Medici, Carmen Anthony	(P)	1,006.60	850	855,610.00
Mitchell, David W.	(P)	89.60	955	85,568.00
Browne, Lonnie A.	(A)	33.60	580	19,488.00
Zohrabian, Armen	(A)	35.10	630	22,113.00
Bandman, Randi D.	(OC)	14.10	1080	15,228.00
Coughlin, Patrick J.	(OC)	68.60	1325	90,895.00
Shingler, Arthur L.	(OC)	2,364.50	1025	2,423,612.50
Daniel-Duckering, Jennifer E.	(SA)	25.55	445	11,369.75
Baig, Daniel	(PA)	4,200.20	350	1,470,070.00
Capobianco, Joseph S.	(PA)	4,196.60	350	1,468,810.00
McCue, Charles T.	(PA)	167.00	445	74,315.00
Youngkin, Joshua A.	(PA)	4,283.70	350	1,499,295.00
Litigation Support		826.60	150-400	198,766.00
Paralegals		1,502.45	325-375	552,745.00
Document Clerks		209.40	100-150	30,860.00
TOTAL		20,380.80		\$ 10,074,155.25

- (P) Partner
- (A) Associate
- (OC) Of Counsel
- (SA) Staff Attorney
- (PA) Project Attorney

## **EXHIBIT B**

#### **EXHIBIT B**

In re Remicade Antitrust Litigation, Case No. 17-cv-04326-KSM Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP Inception through September 30, 2022

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Filing, Witness and Other Fees	\$ 3,936.30
Transportation, Hotels & Meals	20,386.61
Telephone	846.74
Postage	137.23
Messenger, Overnight Delivery	1,531.02
IT Equipment	202.56
Court Hearing Transcripts and Deposition Reporting, Transcripts and	
Videography	43,241.41
Consultant (Info Tech, Inc.)	14,850.00
In-House Photocopies (256 Black and White copies at \$0.15 per page)	38.40
Online Legal and Financial Research	6,182.94
eDiscovery Database Hosting	785,610.94
Litigation Fund Contributions	1,190,000.00
Publications/Subscriptions	245.68
TOTAL	\$ 2,067,209.83

## **EXHIBIT C**

### **EXHIBIT C**

*In re Remicade Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 17-cv-04326-KSM Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP

Filing, Witness and Other Fees: \$3,936.30

DATE	VENDOR	PURPOSE
10/05/17	CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT	PRO HAC VICE APPLICATION FOR R.
		BANDMAN
10/05/17	CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT	PRO HAC VICE APPLICATION FOR C.
		MEDICI
10/05/17	CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT	PRO HAC VICE APPLICATION FOR A.
		BERNAY
10/05/17	CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT	PRO HAC VICE APPLICATION FOR P.
		COUGHLIN
12/14/17	CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT	PRO HAC VICE APPLICATION FOR D.
		MITCHELL
12/14/17	CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT	PRO HAC VICE APPLICATION FOR B.
		O'MARA
11/30/18	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	05/25/18 MISC JOB: COURTESY COPY
	LITIGATION SUPPORT	FOR JUDGE'S CHAMBERS; JOINT
	SERVICES, INC.	OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS'
		MOTION TO DISMISS DIRECT AND
		INDIRECT PURCHASER PLAINTIFFS'
		CONSOLIDATED AMENDED
		COMPLAINTS; PROPOSED ORDER
		DENYING DEFENDANTS' MOTION
		TO DISMISS FILED IN BOTH CASE
		17-CV-04326 AND 18-CV-00303
01/22/19	CLERK OF THE COURT	PRO HAC VICE APPLICATION FOR A.
		SHINGLER
11/01/21	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	WITNESS FEES ADVANCED;
	LITIGATION SUPPORT	PERSONAL SERVICE: AETNA, INC.,
	SERVICES, INC.	SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A
		DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION;
		SCHEDULE A; STIPULATION AND
		ORDER REGARDING PROTOCOL
		FOR PRIVILEGED MATERIAL.
11/01/21	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	WITNESS FEES ADVANCED;
	LITIGATION SUPPORT	PERSONAL SERVICE: ANTHEM,
	SERVICES, INC.	INC., SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A
		DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION;
		SCHEDULE A; STIPULATION AND
		ORDER REGARDING PROTOCOL
		FOR PRIVILEGE MATERIAL.

VENDOR	PURPOSE
CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	WITNESS FEES ADVANCED;
LITIGATION SUPPORT	PERSONAL SERVICE: BLUE CROSS
SERVICES, INC.	BLUE SHIELD OF MASSACHUSETTS,
	SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A
	DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION;
	SCHEDULE A; STIPULATION AND
	ORDER REGARDING PROTOCOL
	FOR PRIVILEGED MATERIAL.
CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	WITNESS FEES ADVANCED;
LITIGATION SUPPORT	PERSONAL SERVICE: BLUE CROSS
SERVICES, INC.	BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN
	MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
	SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A
	DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION;
	SCHEDULE A; STIPULATION AND
	ORDER REGARDING PROTOCOL
	FOR PRIVILEGED MATERIAL.
	WITNESS FEES ADVANCED;
	PERSONAL SERVICE: HUMANA,
SERVICES, INC.	INC., SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A
	DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION;
	SCHEDULE A; STIPULATION AND
	ORDER REGARDING PROTOCOL
	FOR PRIVILEGED MATERIAL.
	WITNESS FEES ADVANCED;
	PERSONAL SERVICE;
SERVICES, INC.	INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTHCARE,
	SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A
	DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION;
	SCHEDULE A; STIPULATION AND
	ORDER REGARDING PROTOCOL FOR PRIVILEGED MATERIAL.
CLASS ACTION DESEADOU &	WITNESS FEES ADVANCED;
	PERSONAL SERVICE: LIFEPOINT
	HEALTH, INC., SUBPOENA TO
SERVICES, INC.	TESTIFY AT A DEPOSITION IN A
	CIVIL ACTION; SCHEDULE A;
	STIPULATION AND ORDER
	REGARDING PROTOCOL FOR
	PRIVILEGED MATERIAL.
CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	WITNESS FEES ADVANCED;
	PERSONAL SERVICE: SSM HEALTH
	CARE CORP., SUBPOENA TO
	TESTIFY AT A DEPOSITION IN A
	CIVIL ACTION; SCHEDULE A;
	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH & LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES, INC.  CLASS ACTION RESEARCH & LITIGATION SUPPORT

DATE	VENDOR	PURPOSE
		STIPULATION AND ORDER
		REGARDING PROTOCOL FOR
		PRIVILEGED MATERIAL.
11/01/21	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	WITNESS FEES ADVANCED;
	LITIGATION SUPPORT	PERSONAL SERVICE: UNITED
	SERVICES, INC.	HEALTH GROUP INCORPORATED,
		SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A
		DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION;
		SCHEDULE A; STIPULATION AND
		ORDER REGARDING PROTOCOL
		FOR PRIVILEGED MATERIAL.
11/01/21	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	WITNESS FEES ADVANCE;
	LITIGATION SUPPORT	PERSONAL SERVICE: PRIORITY
	SERVICES, INC.	HEALTH, SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY
		AT A DEPOSITION IN A DEPOSITION
		IN A CIVIL ACTION; SCHEDULE A;
		STIPULATION AND ORDER
		REGARDING PROTOCOL FOR
		PRIVILEGED MATERIAL.
11/01/21	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	WITNESS FEES ADVANCED;
	LITIGATION SUPPORT	PERSONAL SERVICE: SHARP
	SERVICES, INC.	HEALTHCARE, INC., SUBPOENA TO
		TESTIFY AT A DEPOSITION IN A
		CIVIL ACTION; SCHEDULE A;
		STIPULATION AND ORDER
		REGARDING PROTOCOL FOR
11/01/01	CV + CC + CCT/C) / DTCT + D CV +	PRIVILEGED MATERIAL.
11/01/21	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	WITNESS FEES ADVANCED;
	LITIGATION SUPPORT	PERSONAL SERVICE: CIGNA
	SERVICES, INC.	CORPORATION, SUBPOENA TO
		TESTIFY AT A DEPOSITION IN A
		CIVIL ACTION; SCHEDULE A;
		STIPULATION AND ORDER REGARDING PROTOCOL FOR
11/01/21	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	PRIVILEGED MATERIAL. WITNESS FEES ADVANCED;
11/01/21	LITIGATION SUPPORT	PERSONAL SERVICE: MARSHFIELD
	SERVICES, INC.	CLINIC, INC., SUBPOENA TO
	SERVICES, INC.	TESTIFY AT A DEPOSITION IN A
		CIVIL ACTION; SCHEDULE A;
		STIPULATION AND ORDER
		REGARDING PROTOCOL FOR
		PRIVILEGED MATERIAL.
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DATE	VENDOR	PURPOSE
11/01/21	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	WITNESS FEES ADVANCED;
	LITIGATION SUPPORT	PERSONAL SERVICE: THE
	SERVICES, INC.	CLEVELAND CLINIC FOUNDATION,
		SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A
		DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION;
		SCHEDULE A; STIPULATION AND
		ORDER REGARDING PROTOCOL
		FOR PRIVILEGED MATERIAL.
11/06/21	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	WITNESS FEES ADVANCED;
	LITIGATION SUPPORT	PERSONAL SERVICE: HARRISON
	SERVICES, INC.	CONSULTING GROUP, LLC,
		SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A
		DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION;
		SCHEDULE A; STIPULATION AND
		ORDER REGARDING PROTOCOL
		FOR PRIVILEGED MATERIAL.
04/18/22	CLASS ACTION RESEARCH &	COURTESY COPY FOR JUDGE'S
	LITIGATION SUPPORT	CHAMBERS; PLAINTIFFS'
	SERVICES, INC.	UNCONTESTED MOTION FOR AN
		ORDER; PLAINTIFFS'
		MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN
		SUPPORT OF UNCONTESTED
		MOTION; DECLARATION OF
		ALEXANDRA BERNAY; EXHIBIT 1-
		STIPULATION; EXHIBIT 2- GLOBAL
		ANTITRUST AND UNFAIR
		COMPETITION PRACTICE RESUME;
		DECLARATION OF CARLA A. PEAK

## **EXHIBIT D**

### **EXHIBIT D**

*In re Remicade Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 17-cv-04326-KSM Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP

Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$20,386.61

NAME	DATE	DESTINATION	PURPOSE
Hoffa, David	01/17/18 -	New York, NY	Attend meeting with client to update
	01/18/18		them on the litigation
Bernay, Alexandra	09/26/18 -	Philadelphia, PA	Prepare for and attend court hearing
	09/27/18		
Medici, Carmen	09/26/18 -	Philadelphia, PA	Prepare for and attend court hearing
	09/27/18		
Medici, Carmen	10/30/18 —	New York, NY	Prepare for and attend client meeting
	11/01/18		regarding discovery and collect
			documents
Bernay, Alexandra	02/09/19 -	Boston, MA	Prepare for and attend meeting with
	02/12/19		experts
Medici, Carmen	02/11/19 -	Boston, MA	Prepare for and attend meeting with
	02/12/19		experts
Medici, Carmen	11/13/19 —	Washington, DC	Prepare for and attend meeting with
	11/14/19		experts
Medici, Carmen	02/10/20 -	Mountain View,	Prepare for and take Messerlian
	02/11/20	CA	deposition
Shingler, Arthur	02/19/20 -	New York, NY	Prepare for and attend Keyes
	02/22/20		deposition
Bernay, Alexandra	02/24/20 -	Newport Beach,	Prepare for and attend Bottone
	02/25/20	CA	deposition
Bernay, Alexandra	02/27/20 -	New York, NY	Prepare for and attend Lambert
	02/29/20		deposition
Medici, Carmen	03/09/20 —	New York, NY	Prepare for and attend O'Neill and
	03/12/20		Deo depositions
Bernay, Alexandra	07/27/22 —	Philadelphia, PA	Prepare for and attend court hearing
	07/29/22		

## **EXHIBIT E**

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### *In re Remicade Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 17-cv-04326-KSM Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP

Court Hearing Transcripts and Deposition Reporting, Transcripts and Videography: \$43,241.41

DATE	VENDOR	PURPOSE
11/03/21	VERITEXT CORP.	VIDEO OF WITNESS KELLY ANN BILKER
11/09/21	VERITEXT CORP.	VIDEO OF WITNESS KARIN MOORE
11/09/21	VERITEXT CORP.	ORIGINAL WITH 1 CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT
		OF WITNESS KARIN MOORE
11/10/21	VERITEXT CORP.	VIDEO OF WITNESS KARIN MOORE VOL 2
11/10/21	VERITEXT CORP.	ORIGINAL WITH 1 CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT
		OF WITNESS KARIN MOORE VOL 2
11/11/21	VERITEXT CORP.	VIDEO OF WITNESS WILLIAM ASHTON
11/11/21	VERITEXT CORP.	CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT OF WITNESS
		WILLIAM ASHTON
11/12/21	VERITEXT CORP.	ORIGINAL WITH 1 CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT
		OF WITNESS ALYSON WESS
11/12/21	VERITEXT CORP.	VIDEO OF WITNESS ALYSON WESS
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## **EXHIBIT F**

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#### In re Remicade Antitrust Litigation; Case No. 17-cv-04326-KSM Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP

#### Litigation Expense Fund Breakdown

#### Contributions:

Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP: \$1,190,000.00
Freedman Boyd Hollander Goldberg Urias & Ward P.A.: \$75,000.00
Gustafson Gluek PLLC: \$75,000.00
Shepherd Finkelman Miller & Shah LLP \$60,000.00
Reimbursement from Kenny Nachwalter \$1,792.73

Total Contributions: \$1,401,792.73

CATEGORY		AMOUNT
Deposition Reporting, Transcripts and Videography Veritext Legal Solutions <sup>1</sup>	\$	5,646.63
Experts/Consultants		
Info Tech, Inc. <sup>2</sup>		829,425.66
Greylock McKinnon Associates <sup>3</sup>		566,690.44
Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. <sup>4</sup>		30.00
TOTAL		\$1,401,792.73

- Veritext Legal Solutions provided deposition services, videography and transcripts for the depositions of Matthew Hales, Kavitha Goyal M.D., Christopher Chrzan, Steven Nobles, Michael Yang, Sarkis Messerlain, and Sarang Deo.
- Info Tech, Inc. provided expert research and analysis, including detailed assessment of pricing in the biosimilars market, assessment of market power, econometric analysis of the market and antitrust impact.
- <sup>3</sup> Greylock McKinnon Associates provided expert analysis of biosimilars market.
- Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. provided services relating to the third party subpoena to LifePoint.

## **EXHIBIT G**

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### INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

#### PRACTICE AREAS AND SERVICES

#### **Securities Fraud**

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

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

The Firm's reputation for excellence has been repeatedly noted by courts and has resulted in the appointment of Firm attorneys to lead roles in hundreds of complex class-action securities and other 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 circumstances. 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 20 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.J.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel for a class of investors that purchased AT&T common stock. The case charged defendants AT&T and its former Chairman and CEO, C. Michael Armstrong, with violations of the federal securities laws in connection with AT&T's April 2000 initial public offering of its wireless tracking stock, one of the largest IPOs in American history. After two weeks of trial, and on the eve of scheduled testimony by Armstrong and infamous telecom analyst Jack Grubman, defendants agreed to settle the case for \$100 million.

- Silverman v. Motorola, Inc., No. 1:07-cv-04507 (N.D. Ill.). The Firm served as lead counsel on behalf of a class of investors in Motorola, Inc., ultimately recovering \$200 million for investors just two months before the case was set for trial. This outstanding result was obtained despite the lack of an SEC investigation or any financial restatement.
- City of Pontiac Gen. Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., No. 5:12-cv-05162 (W.D. Ark.). Robbins Geller attorneys and lead plaintiff City of Pontiac General Employees' Retirement System achieved a \$160 million settlement in a securities class action case arising from allegations published by The New York Times in an article released on April 21, 2012 describing an alleged bribery scheme that occurred in Mexico. The case charged that Wal-Mart portrayed itself to investors as a model corporate citizen that had proactively uncovered potential corruption and promptly reported it to law enforcement, when in truth, a former in-house lawyer had blown the whistle on Wal-Mart's corruption years earlier, and Wal-Mart concealed the allegations from law enforcement by refusing its own in-house and outside counsel's calls for an independent investigation. Robbins Geller "achieved an exceptional [s]ettlement with skill, perseverance, and diligent advocacy," said Judge Hickey when granting final approval.
- Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corp., No. 2:09-cv-02122 (D. Kan.). As co-lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained a \$131 million recovery for a class of Sprint investors. The settlement, secured after five years of hard-fought litigation, resolved claims that former Sprint executives misled investors concerning the success of Sprint's ill-advised merger with Nextel and the deteriorating credit quality of Sprint's customer base, artificially inflating the value of Sprint's securities.
- In re LendingClub Sec. Litig., No. 3:16-cv-02627 (N.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a \$125 million settlement for the court-appointed lead plaintiff Water and Power Employees' Retirement, Disability and Death Plan of the City of Los Angeles and the class. The settlement resolved allegations that LendingClub promised investors an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a revolutionary lending market fueled by the highest standards of honesty and integrity. The settlement ranked among the top ten largest securities recoveries ever in the Northern District of California.
- Knurr v. Orbital ATK, Inc., No. 1:16-cv-01031 (E.D. Va.). In the Orbital securities class action, Robbins Geller obtained court approval of a \$108 million recovery for the class. The Firm succeeded in overcoming two successive motions to dismiss the case, and during discovery were required to file ten motions to compel, all of which were either negotiated to a resolution or granted in large part, which resulted in the production of critical evidence in support of plaintiffs' claims. Believed to be the fourth-largest securities class action settlement in the history of the Eastern District of Virginia, the settlement provides a recovery for investors that is more than ten times larger than the reported median recovery of estimated damages for all securities class action settlements in 2018.
- Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, No. SACV15-0865 (C.D. Cal.). After a two-week jury trial, Robbins Geller attorneys won a complete plaintiffs' verdict against both defendants on both claims, with the jury finding that Puma Biotechnology, Inc. and its CEO, Alan H. Auerbach, committed securities fraud. The Puma case is only the fifteenth securities class action case tried to a verdict since the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act was enacted in 1995.
- Marcus v. J.C. Penney Co., Inc., No. 13-cv-00736 (E.D. Tex.). Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a \$97.5 million recovery on behalf of J.C. Penney shareholders. The result resolves claims that J.C. Penney and certain officers and directors made misstatements and/or omissions regarding the company's financial position that resulted in artificially inflated stock prices. 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 Cnty.). Robbins Geller attorneys successfully prosecuted the derivative claims on behalf of nominal party SciClone Pharmaceuticals, Inc., resulting in the adoption of state-of-the-art corporate governance reforms. The corporate governance reforms included the establishment of an FCPA compliance coordinator; the adoption of an FCPA compliance program and code; and the adoption of additional internal controls and compliance functions.
- Policemen & Firemen Ret. Sys. of the City of Detroit v. Cornelison (Halliburton Derivative Litigation), No. 2009-29987 (Tex. Dist. Ct., Harris Cnty.). Prosecuted shareholder derivative claims on behalf of Halliburton Company against certain Halliburton insiders for breaches of fiduciary duty arising from Halliburton's alleged violations of the FCPA. In the settlement, Halliburton agreed, among other things, to adopt strict intensive controls and systems designed to detect and deter the payment of bribes and other improper payments to foreign officials, to

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

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

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

#### **Options Backdating Litigation**

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

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

#### **Corporate Takeover Litigation**

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

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

- In re Tesla Motors, Inc. S'holder Litig., No. 12711-VCS (Del. Ch.). Robbins Geller, along with 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 \$5.5 billion. In approving the settlement, the court noted that Robbins Geller and co-counsel "demonstrated the utmost professionalism despite the demands of the extreme perseverance that this case has required, litigating on behalf of a class of over 12 million for over fourteen years, across a changing legal landscape, significant motion practice, and appeal 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.). 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 The settlement resolves claims that eligible for upwards of \$35,000 in restitution. 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, PRECEDENT-SETTING DECISIONS, AND JUDICIAL COMMENDATIONS

#### **Prominent Cases**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Jaffe v. Household Int'l, Inc., No. 02-C-05893 (N.D. Ill). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained a record-breaking settlement of \$1.575 billion after 14 years of litigation, including a 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In approving the settlement, Judge Mariana R. Pfaelzer repeatedly complimented plaintiffs' attorneys, noting that it was "beyond serious dispute that Class Counsel has vigorously prosecuted the Settlement Actions on both the state and federal level over the last six years." Judge Pfaelzer also commented that "[w]ithout a settlement, these cases would continue indefinitely, resulting in significant risks to recovery and continued litigation costs. It is difficult to understate the risks to recovery if litigation had continued." Me. State 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 20 largest securities class action recoveries in history. The settlement is also one of the biggest securities class action recoveries arising from the credit crisis.

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

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

The quality of representation in this case was superb. Lead Counsel, [Robbins Geller], are nationally recognized leaders in complex securities litigation class actions. The quality of the representation is demonstrated by the substantial benefit achieved for the Class and the efficient, effective prosecution and resolution of this action. Lead Counsel defeated a volley of motions to dismiss, thwarting 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 The settlement against HealthSouth represents one of the larger stockholder plaintiffs. settlements in securities class action history and is considered among the top 15 settlements achieved after passage of the PSLRA. Likewise, the settlement against Ernst & Young is one of the largest securities class action settlements entered into by an accounting firm since the passage of the PSLRA. HealthSouth and its financial advisors perpetrated one of the largest and most pervasive frauds in the history of U.S. healthcare, prompting Congressional and law enforcement inquiry and resulting in guilty pleas of 16 former HealthSouth executives in related federal criminal prosecutions. In March 2009, Judge Karon Bowdre commented in the HealthSouth class certification opinion: "The court has had many opportunities since November 2001 to examine the work of class counsel and the supervision by the Class Representatives. The court finds both to be far more than adequate." In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig., 257 F.R.D. 260, 275 (N.D. Ala. 2009).
- In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig., No. 3:15-cv-03747 (N.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller served as co-lead class counsel in a cutting-edge certified class action, securing a record-breaking \$650 million all-cash settlement, the largest privacy settlement in history. The case concerned Facebook's alleged privacy violations through its collection of its users' biometric identifiers without informed consent through its "Tag Suggestions" feature, which uses proprietary facial recognition software to extract from user-uploaded photographs the unique biometric identifiers (i.e., graphical representations of facial features, also known as facial geometry) associated with people's faces and identify who they are. The Honorable James Donato called the settlement "a groundbreaking settlement in a novel area" and praised the unprecedented 22% claims rate as "pretty phenomenal" and "a pretty good day in class settlement history."
- In re Dynegy Inc. Sec. Litig., No. H-02-1571 (S.D. Tex.). As sole lead counsel representing The Regents of the University of California and the class of Dynegy investors, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a combined settlement of \$474 million from Dynegy, Citigroup, Inc., and Arthur Andersen LLP for their involvement in a clandestine financing scheme known as Project Alpha. Given Dynegy's limited ability to pay, Robbins Geller attorneys structured a settlement (reached shortly before the commencement of trial) that maximized plaintiffs' recovery without bankrupting the company. Most notably, the settlement agreement provides that Dynegy will appoint two board members to be nominated by The Regents, which Robbins Geller and The Regents believe will benefit all of Dynegy's stockholders.
- Jones v. Pfizer Inc., No. 1:10-cv-03864 (S.D.N.Y.). Lead plaintiff Stichting Philips Pensioenfonds obtained a \$400 million settlement on behalf of class members who purchased Pfizer common stock during the January 19, 2006 to January 23, 2009 class period. The settlement against Pfizer resolves accusations that it misled investors about an alleged off-label drug marketing scheme. As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys helped achieve this exceptional result after five years of hard-fought litigation against the toughest and the brightest members of the securities defense bar by litigating this case all the way to trial.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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:

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Lead Counsel are highly skilled attorneys with great experience in prosecuting complex securities action[s], and their professionalism and diligence displayed during [this] litigation substantiates this characterization. The Court notes that Lead Counsel displayed excellent lawyering skills through their consistent preparedness during court proceedings, arguments and the trial, and their 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Mineworkers' Pension Scheme v. First Solar Inc., 881 F.3d 750 (9th Cir. 2018), cert. denied, 588 U.S. (2019). In January 2018, the Ninth Circuit upheld the district court's denial of defendants' motion for summary judgment, agreeing with plaintiffs that the test for loss causation in the Ninth Circuit is a general "proximate cause test," and rejecting the more stringent revelation of the fraudulent practices standard advocated by the defendants. The opinion is a significant victory for investors, as it forecloses defendants' ability to immunize themselves from liability simply by refusing to publicly acknowledge their fraudulent conduct.
- In re Quality Sys., Inc. Sec. Litig., No. 15-55173 (9th Cir.). In July 2017, Robbins Geller's Appellate Practice Group scored a significant win in the Ninth Circuit in the Quality Systems securities class action. On appeal, a three-judge Ninth Circuit panel unanimously reversed the district court's prior dismissal of the action against Quality Systems and remanded the case to the district court for further proceedings. The decision addressed an issue of first impression concerning "mixed" future and present-tense misstatements. The appellate panel explained that "non-forward-looking portions of mixed statements are not eligible for the safe harbor provisions of the PSLRA . . . . Defendants made a number of mixed statements that included projections of growth in revenue and earnings based on the state of QSI's sales pipeline." The panel then held both the non-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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you very much Mr. Daley and a thank you to all counsel. As Judge Cowen mentioned, this was an exquisitely well-briefed case; it was also an extremely 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.

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

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

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

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

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

# Additional Judicial Commendations

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

- On 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).

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- On October 23, 2020, at the final approval hearing of the settlement, the Honorable P. Kevin Castel of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York praised the firm, "[Robbins Geller] has been sophisticated and experienced." He also noted that: "[T]he quality of the representation . . . was excellent. The experience of counsel is also a factor. Robbins Geller certainly has the extensive experience and they were litigating against national powerhouses . . . . " City of Birmingham Ret. & Relief Sys. v. BRF S.A., No. 18 Civ. 2213 (PKC), Transcript at 12-13, 18 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 23, 2020).
- In May 2020, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Mark L. Wolf praised Robbins Geller: "[T]he class has been represented by excellent honorable counsel . . . . [T]he fund was represented by experienced, energetic, able counsel, the fund was engaged and informed, and the fund followed advice of experienced counsel. Counsel for the class have been excellent, and I would say honorable." Additionally, Judge Wolf noted, "I find that the work that's been done primarily by Robbins Geller has been excellent and honorable and efficient. . . . [T]his has been a challenging case, and they've done an excellent job." McGee v. Constant Contact, Inc., No. 1:15-cv-13114-MLW, Transcript at 21, 31, 61 (D. Mass. May 27, 2020).
- In December 2019, the Honorable Margo K. Brodie noted in granting final approval of the settlement that "[Robbins Geller and co-counsel] have also demonstrated the utmost professionalism despite the demands of the extreme perseverance that this case has required, litigating on behalf of a class of over 12 million for over fourteen years, across a changing legal landscape, significant motion practice, and appeal and remand. Class counsel's pedigree and efforts alone speak to the quality of their representation." In re Payment Card Interchange Fee & Merch. Disc. Antitrust Litig., No. 1:05-md-01720-MKB-JO, Memorandum & Order (E.D.N.Y. Dec. 16, 2019).
- In October 2019, the Honorable Claire C. Cecchi noted that Robbins Geller is "capable of adequately representing the class, both based on their prior experience in class action lawsuits and based on their capable advocacy on behalf of the class in this action." The court further commended the Firm and co-counsel for "conduct[ing] the [l]itigation . . . with skill, perseverance, and diligent advocacy." Lincoln Adventures, LLC v. Those Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London Members, No. 2:08-cv-00235-CCC-JAD, Order at 4 (D.N.J. Oct. 3, 2019); Lincoln Adventures, LLC v. Those Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London Members of Syndicates, No. 2:08-cv-00235-CCC-[AD, 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

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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).

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- 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).

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- 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).

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- 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).

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- 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

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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: Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc.; Reckitt Benckiser Group plc; Livent Corporation; Ryanair Holdings plc; Southwest Airlines Co.; Green Dot Corporation; and XPO Logistics, Inc. 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 (\$345 million partial settlement achieved a few months prior to trial; additional \$264 million settlement pending approval), 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); Super Micro Computer, Inc. (\$18.25 million recovery); NBTY, Inc. (\$16 million recovery), OSI Pharmaceuticals (\$9 million recovery), Advisory Board Company (\$7.5 million recovery), Iconix Brand Group, Inc. (\$6 million recovery), and PXRe Group, Ltd. (\$5.9 million).

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

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2022; 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

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2020-2021; 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 XPO Logistics (D. Conn.), Canada Goose (S.D.N.Y.), Inogen (C.D. Cal.), and Under Armour (D. Md.). 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.].), 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

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

## X. Jay Alvarez | Partner

Jay Alvarez is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He focuses his practice on securities fraud litigation and other complex litigation. Alvarez's notable cases include In re 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 and has been practicing law for 17 years, first at a major defense firm and the last 9-1/2 at Robbins Geller. Her practice focuses on complex class actions, including consumer fraud, RICO, public nuisance, data breach, pharmaceuticals, and antitrust litigation.

Antullis, along with other Robbins Geller attorneys, is currently leading the effort on behalf of cities and counties around the country in In re Nat'l Prescription Opiate Litig., No. 1:17-MD-2804 (N.D. Ohio). She also serves as a primary counsel for named plaintiffs in the consolidated Third Party Payer class action in In re Zantac (Ranitidine) Prods. Liab. Litig., No. 9:20-md-02924-RLR (S.D. Fla.), and is as a core member of the MDL Class Committee responsible for drafting, defending, and proving products liability, RICO, and consumer protection allegations on behalf of both TPPs and consumers nationwide.

Antullis has 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-MRB (S.D. Ohio). Her heavy lifting at every stage of the litigation in In re Yahoo! Inc. Customer Data Sec. Breach Litig., No. 5:16-md-02752-LHK (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-MCA-MAH (D.N.J.) (representing class of LabCorp customers), and In re Solara Med. Supplies Customer Data Breach Litig., No. 3:19-cv-02284-H-KSC (S.D. Cal.) (representing victims of a protected health information data breach).

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

# Stephen R. Astley | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

## A. Rick Atwood, Jr. | Partner

Rick Atwood is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. As a recipient of the California Lawyer Attorney of the Year ("CLAY") Award for his work on behalf of shareholders, he has successfully represented shareholders in securities class actions, merger-related class actions, and shareholder derivative suits in federal and state courts in more than 30 jurisdictions. Through his litigation efforts at both the trial and appellate levels, Atwood has helped recover billions of dollars for public shareholders, including the largest post-merger common fund recoveries on record. He is also part of the Firm's SPAC Task Force, which is dedicated to rooting out and prosecuting fraud on behalf of injured investors in special purpose acquisition companies. Most recently, in In re Dole Food Co., Inc. S'holder Litig., which went to trial in the Delaware Court of Chancery on claims of breach of fiduciary duty on behalf of Dole Food Co., Inc. shareholders, Atwood helped obtain \$148 million, the largest trial verdict ever in a class action challenging a merger transaction. He was also a key member of the litigation team in In re Kinder Morgan, Inc. S'holders Litig., where he helped obtain an unprecedented \$200 million common fund for former Kinder Morgan shareholders, the largest merger & acquisition class action recovery in history.

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2017-2019; M&A Litigation Attorney of the Year in California, Corporate International, 2015; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2014-2017; Attorney of the Year, California Lawyer, 2012; B.A., Great Distinction, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, 1988; B.A., Honors, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1987; Authorities Editor, Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law, 1991

## Aelish M. Baig | Partner

Aelish Marie Baig is a partner in the Firm's San Francisco office. She specializes in federal securities and consumer class actions. She focuses primarily on securities fraud litigation on behalf of individual and institutional investors, including state and municipal pension funds, Taft-Hartley funds, and private retirement and investment funds. Baig has litigated a number of cases through jury trial, resulting in multi-million dollar awards and settlements for her clients, and has prosecuted securities fraud, consumer, and derivative actions obtaining millions of dollars in recoveries against corporations such as Wells Fargo, Verizon, Celera, Pall, and Prudential.

Baig, along with co-counsel and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys, is currently leading the effort on behalf of cities and counties around the country in In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation. Earlier this year, Baig served as co-trial counsel in a federal bench trial in San Francisco in a case that had been selected as a bellwether in the multi-district litigation. The team achieved combined settlements of nearly \$70 million for San Francisco and more than \$5 billion nationally from multiple pharmaceutical companies who were defendants in the case. The Honorable Charles R. Breyer of the Northern District of California ruled that Walgreens, the only defendant remaining in the case, was liable for its role in the opioid crisis in San Francisco. An abatement trial for Walgreens will be held at a later date.

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

Additionally, Baig prosecuted an action against Wells Fargo's directors and officers accusing the giant of engaging in the robosigning of foreclosure papers so as to mass-process home foreclosures, a practice which contributed significantly to the 2008-2009 financial crisis. The resulting settlement was worth more than \$67 million in cash, corporate preventative measures, and new lending initiatives for residents of cities devastated by Wells Fargo's alleged unlawful foreclosure practices. Baig and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys recently obtained a \$62.5 million settlement in Villella v. Chemical and Mining Company of Chile Inc., a securities class action against a Chilean mining company. The case alleged that Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. ("SQM") violated the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by issuing materially false and misleading statements regarding the Company's failure to disclose that money from SQM was channeled illegally to electoral campaigns for Chilean politicians and political parties as far back as 2009. SQM had also filed millions of dollars' worth of fictitious tax receipts with Chilean authorities in order to conceal bribery payments from at least 2009 through fiscal 2014. Due to the company being based out of Chile and subject to Chilean law and rules, Baig and the Robbins Geller litigation team put together a multilingual litigation team with Chilean expertise. Baig was also part of the litigation and trial team in White v. Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, which resulted in a \$25 million settlement and Verizon's agreement to an injunction restricting its ability to impose early termination fees in future subscriber agreements. She was also part of the team that prosecuted dozens of stock option backdating actions, securing tens of millions of dollars in cash recoveries as well as the implementation of comprehensive corporate governance enhancements for numerous companies victimized by their directors' and officers' fraudulent stock option backdating practices. Additionally, Baig prosecuted an action against Prudential Insurance for its alleged failure to pay life insurance benefits to beneficiaries of policyholders it knew or had reason to know had died, resulting in a settlement in excess of \$30 million.

### Education

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

## Honors / Awards

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

## James E. Barz | Partner

James Barz is a partner with the Firm and manages the Firm's Chicago office. He has tried 18 cases to verdict, conducted numerous evidentiary hearings, drafted many appeals, 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 2021, teaching courses on trial advocacy and class action litigation.

Barz has focused on representing investors in securities fraud class actions that have resulted in recoveries of over \$2 billion. Most recently, Barz was 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" that had raised "fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations." This is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest securities class action settlement ever. Barz was recognized as a Litigator of the Week by The American Lawyer for his work in In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.

Barz has also secured substantial recoveries for investors in HCA (\$215 million, M.D. Tenn.); Motorola (\$200 million, N.D. Ill.); Sprint (\$131 million, D. Kan.); Orbital ATK (\$108 million, E.D. Va.); Psychiatric Solutions (\$65 million, M.D. Tenn.); Dana Corp. (\$64 million, N.D. Ohio); Hospira (\$60 million, N.D. Ill.); Career Education (\$27.5 million, N.D. Ill.); Accretive Health (\$14 million, N.D. Ill.); LJM Funds Management, Ltd. (\$12.85 million, N.D. Ill.); and Camping World (\$12.5 million). He has been lead trial counsel in several of these cases obtaining favorable settlements just days or weeks before trial and after obtaining denials of summary judgment. Barz also handles whistleblower cases, including successful settlements in United States v. Signature Healthcare LLC (M.D. Tenn.) (\$30 million) and Goodman v. Arriva Medical LLC (M.D. Tenn.) (\$160 million settlement with government and \$28.5 million award to whistleblower). Barz also handles antitrust cases, including currently serving on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Ill.).

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; 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; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2018-2021; 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

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

### Nathan W. Bear | Partner

Nate Bear is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. Bear advises institutional investors on a global basis. His clients include Taft-Hartley funds, public and multi-employer pension funds, fund managers, insurance companies, and banks around the world. He counsels clients on securities fraud and corporate governance, and frequently speaks at conferences worldwide. Bear has been part of Robbins Geller litigation teams which have recovered over \$1 billion for investors, including In re Cardinal Health, Inc. Sec. Litig. (\$600 million) and Jones v. Pfizer Inc. (\$400 million). In addition to initiating securities fraud class actions in the United States, he possesses direct experience in Australian class actions, potential group actions in the United Kingdom, settlements in the European Union under the Wet Collectieve Afwikkeling Massaschade (WCAM), the Dutch Collective Mass Claims Settlement Act, as well as representative actions in Germany utilizing the Kapitalanlegermusterverfahrensgesetz (KapMuG), the Capital Market Investors' Model Proceeding Act. In Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank v. Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc., Bear was a member of the litigation team which achieved the first major ruling upholding fraud allegations against the chief credit rating agencies. That ruling led to the filing of a similar case, King County, Washington v. IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG. These cases, arising from the fraudulent ratings of bonds issued by the Cheyne and Rhinebridge structured investment vehicles, ultimately obtained landmark settlements - on the eve of trial - from the major credit rating agencies and Morgan Stanley. Bear maintained an active role in litigation at the heart of the worldwide financial crisis, and pursued banks over their manipulation of LIBOR, FOREX, and other benchmark rates. Additionally, Bear represents investors damaged by the defeat device scandal enveloping German automotive manufacturers, including Volkswagen, Porsche, and Daimler.

#### Education

B.A., University of California at Berkeley, 1998; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2006

# Honors / Awards

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2016; "Outstanding Young Attorneys," San Diego Daily Transcript, 2011

# Alexandra S. Bernay | Partner

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

Additionally, Bernay is involved in In re Remicade Antitrust Litig. pending in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania - a large case involving anticompetitive conduct in the biosimilars market, where the Firm is sole lead counsel for the end-payor plaintiffs. She is also part of the litigation team in In re Dealer Mgmt. Sys. Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Ill.), which involves anticompetitive conduct related to dealer management systems on behalf of auto dealerships across the country. Another representative case is Persian Gulf Inc. v. BP West Coast Prods. LLC (S.D. Cal.), a massive case against the largest gas refiners in the world brought by gasoline station owners who allege they were overcharged for gasoline in California as a result of anticompetitive conduct.

#### Education

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

#### Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; Litigator of the Week, Global Competition Review, October 1, 2014

### 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

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

# Douglas R. Britton | Partner

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

### Luke O. Brooks | Partner

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; 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 Executive and Management Committees. He has 25 years of experience in prosecuting securities class actions and private actions on behalf of large institutional investors. Burkholz was one of the lead trial attorneys in Jaffe v. Household International in the Northern District of Illinois, a securities class action that obtained a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs. Burkholz has also recovered billions of dollars for injured shareholders in cases such as Enron (\$7.2 billion), WorldCom (\$657 million), Countrywide (\$500 million), and Qwest (\$445 million).

#### Education

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

## Honors / Awards

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

# Michael G. Capeci | Partner

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2022; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2014-2021; J.D., Cum Laude, Hofstra University School of Law, 2010

# Jennifer N. Caringal | Partner

Jennifer Caringal is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where her practice focuses on complex antitrust and securities litigation. She is also part of the Firm's SPAC Task Force, which is dedicated to rooting out and prosecuting fraud on behalf of injured investors in special purpose acquisition companies.

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

### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

### Brian E. Cochran | Partner

Brian Cochran is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He focuses his practice on complex securities, shareholder, consumer protection, and ERISA litigation. Cochran is also a member of Robbins Geller's SPAC Task Force. Cochran specializes in case investigation and initiation and lead plaintiff issues arising under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. He has developed dozens of cases under the federal securities laws and recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for injured investors and consumers. Several of Cochran's cases have pioneered new ground, such as cases on behalf of cryptocurrency investors, and sparked follow-on governmental investigations into corporate malfeasance. Cochran has spearheaded litigation on behalf of injured investors in blank check companies, developing one of the first securities class actions arising from the latest wave of blank check financing, Alta Mesa Resources. On March 31, 2021, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas denied defendants' motions to dismiss in their entirety.

Brian was a member of the litigation team that achieved a \$1.21 billion settlement in the Valeant Pharmaceuticals securities litigation. Brian 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, Brian was part of the team that secured a historic \$25 million settlement on behalf of Trump University students, which Brian prosecuted on a pro bono basis. Other notable recoveries include: Walgreens (\$105 million, subject to court approval); Scotts Miracle-Gro (up to \$85 million); Psychiatric Solutions (\$65 million); SQM Chemical & Mining Co. of Chile (\$62.5) million); Grubhub (\$42 million, subject to court approval); Big Lots (\$38 million); Credit Suisse (\$32.5 million, subject to court approval); DouYu (\$15 million, subject to court approval); REV Group (\$14.25 million); Fifth Street Finance (\$14 million); Third Avenue Management (\$14 million); LIM (\$12.85 million); Sealed Air (\$12.5 million, subject to court approval); 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

Next Generation Partner, The Legal 500, 2020-2022; 40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2020-2021; Rising Star, The Legal 500, 2019; A.B., With Honors, Princeton University, 2006; J.D., Order of the Coif, University of California at Berkeley School of Law, Boalt Hall, 2012

### Sheri M. Coverman | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

## Desiree Cummings | Partner

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

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

At Robbins Geller, Cummings currently serves as counsel in a data breach and privacy class action and in numerous securities fraud class actions pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. Cummings also serves as counsel in several breach of fiduciary duty actions presently pending in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware.

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2022; 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: City of Birmingham Ret. & Relief Sys. v. Davis, 806 F. App'x 17 (2d Cir. 2020); City of Providence v. Bats Glob. Mkts., Inc., 878 F.3d 36 (2d Cir. 2017); DeJulius v. New Eng. Health Care Emps. Pension Fund, 429 F.3d 935 (10th Cir. 2005); Frank v. Dana Corp. ("Dana I"), 547 F.3d 564 (6th Cir. 2008); Frank v. Dana Corp. ("Dana II"), 646 F.3d 954 (6th Cir. 2011); Freidus v. Barclays Bank PLC, 734 F.3d 132 (2d Cir. 2013); In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig., 334 F. App'x 248 (11th Cir. 2009); In re Merck & Co. Sec., Derivative & ERISA Litig., 493 F.3d 393 (3d Cir. 2007); In re Quality Sys., Inc. Sec. Litig., 865 F.3d 1130 (9th Cir. 2017); In re Qwest 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

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)

### Patrick W. Daniels | Partner

Patrick Daniels is a founding and managing partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He is widely recognized as a leading corporate governance and investor advocate. Daily Journal, the leading legal publisher in California, named him one of the 20 most influential lawyers in California under 40 years of age. Additionally, the Yale School of Management's Millstein Center for Corporate Governance and Performance awarded Daniels its "Rising Star of Corporate Governance" honor for his outstanding leadership in shareholder advocacy and activism.

Daniels is an advisor to political and financial leaders throughout the world. He counsels private and state government pension funds and fund managers in the United States, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and other countries within the European Union on issues related to corporate fraud in the United States securities markets and "best practices" in the corporate governance of publicly traded companies. Daniels has represented dozens of institutional investors in some of the largest and significant shareholder actions, including Enron, WorldCom, AOLTimemost Warner, BP, Pfizer, Countrywide, Petrobras, and Volkswagen, to name just a few. In the wake of the financial crisis, he represented dozens of investors in structured investment products in ground-breaking actions against the ratings agencies and Wall Street banks that packaged and sold supposedly highly rated shoddy securities to institutional investors all around the world.

#### Education

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1993; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 1997

### Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; Rising Star of Corporate Governance, Yale School of Management's Milstein Center for Corporate Governance & Performance, 2008; One of the 20 Most Influential Lawyers in the State of California Under 40 Years of Age, Daily Journal; B.A., Cum Laude, University of California, Berkeley, 1993

### 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 Info. Privacy Litig., No. 3:15-cv-03747 (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 Sec. Breach Litig., No. 5:16-md-02752 (N.D. Cal.) (\$117.5 million recovery in the largest data breach in history); In re Sony Gaming Networks & Customer Data Sec. Breach Litig., No. 3:11-md-02258 (S.D. Cal.) (settlement valued at \$15 million concerning the massive data breach of Sony's PlayStation Network); and Kehoe v. Fid. Fed. Bank & Tr., No. 9:03-cv-80593 (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).

Davidson currently serves as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel in In re American Medical Collection Agency, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation, No. 2:19-md-02904-MCA-MAH (D.N.J.) (representing class of LabCorp customers), Garner v. Amazon.com, Inc., No. 2:21-cv-00750-RSL (W.D. Wash.) (alleging Amazon's illegal wiretapping through Alexa-enabled devices), In re American Financial Resources, Inc. Data Breach Litigation, No. 2:22-cv-01757-MCA-JSA (D.N.J.), and In re Solara Medical Supplies Data Breach Litigation, No.

3:19-cv-02284-H-KSC (S.D. Cal.) (\$5 million cash settlement for victims of healthcare data breach, pending approval), and on Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in In re Lakeview Loan Servicing Data Breach Litigation, No. 1:22-cv-20955-DPG (S.D. Fla.).

Davidson also spearheaded several aspects of In re EpiPen (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Marketing, Sales Practices & Antitrust Litigation, No. 2:17-md-02785-DDC-TJJ (D. Kan.) (\$609 million total recovery achieved weeks prior to trial in certified class action alleging antitrust claims involving the illegal reverse payment settlement to delay the generic EpiPen, which allowed the prices of the life-saving EpiPen to rise over 600% in 9 years), 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

Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice, American Antitrust Institute, 2022; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2021-2022; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2020-2022; 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, Lawdragon, 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 Litig. He was recently appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in In re Zantac (Ranitidine) Prods. Liab. Litig., and as Chair of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in In re Apple Inc. Device Performance Litig., Dearman obtained a \$310 million settlement. His other recent representative cases include In re FieldTurf Artificial Turf Mktg. Pracs. Litig., No. 3:17-md-02779 (D.N.J.); In re NHL Players' Concussion Injury Litig., 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 38755 (D. Minn. 2015); In re Sony Gaming Networks & Customer Data Sec. Breach Litig., 903 F. Supp. 2d 942 (S.D. Cal. 2012); In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Mktg. Sales Pracs. & Prods. Liab. Litig., 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 1357 (N.D. Cal. 2016); In re Ford Fusion & C-Max Fuel Econ. Litig., 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 155383 (S.D.N.Y. 2015); Looper v. FCA US LLC, No. 5:14-cv-00700 (C.D. Cal.); In re Aluminum Warehousing Antitrust Litig., 95 F. Supp. 3d 419 (S.D.N.Y. 2015), aff'd, 833 F.3d 151 (2d Cir. 2016); In re Liquid Aluminum Sulfate Antitrust Litig., No. 16-md-2687 (D.N.I.); In re Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. S'holder Litig., 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. S'holder Litig., No. 05-2012-CA-57589 (Fla. 18th Jud. Cir. Ct., Brevard Cnty.). Prior to joining the Firm, he founded Dearman & Gerson, where he defended Fortune 500 companies, with an emphasis on complex commercial litigation, consumer claims, and mass torts (products liability and personal injury), and has obtained extensive jury trial experience throughout the United States. Having represented defendants for so many years before joining the Firm, Dearman has a unique perspective that enables him to represent clients effectively.

#### 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, 2020-2022; 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2022; 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 Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2012-2017; B.S., C um Laude, Georgetown University, 2004

### Travis E. Downs III | Partner

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

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

# Daniel S. Drosman | Partner

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

Most recently, Drosman 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. ("SOM") violated the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by issuing materially false and misleading statements regarding the Company's failure to disclose that money from SOM 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.

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers ®, 2019-2023; West Trailblazer, The American Lawyer, 2022; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; Top Plaintiff Lawyer, Daily Journal, 2022; Plaintiff Litigator of the Year, Benchmark Litigation, 2022; Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers®, 2022; Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar, Law360, 2022; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2018-2022; Southern California Best Lawyers, The Wall Street Journal, 2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, Best Lawyers®, 2019-2021; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2017-2020; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2017-2018; 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

Tom 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.

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

### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2017-2018; Associate Editor, Catholic University Law Review

## Alan I. Ellman | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

# Jason A. Forge | Partner

Jason Forge is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He specializes in complex investigations, litigation, and trials. As a federal prosecutor and private practitioner, Forge has conducted and supervised scores of jury and bench trials in federal and state courts, including the month-long trial of a defense contractor who conspired with Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham in the largest bribery scheme in congressional history. He recently obtained approval of a \$160 million recovery in the first successful securities fraud case against Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. in City of Pontiac General Employees' Retirement System v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. In addition, Forge was a member of the Firm's trial team in Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, Inc., a securities fraud class action that resulted in a verdict in favor of investors after a 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 Lending Club 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

Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2019-2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2022; 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

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2013-2022; J.D., Magna Cum Laude, Hofstra University School of Law, 2009; Gina Maria Escarce Memorial Award, Hofstra University School of Law

# Paul J. Geller | Partner

Paul Geller, managing partner of the Firm's Boca Raton, Florida office, is a founding partner of the Firm, a member of its Executive and Management Committees, and head of the Firm's Consumer Practice Group. Geller's 29 years of litigation experience is broad, and he has handled cases in each of the Firm's practice areas. Notably, before devoting his practice to the representation of consumers and investors, he defended companies in high-stakes class action and multi-district litigation, providing him with an invaluable perspective. Geller has tried bench and jury trials on both the plaintiffs' and defendants' sides and has argued before numerous state, federal, and appellate courts throughout the country.

Geller was recently selected to serve in a leadership position on behalf of governmental entities and other plaintiffs in the sprawling litigation concerning the nationwide prescription opioid epidemic. reporting on the selection of the lawyers to lead the case, The National Law Journal reported that "[t]he team reads like a 'Who's Who' in mass torts." Geller was also a critical member of the team that negotiated over \$26 billion in settlements against certain opioid distributors and manufacturers. Prior to the opioid litigation, Geller was a member of the leadership team representing consumers in the massive Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" emissions case. The San Francisco legal newspaper The Recorder labeled the group that was appointed in that case, which settled for more than \$17 billion, a "class action dream team."

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

Some of Geller's other recent noteworthy successes include the largest privacy class action settlement in history – a \$650 million recovery in a cutting-edge class action in In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig., concerning Facebook's use of biometric identifiers through its "tag" feature. In addition to the monetary recovery, Facebook recently disabled the tag feature altogether, deleting user facial profiles and discontinuing the use of facial recognition software.

### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell; Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America (LCA) Proven Trial Lawyers; Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2017-2023; Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice, American Antitrust Institute, 2022; South Trailblazer, The American Lawyer, 2022; Class Action MVP, Law360, 2022; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2007-2022; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; Leading Lawyer, Chambers USA, 2021-2022; 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2022; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2006-2007, 2009-2022; 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; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2016, 2019; 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. Before joining Robbins Geller, Gerson was associated with a prominent plaintiffs' class action firm, where he represented institutional investors in numerous securities fraud class actions, as well as "opt out" litigations. Gerson is a member of the Committee on Securities Litigation of the Bar Association of the City of New York. He is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of New York, as well as the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second and Eighth Circuits, and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2021-2022; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2020

# Jonah H. Goldstein | Partner

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

### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

# Benny C. Goodman III | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2021; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2018-2021; 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, 2019-2022; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2016-2017; J.D., Magna Cum Laude, Pepperdine School of Law, 1999; American Jurisprudence Bancroft-Whitney Award - Civil Procedure, Evidence, and Dalsimer Moot Court Oral Argument; Dean's Academic Scholarship Recipient, Pepperdine School of Law; B.A., Summa Cum Laude, University of California, Los Angeles, 1993; B.A., *Phi Beta Kappa*, University of California, Los Angeles, 1993

# Tor Gronborg | Partner

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

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2022-2023; West Trailblazer, The American Lawyer, 2022; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2022; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2013-2021; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2019; Moot Court Board Member, University of California, Berkeley; AFL-CIO history scholarship, University of California, Santa Barbara

## Ellen Gusikoff Stewart | Partner

Ellen Stewart is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, and is a member of the Firm's Summer Associate Hiring Committee. She currently practices in the Firm's settlement department, negotiating and documenting complex securities, merger, ERISA, and derivative action settlements. Notable settlements include: In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig. (N.D. Cal. 2021) (\$650 million); KBC Asset Management v. 3D Systems Corp. (D.S.C. 2018) (\$50 million); Luna v. Marvell Tech. Grp. (N.D. Cal. 2018) (\$72.5 million); Garden City Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Psychiatric Solutions, Inc. (M.D. Tenn. 2015) (\$65 million); and City of Sterling Heights Gen. Emps.' Ret. Sys v. Hospira, Inc. (N.D. Ill. 2014) (\$60 million).

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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## Robert Henssler | Partner

Bobby Henssler is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where he focuses his practice on securities fraud and other complex civil litigation. He has obtained significant recoveries for investors in cases such as Enron, Blackstone, and CIT Group. Henssler is currently a key member of the team of attorneys prosecuting fraud claims against Goldman Sachs stemming from Goldman's conduct in subprime mortgage transactions (including "Abacus").

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

Henssler was also lead counsel in Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc., which resulted in a \$215 million recovery for shareholders, the largest securities class action recovery ever in Tennessee. The recovery achieved represents more than 30% of the aggregate classwide damages, far exceeding the typical recovery in a securities class action. Henselr also led the litigation teams in Marcus v. J.C. Penney Company, Inc. (\$97.5 million recovery), Landmen Partners Inc. v. The Blackstone Group L.P. (\$85 million recovery), In re Novatel Wireless Sec. Litig. (\$16 million recovery), Carpenters Pension Trust Fund of St. Louis v. Barclays PLC (\$14 million settlement), and *Kmiec v. Powerwave Technologies, Inc.* (\$8.2 million settlement), to name a few.

### Education

B.A., University of New Hampshire, 1997; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2001

# Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2020-2022; California Lawyer of the Year, Daily Journal, 2022; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2020; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2018-2019

## Steven F. Hubachek | Partner

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

## Maxwell R. Huffman | Partner

Maxwell Huffman is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. He focuses his practice on representing institutional and individual investors in shareholder class and derivative actions in the context of mergers, acquisitions, recapitalizations, and other major corporate transactions. Huffman was a member of the litigation team for In re Dole Food Co., Inc. S'holder Litig., 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 a \$148 million recovery, which is the largest trial verdict ever in a class action challenging a merger transaction. Most recently, Huffman successfully obtained a partial settlement of \$60 million in In re Tesla Motors, Inc. S'holder Litig., a case which 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.

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

#### Education

B.A., California State University, Sacramento, 2005; J.D., Gonzaga University School of Law, 2009

### Honors / Awards

Top 40 Under 40, Daily Journal, 2020; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2019; Winning Litigator, The National Law Journal, 2018; Titan of the Industry, The American Lawyer, 2018

# 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, 2019-2022; 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

# Rachel L. Jensen | Partner

Rachel Jensen is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. Jensen has developed a nearly 20-year track record of success in helping to craft impactful business reforms and recover billions of dollars on behalf of individuals, businesses, and government entities injured by unlawful business practices, fraudulent schemes, and hazardous products.

Jensen was one of the lead attorneys who secured a historic recovery on behalf of Trump University students nationwide, providing \$25 million and nearly 100% refunds to class members. represented the class on a pro bono basis. As a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the Fiat Chrysler EcoDiesel litigation, Jensen helped obtain an \$840 million global settlement for concealed defeat devices in "EcoDiesel" SUVs and trucks. Jensen also represented drivers against Volkswagen in one of the most brazen corporate frauds in recent history, helping recover \$17 billion for emission cheating in "clean" diesel vehicles. Jensen also serves as one of the lead counsel for policyholders against certain Lloyd's of London syndicates for collusive practices in the insurance market. Most recently, Jensen's representation of California passengers in a landmark consumer and civil rights case against Greyhound for subjecting them to discriminatory immigration raids had an immediate impact as Greyhound now provides "know your rights" information to passengers and implemented other business reforms.

Among other recoveries, Jensen has played significant roles in In re LendingClub Sec. Litig., No. 3:16-cv-02627-WHA (N.D. Cal.) (\$125 million settlement that ranked among the top ten largest securities recoveries ever in N.D. Cal.); Negrete v. Allianz Life Ins. Co. of N. Am., No. CV056838CAS(MANx) (C.D. Cal.) (\$250 million to senior citizens targeted for exorbitant deferred annuities that would not mature in their lifetimes); In re Ins. Brokerage Antitrust Litig., No. 04-5184(CCC) (D.N.J.) (\$200 million recovered for policyholders who paid inflated premiums due to kickback scheme among major insurers and brokers); In re Morning Song Bird Food Litig., No. 3:12-cv-01592-JAH-AGS (S.D. Cal.) (\$85 million settlement in refunds to bird lovers who purchased Scotts Miracle-Gro wild bird food treated with pesticides that are hazardous to birds); City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Stumpf, No. 3:11-cv-02369-SI (N.D. Cal.) (\$67 million in homeowner down-payment assistance and credit counseling for cities hardest hit by the foreclosure crisis and computer integration for mortgage servicing segments in derivative settlement with Wells Fargo for "robo-signing" of foreclosure affidavits); In re Mattel, Inc., Toy Lead Paint Prods. Liab. Litig., No. 2:07-ml-01897-DSF-AJW (C.D. Cal.) (\$50 million in refunds and quality assurance business reforms for toys made in China with lead and magnets); and In re Checking Account Overdraft Litig., No. 1:09-md-2036-JLK (S.D. Fla.) (\$500 million in settlements with major banks for manipulating debit transactions to maximize overdraft fees).

Before joining the practice, Jensen clerked for the late Honorable Warren J. Ferguson on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; was 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 at 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

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2021-2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2022; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2017-2022; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016-2021; 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

# Steven M. Jodlowski | Partner

Steven Jodlowski is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. His practice focuses on high-stakes complex litigation, often involving antitrust, securities, and consumer claims. In recent years, he has specialized in representing investors in a series of antitrust actions involving the manipulation of benchmark rates, including the ISDAfix Benchmark litigation, which to date resulted in the recovery of \$504.5 million on behalf of investors, and In re SSA Bonds Antitrust Litig., which resulted in the recovery of \$95.5 million on behalf of investors. He is currently serving as interim co-lead class counsel in *Thompson v. 1-800 Contacts*, Inc., where the court has granted preliminary approval of \$24.9 million in settlements. Jodlowski was also part of the trial team in an antitrust monopolization case against a multinational computer and software company.

Jodlowski has successfully prosecuted numerous antitrust and RICO cases. These cases resulted in the recovery of more than \$1 billion for investors and policyholders. Jodlowski has also represented institutional and individual shareholders in corporate takeover actions in state and federal court. He has handled pre- and post-merger litigation stemming from the acquisition of publicly listed companies in the biotechnology, oil and gas, information technology, specialty retail, electrical, banking, finance, and real estate industries, among others.

#### Education

B.B.A., University of Central Oklahoma, 2002; J.D., California Western School of Law, 2005

# Honors / Awards

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2019; Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice, American Antitrust Institute, 2018; CAOC Consumer Attorney of the Year Award Finalist, 2015; J.D., Cum Laude, California Western School of Law, 2005

# Chad Johnson | Partner

Chad Johnson is the Managing Partner of the Firm's Manhattan office. Johnson has been handling complex securities cases and breach of fiduciary duty actions for more than 30 years. Johnson's background includes significant experience as a plaintiffs' lawyer, a securities-fraud prosecutor, and as a defense lawyer.

Johnson served as the head of New York's securities fraud unit referred to as the Investor Protection Bureau. In that role, Johnson prosecuted cases that resulted in billions of dollars of recoveries for New Yorkers and helped make new law in the area of securities enforcement for the benefit of investors. Johnson's experience in that law enforcement position included prosecuting Wall Street dark pool operators for their false statements to the investing public.

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

Johnsons cases have resulted in some of the largest recoveries for shareholders on record. This includes recoveries in the following securities cases: WorldCom (which recovered more than \$6 billion for shareholders); Wachovia (which recovered \$627 million for shareholders); Williams (which recovered \$311 million for shareholders); and Washington Mutual (which recovered \$208 million for shareholders). Johnson also helped recover \$16.65 billion from Bank of America and \$13 billion from IP Morgan Chase on behalf of state and federal working groups focused on toxic residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) devised and sold by those banks.

Johnson has tried cases in federal and state courts, in the Delaware Court of Chancery, and before arbitration tribunals in the United States and overseas. Johnson also advises investors about how best to enforce their rights as shareholders outside the United States.

#### Education

B.A., University of Michigan, 1989; J.D., Harvard Law School, 1993

# Honors / Awards

J.D., Cum Laude, Harvard Law School, 1993; B.A., High Distinction, University of Michigan, 1989

# Evan J. Kaufman | Partner

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2013-2015, 2017-20120; Member, Fordham International Law Journal, Fordham University School of Law

### David A. Knotts | Partner

David Knotts is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office and, in addition to ongoing litigation work, teaches a full-semester course on M&A litigation at the University of California Berkeley School of Law. He focuses his practice on securities class action litigation in the context of mergers and acquisitions, representing both individual shareholders and institutional investors. Knotts has been counsel of record for shareholders on a number of significant recoveries in courts and throughout the country, including In re Rural/Metro Corp. S'holders Litig. (nearly \$110 million total recovery, affirmed by the Delaware Supreme Court in RBC v. Jervis), In re Del Monte Foods Co. S'holders Litig. (\$89.4 million), Websense (\$40 million), In re Onyx S'holders Litig. (\$30 million), and Joy Global (\$20 million). Websense and Onyx are both believed to be the largest post-merger class settlements in California state court history. When Knotts recently presented the settlement as lead counsel for the stockholders in Joy Global, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin noted that "this is a pretty extraordinary settlement, recovery on behalf of the members of the class. . . . [I]t's always a pleasure to work with people who are experienced and who know what they are doing."

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

# Laurie L. Largent | Partner

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

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

### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; 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

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

# Arthur C. Leahy | Partner

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

#### Education

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

## Honors / Awards

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

## Nathan R. Lindell | Partner

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

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

### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

# Ryan Llorens | Partner

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015

### Andrew S. Love | Partner

Andrew Love is a partner in the Firm's San Francisco office. His practice focuses primarily on appeals of securities fraud class action cases. Love has briefed and argued cases on behalf of defrauded investors and consumers in several U.S. Courts of Appeal, as well as in the California appellate courts. Prior to joining the Firm, Love represented inmates on California's death row in appellate and habeas corpus proceedings, successfully arguing capital cases in both the California Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit. During his many years as a death penalty lawyer, he co-chaired the Capital Case Defense Seminar (2004-2013), recognized as the largest conference for death penalty practitioners in the country. He regularly presented at the seminar and at other conferences on a wide variety of topics geared towards effective appellate practice. Additionally, he was on the faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Post-Conviction Skills Seminar. Love has also written several articles on appellate advocacy and capital punishment that have appeared in *The Daily Journal, CACJ Forum, American Constitution Society*, and other publications.

#### Education

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

## Honors / Awards

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

### Erik W. Luedeke | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

# Christopher H. Lyons | Partner

Christopher Lyons is a partner in the Firm's Nashville office. He focuses his practice on representing institutional and individual investors in merger-related class action litigation and in complex securities litigation. Lyons has been a significant part of litigation teams that have achieved substantial recoveries for investors. Notable cases include CoreCivic (Grae v. Corrections Corporation of America) (\$56 million recovered), Good Technology (\$52 million recovered for investors in a privately held technology company), Nissan (\$36 million recovered), Blackhawk Network Holdings (\$29.5 million recovered), and The Fresh Market (Morrison v. Berry) (\$27.5 million recovered). His pro bono work includes representing individuals who are appealing denial of necessary medical benefits by TennCare (Tennessee's Medicaid program), through the Tennessee Justice Center.

Before joining Robbins Geller, Lyons practiced at a prominent Delaware law firm, where he mostly represented corporate officers and directors defending against breach of fiduciary duty claims in the Delaware Court of Chancery and in the Delaware Supreme Court. Before that, he clerked for Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster of the Delaware Court of Chancery. Lyons now applies the expertise he gained from those experiences to help investors uncover wrongful conduct and recover the money and other remedies to which they are rightfully entitled.

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

### Noam Mandel | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

## Carmen A. Medici | Partner

Carmen Medici is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office and focuses on complex antitrust class action litigation and unfair competition law. He represents businesses and consumers who are the victims of price-fixing, monopolization, collusion, and other anticompetitive and unfair business practices. Medici specializes in litigation against giants in the financial, pharmaceutical, and commodities industries.

Medici currently serves as co-lead counsel in In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litig., in which a settlement of \$5.5 billion was approved in the Eastern District of New York. This case was brought on behalf of millions of U.S. merchants against Visa and MasterCard and various card-issuing banks, challenging the way these companies set and collect tens of billions of dollars annually in merchant fees. The settlement is believed to be the largest antitrust class action settlement of all time. He is also a part of the co-lead counsel team in In re SSA Bonds Antitrust Litig., pending in the Southern District of New York, representing bond purchasers who were defrauded by a brazen price-fixing scheme perpetrated by traders at some of the nation's largest banks. Medici is also a member of the litigation team in In re Dealer Mgmt. Sys. Antitrust Litig., a lawsuit brought on behalf of car dealerships pending in federal court in Chicago, where one defendant has settled for nearly \$30 million.

### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2021

# Mark T. Millkey | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2013-2022

## David W. Mitchell | Partner

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

Additionally, Mitchell served as co-lead counsel in the ISDAfix Benchmark action against 14 major banks and broker ICAP plc, obtaining \$504.5 million for plaintiffs. Currently, Mitchell serves as 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; Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2018-2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2020-2022; Top 50 Lawyers in San Diego, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, Best Lawyers®, 2018-2021; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016-2021; 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. She is also part of Robbins Geller's SPAC Task Force, which is dedicated to rooting out and prosecuting fraud on behalf of injured investors in special purpose acquisition companies.

Myers advises the Firm's clients in connection with lead plaintiff applications and has helped secure appointment of the Firm's clients as lead plaintiff and the Firm's appointment as lead counsel in hundreds of securities class actions, which cases have yielded more than \$4 billion for investors, including 2018-2021 recoveries in In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig., No. 3:15-cv-07658 (D.N.J.) (\$1.2 billion); In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig., No. 1:15-mc-00040 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$1.025 billion); Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc., No. 2:12-cv-00555 (D. Ariz.) (\$350 million); City of Pontiac Gen. Ret. Sys. v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., No. 5:12-cv-5162 (W.D. Ark.) (\$160 million); Evellard v. LendingClub Corp., No. 3:16-cv-02627 (N.D. Cal.) (\$125 million); Knurr v. Orbital ATK, Inc., No. 1:16-cv-01031 (E.D. Va.) (\$108 million); and Marcus v. J.C. Penney Co., Inc., No. 6:13-cv-00736 (E.D. Tex.) (\$97.5 million). Myers is also a frequent presenter on securities fraud and corporate governance reform at conferences and events around the world.

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

### Eric I. Niehaus | Partner

Eric Niehaus is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on complex securities and derivative litigation. His efforts have resulted in numerous multi-million dollar recoveries to shareholders and extensive corporate governance changes. Recent examples include: In re Deutsche Bank AG Sec. Litig. (S.D.N.Y); In re NYSE Specialists Sec. Litig. (S.D.N.Y.); In re Novatel Wireless Sec. Litig. (S.D. Cal.); Batwin v. Occam Networks, Inc. (C.D. Cal.); Commc'ns Workers of Am. Plan for Emps.' Pensions and Death Benefits v. CSK Auto Corp. (D. Ariz.); Marie Raymond Revocable Tr. v. Mat Five (Del. Ch.); and Kelleher v. ADVO, Inc. (D. Conn.). Niehaus is currently prosecuting cases against several financial institutions arising from their role in the collapse of the mortgage-backed securities market. 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

### Brian O. O'Mara | Partner

Brian O'Mara is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. His practice focuses on complex securities and antitrust litigation. O'Mara has served in a leadership role in a number of notable shareholder and antitrust actions, including Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corp. (D. Kan.) (\$131 million recovery); In re CIT Grp. Inc. Sec. Litig. (S.D.N.Y.) (\$75 million recovery); In re MGM Mirage Sec. Litig. (D. Nev.) (\$75 million recovery); C.D.T.S. No. 1 v. UBS AG (S.D.N.Y.); In re Aluminum Warehousing Antitrust Litig.(S.D.N.Y.); and Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Bank of Am. Corp. (S.D.N.Y.). Most recently, O'Mara was a primary member of the leadership team and class counsel in In re EpiPen Marketing, Sales Practices & Antitrust Litigation (D. Kan.), which resulted in a \$609 million total recovery weeks before trial in a certified class action alleging antitrust claims, and in the ISDAfix Benchmark Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.) brought against 14 major banks and broker ICAP plc, obtaining \$504.5 million for plaintiffs.

O'Mara has been responsible for a number of significant rulings, including: Stafford v. Rite Aid Corp., 998 F.3d 862 (9th Cir. 2021); In re EpiPen (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Mktg., Sales Pracs. & Antitrust Litig., 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 40975 (D. Kan. Mar. 10, 2020); Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Bank of Am. Corp., 306 F. Supp. 3d 610 (S.D.N.Y. 2018); Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Bank of Am. Corp., 175 F. Supp. 3d 44 (S.D.N.Y. 2016); Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corp., 298 F.R.D. 498 (D. Kan. 2014); In re MGM Mirage Sec. Litig., 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 139356 (D. Nev. Sept. 26, 2013); In re Constar Int'l Inc. Sec. Litig., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16966 (E.D. Pa. Mar. 5, 2008), aff'd, 585 F.3d 774 (3d Cir. 2009); In re Direct Gen. Corp. Sec. Litig., 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 56128 (M.D. Tenn. Aug. 8, 2006); and In re Dura Pharms., Inc. Sec. Litig., 452 F. Supp. 2d 1005 (S.D. Cal. 2006). Prior to joining the Firm, he served as law clerk to the Honorable Jerome M. Polaha of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada.

#### Education

B.A., University of Kansas, 1997; J.D., DePaul University, College of Law, 2002

# Honors / Awards

Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice, American Antitrust Institute, 2018, 2022; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016-2021; CALI Excellence Award in Securities Regulation, DePaul University, College of Law

## Lucas F. Olts | Partner

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

### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

# Steven W. Pepich | Partner

Steve Pepich is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. His practice has focused primarily on securities class action litigation, but has also included a wide variety of complex civil cases, including representing plaintiffs in mass tort, royalty, civil rights, human rights, ERISA, and employment law actions. Pepich has participated in the successful prosecution of numerous securities class actions, including: Carpenters Health & Welfare Fund v. Coca-Cola Co. (\$137.5 million recovery); In re Fleming Cos. Inc. Sec. & Derivative Litig. (\$95 million recovered); In re Boeing Sec. Litig. (\$92 million recovery); In re Louisiana-Pacific Corp. Sec. Litig. (\$65 million recovery); Haw. Structural Ironworkers Pension Trust Fund v. Calpine Corp. (\$43 million recovery); In re Advanced Micro Devices Sec. Litig. (\$34 million recovery); and Gohler v. Wood, (\$17.2 million recovery). Pepich was a member of the plaintiffs' trial team in Mynaf v. Taco Bell Corp., which settled after two months of trial on terms favorable to two plaintiff classes of restaurant workers for recovery of unpaid wages. He was also a member of the plaintiffs' trial team in Newman v. Stringfellow where, after a 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 \$100 million for investors, including: Garden City Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Psychiatric Sols., Inc. (\$65 million recovery); In re PMI Grp., Inc. Sec. Litig. (\$31.25 million recovery); Cunha v. Hansen Natural Corp. (\$16.25 million recovery); In re Accuray Inc. Sec. Litig. (\$13.5 million recovery); and Twinde v. Threshold Pharms., Inc. (\$10 million recovery). Pfefferbaum was a member of the litigation team that secured a historic recovery on behalf of Trump University students in two class actions against President Donald J. Trump. The settlement provides \$25 million to approximately 7,000 consumers. This result means individual class members are eligible for upwards of \$35,000 in restitution. He represented the class on a pro bono basis.

#### Education

B.A., Pomona College, 2002; J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law, 2006; LL.M. in Taxation, New York University School of Law, 2007

# Honors / Awards

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

## Theodore J. 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, 2013-2021; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2014-2017; CAOC Consumer Attorney of the Year Award Finalist, 2015; Note and Comment Editor, Journal of Contemporary Law, University of Utah College of Law; Note and Comment Editor, Journal of Energy Law and Policy, University of Utah College of Law

### Ashley M. Price | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2023; 40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016-2021

## Willow E. Radcliffe | Partner

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2021-2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; 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

## Jack Reise | Partner

Jack Reise is a partner 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 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 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

### Frank A. Richter | Partner

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

Richter was an integral member of the Robbins Geller team that secured a \$1.21 billion settlement in In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig. (D.N.J.), which is the ninth-largest securities class action settlement in history and the largest ever against a pharmaceutical manufacturer. In addition to Valeant, Richter has been a member of litigation teams that have secured hundreds of millions of dollars in securities class action settlements throughout the country, including in HCA (\$215 million, E.D. Tenn.), Sprint (\$131 million, D. Kan.), Orbital ATK (\$108 million, E.D. Va.), Dana Corp. (\$64 million, N.D. Ohio), LIM 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

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2017-2022; 40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; J.D., Summa Cum Laude, Order of the Coif, CALI Award for highest grade in seven courses, DePaul University College of Law, 2012

### Darren J. Robbins | Partner

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

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

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

## Robert J. Robbins | Partner

Robert Robbins is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office. He focuses his practice on investigating securities fraud, initiating securities class actions, and helping institutional and individual shareholders litigate their claims to recover investment losses caused by fraud. Representing shareholders in all aspects of class actions brought pursuant to the federal securities laws, Robbins provides counsel in numerous securities fraud class actions across the country, helping secure significant recoveries for investors. Most recently, Robbins 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. Robbins has also been a key member of litigation teams responsible for the successful prosecution of many other securities class actions, including: Hospira (\$60 million recovery); 3D Systems (\$50 million); CVS Caremark (\$48 million recovery); Baxter International (\$42.5 million recovery); 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); Imperial Holdings (\$12 million recovery); Mannatech (\$11.5 million recovery); Newpark Resources (\$9.24 million recovery); 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, 2019-2022; 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

### Caroline M. Robert | Partner

Caroline Robert is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where her practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Robert has maintained an active role in litigation at the heart of the worldwide financial crisis. She was part of the litigation teams that secured settlements for institutional investors against Wall Street banks for their role in structuring residential mortgage-backed securities and their subsequent collapse. Currently, she is litigating China Development Industrial Bank v. Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc.

Robert also serves as liaison to some the Firm's institutional investor clients abroad. She is currently representing investors damaged by Volkswagen's defeat device scandal in representative actions in Germany against Volkswagen and Porsche SE under the Kapitalanlegermusterverfahrensgesetz (KapMuG), the Capital Market Investors' Model Proceeding Act.

### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

B.A., Magna Cum Laude, University of San Diego, 2004

## Henry Rosen | Partner

Henry Rosen is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where he is a member of the Hiring Committee and the Technology Committee, the latter of which focuses on applications to digitally manage documents produced during litigation and internally generate research files. He has significant experience prosecuting every aspect of securities fraud class actions and has obtained more than \$1 billion on behalf of defrauded investors. Prominent cases include In re Cardinal Health, Inc. Sec. Litig., in which Rosen recovered \$600 million for defrauded shareholders. This \$600 million settlement is the largest recovery ever in a securities fraud class action in the Sixth Circuit, and remains one of the largest settlements in the history of securities fraud litigation. Additional recoveries include: *Jones v. Pfizer Inc.* (\$400 million); *In re* First Energy (\$89.5 million); In re CIT Grp. Inc. Sec. Litig. (\$75 million); Stanley v. Safeskin Corp. (\$55 million); In re Storage Tech. Corp. Sec. Litig. (\$55 million); and Rasner v. Sturm (FirstWorld Communications) (\$25.9 million).

#### Education

B.A., University of California, San Diego, 1984; J.D., University of Denver, 1988

# Honors / Awards

Editor-in-Chief, University of Denver Law Review, University of Denver

# David A. Rosenfeld | Partner

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

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

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2014-2022; Future Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2016-2020; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2018; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2011-2013

### Robert M. Rothman | Partner

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

Recently, Rothman served as lead counsel in In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig. where he obtained a \$1.025 billion cash recovery on behalf of investors. Rothman and the litigation team prosecuted nine different claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933, involving seven different stock or debt offerings and two mergers. The recovery represents the highest percentage of damages ever obtained in a major PSLRA case before trial and includes the largest personal contributions by individual defendants in history. Additionally, Rothman has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for investors in cases against First Bancorp, Doral Financial, Popular, iStar, 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; Northeast Trailblazer, The American Lawyer, 2022; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2011, 2013-2022; New York Trailblazer, New York Law Journal, 2020; Dean's Academic Scholarship Award, Hofstra University School of Law; J.D., with Distinction, Hofstra University School of Law, 1993; Member, Hofstra Law Review, Hofstra University School of Law

### Samuel H. Rudman | Partner

Sam Rudman is a founding member of the Firm, a member of the Firm's Executive and Management Committees, 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

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

## Joseph Russello | Partner

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

Rusello spearheaded the team that recovered \$85 million in litigation against The Blackstone Group, LLC, a case that yielded a landmark decision from the Second Circuit Court of Appeals on "materiality" in securities actions. Litwin v. Blackstone Grp., L.P., 634 F.3d 706 (2d Cir. 2011). He also led the team responsible for partially defeating dismissal and achieving a \$50 million settlement in litigation against BHP Billiton, an Australia-based mining company accused of concealing safety issues at a Brazilian 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, 2019-2022; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2014-2020; Law360 Securities Editorial Advisory Board, 2017

### 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

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

## Juan Carlos Sanchez | Partner

Juan Carlos Sanchez is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Sanchez was a member of the litigation team that secured a \$60 million settlement – the largest shareholder derivative recovery ever in Tennessee and the Sixth Circuit - and unprecedented corporate governance reforms in In re Community Health Sys., Inc. S'holder Derivative Litig. More recently, Sanchez's representation of California passengers in a landmark consumer and civil rights case against Greyhound Lines, Inc. led to a ruling recognizing that transit passengers do not check their rights and dignity at the bus door.

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

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

#### Education

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

### Vincent M. Serra | Partner

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

Additionally, Serra was a member of the litigation team that obtained a \$22.75 million settlement fund on behalf of route drivers in an action asserting violations of federal and state overtime laws against Cintas Corp. He was also part of the successful trial team in Lebrilla v. Farmers Grp., Inc., which involved Farmers' practice of using inferior imitation parts when repairing insureds' vehicles. Other notable cases include Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Pharmacia Corp. (\$164 million recovery), In re Priceline.com Sec. Litig. (\$80 million recovery), and In re DouYu Int'l Holdings Ltd. Sec. Litig (\$15 million recovery pending final approval). Serra is currently litigating several actions against manufacturers and retailers for the improper marketing and sale of purportedly "flushable" wipes products. In Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Charleston (d.b.a. Charleston Water System) v. Costco Wholesale Corp., Serra serves as courtappointed class counsel in connection with a settlement that secured an unprecedented commitment of Kimberly-Clark to meet the national municipal wastewater standard for flushability.

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

## Jessica T. 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

Best Lawyer in America: One to Watch, Best Lawyers®, 2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2021; Litigator of the Week, The American Lawyer, 2020; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2019; 40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 2018-2019; B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, University of California at Santa Barbara, 2001

### Elizabeth A. Shonson | Partner

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

## Trig Smith | Partner

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Member, Brooklyn Journal of International Law, Brooklyn Law School; CALI Excellence Award in Legal Writing, Brooklyn Law School

## Mark Solomon | Partner

Mark Solomon is a founding and managing partner of the Firm and leads its international litigation practice. Over the last 29 years, he has regularly represented United States and United Kingdom-based pension funds and asset managers in class and non-class securities litigation in federal and state courts throughout the United States. He was first admitted to the Bar of England and Wales as a Barrister (he is non-active) and is an active member of the Bars of Ohio, California, and various United States federal district and appellate courts.

Since 1993, Solomon has spearheaded the prosecution of many significant securities fraud cases. He has obtained multi-hundred million-dollar recoveries for plaintiffs in pre-trial settlements and significant corporate governance reforms designed to limit recidivism and promote appropriate standards. Prior to the most recent financial crisis, he was instrumental in obtaining some of the first mega-recoveries in the field in California and Texas, serving in the late 1990s and early 2000s as class counsel in In re Informix Corp. Sec. Litig. in the federal district court for the Northern District of California, and recovering \$131 million for Informix investors; and serving as class counsel in Schwartz v. TXU Corp. in the federal district court for the Northern District of Texas, where he helped obtain a recovery of over \$149 million for a class of purchasers of TXU securities as well as securing important governance reforms. He litigated and tried the securities class action In re Helionetics, Inc. Sec. Litig., where he won a \$15.4 million federal jury verdict in the federal district court for the Central District of California.

Solomon is currently counsel to a number of pension funds serving as lead plaintiffs in cases throughout the United States. He represents the UK's Norfolk Pension Fund in Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, Inc. where, in the federal district court for the Central District of California, after three weeks of trial, the Fund obtained a jury verdict valued at over \$54 million in favor of the class against the company and its CEO. Solomon also represents Norfolk Pension Fund in separate class actions currently pending against Apple Inc. and Apple executives in the federal district court for the Northern District of California and against Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and former Anadarko executives in the federal district court for the Southern District of Texas. He represented the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme and the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme in Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc. in the federal district court for the District of Arizona, in which the class recently recovered \$350 million on the eve of trial. That settlement is the 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, 2019-2022; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2017-2018; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2016-2017; Lizette Bentwich Law Prize, Trinity College, 1983 and 1984; Hollond Travelling Studentship, 1985; Harvard Law School Fellowship, 1985-1986; Member and Hardwicke Scholar of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

# Hillary B. Stakem | Partner

Hillary Stakem is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where her practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Stakem was a member of the litigation team in Jaffe v. Household Int'l, Inc., a securities class action that obtained a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs. She was also part of the litigation teams that secured a \$388 million recovery for investors in J.P. Morgan residential mortgage-backed securities in Fort Worth Employees' Retirement Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and a \$131 million recovery in favor of plaintiffs in Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corp. Additionally, Stakem helped to obtain a landmark settlement, on the eve of trial, from the major credit rating agencies and Morgan Stanley arising out of the fraudulent ratings of bonds issued by the structured investment vehicles in Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank v. Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc. Stakem also obtained a \$350 million settlement on the eve of trial in Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc., the fifth-largest PSLRA settlement ever recovered in the Ninth Circuit, and was on the team of Robbins Geller attorneys who obtained a \$97.5 million recovery in Marcus v. J.C. Penney Company, Inc.

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2021; B.A., Magna Cum Laude, College of William and Mary, 2009

# Jeffrey J. Stein | Partner

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

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

### Education

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

# Christopher D. Stewart | Partner

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

He was also part of the litigation team that obtained a \$67 million settlement in City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Stumpf, a shareholder derivative action alleging that Wells Fargo participated in the 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

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015-2020; J.D., Magna Cum Laude, Order of the Coif, University of San Diego School of Law, 2009; Member, San Diego Law Review

### Sabrina E. Tirabassi | Partner

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2010, 2015-2018; J.D., Magna Cum Laude, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, 2006

# Douglas Wilens | Partner

Douglas Wilens is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office. Wilens is a member of the Firm's Appellate Practice Group, participating in numerous appeals in federal and state courts across the country. Most notably, Wilens handled successful and precedent-setting appeals in Ind. Pub. Ret. Sys. v. SAIC, Inc., 818 F.3d 85 (2d Cir. 2016) (addressing duty to disclose under SEC Regulation Item 303 in §10(b) case), Mass. Ret. Sys. v. CVS Caremark Corp., 716 F.3d 229 (1st Cir. 2013) (addressing pleading of loss causation in \$10(b) case), and Lormand v. US Unwired, Inc., 565 F.3d 228 (5th Cir. 2009) (addressing pleading of falsity, scienter, and loss causation in §10(b) case).

Before joining the Firm, Wilens was an associate at a nationally recognized firm, where he litigated complex actions on behalf of numerous professional sports leagues, including the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, and Major League Soccer. He has also served as an adjunct professor at Florida Atlantic University and Nova Southeastern University, where he taught undergraduate and graduate-level business law classes.

#### Education

B.S., University of Florida, 1992; J.D., University of Florida College of Law, 1995

# Honors / Awards

Book Award for Legal Drafting, University of Florida College of Law; J.D., with Honors, University of Florida College of Law, 1995

### Shawn A. Williams | Partner

Shawn Williams, a founding partner of the Firm, is the managing partner of the Firm's San Francisco office and a member of the Firm's Management Committee. Williams specializes in complex commercial litigation focusing on securities litigation, and has served as lead counsel in a range of actions resulting in more than a billion dollars in recoveries. For example, Williams was among lead counsel in In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig., charging Facebook with violations of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act, resulting in a \$650 million recovery for injured Facebook users, the largest ever privacy class action.

Williams led the team of Robbins Geller attorneys in the investigation and drafting of comprehensive securities fraud claims in Hefler v. Wells Fargo & Co., alleging widespread opening of unauthorized and undisclosed customer accounts. The Hefler action resulted in the recovery of \$480 million for Wells Fargo investors. In City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Metlife, Inc., Williams led the Firm's team of lawyers alleging MetLife's failure to disclose and account for the scope of its use and non-use of the Social Security Administration Death Master File and its impact on MetLife's financial statements. The Metlife action resulted in a recovery of \$84 million. Williams also served as lead counsel in the following actions resulting in significant recoveries: Chicago Laborers Pension Fund v. Alibaba Grp. Holding Ltd. (\$75 million recovery); In re Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Inc. Sec. Litig. (\$75 million recovery); In re Medtronic, Inc. Sec. Litig. (\$43 million recovery); In re Cadence Design Sys., Inc. Sec. Litig. (\$38 million recovery); and City of Sterling Heights Gen. Emps'. Ret. Sys. v. Prudential Fin., Inc. (\$33 million recovery).

Williams is also a member of the Firm's Shareholder Derivative Practice Group which has secured tens of millions of dollars in cash recoveries and comprehensive corporate governance reforms in a number of high-profile cases including: In re McAfee, Inc. Derivative Litig.; In re Marvell Tech. Grp. Ltd. Derivative Litig.; In re KLA-Tencor Corp. S'holder Derivative Litig.; The Home Depot, Inc. Derivative Litig.; and City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Stumpf (Wells Fargo & Co.).

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

Before joining the Firm in 2000, Williams served for 5 years as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, where he tried over 20 cases to New York City juries.

#### Education

B.A., The State of University of New York at Albany, 1991; J.D., University of Illinois, 1995

# Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers ®, 2022-2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; Top Plaintiff Lawyer, Daily Journal, 2022; Most Influential Black Lawyers, Savoy, 2022; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2018-2022; Top 100 Lawyer, Daily Journal, 2019, 2021; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2014-2017, 2020-2021; 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

### David T. Wissbroecker | Partner

David Wissbroecker is a partner in the Firm's San Diego and Chicago offices. He focuses his practice on securities class action litigation in the context of mergers and acquisitions, representing both individual shareholders and institutional investors. As part of the litigation team at Robbins Geller, Wissbroecker has helped secure monetary recoveries for shareholders that collectively exceed \$1 billion. Wissbroecker has litigated numerous high-profile cases in Delaware and other jurisdictions, including shareholder class actions challenging the acquisitions of Dole, Kinder Morgan, Del Monte Foods, Affiliated Computer Services, Intermix, and Rural Metro. His practice has recently expanded to include numerous proxy fraud cases in federal court, along with shareholder document demand litigation in Delaware. Before joining the Firm, Wissbroecker served as a staff attorney for the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and then as a law clerk for the Honorable John L. Coffey, Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

### Education

B.A., Arizona State University, 1998; J.D., University of Illinois College of Law, 2003

### Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2020-2022; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2019; Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015; J.D., Magna Cum Laude, University of Illinois College of Law, 2003; B.A., Cum Laude, Arizona State University, 1998

## Christopher M. Wood | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

## Debra J. Wyman | Partner

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2020-2022; Top 250 Women in Litigation, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; San Diego Litigator of the Year, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; Plaintiff Litigator of the Year, Benchmark Litigation, 2021; Top Woman Lawyer, Daily Journal, 2017, 2020; MVP, Law360, 2020; Litigator of the Week, The American Lawyer, 2020; Litigator of the Year, Our City San Diego, 2017; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016-2017

## Jonathan Zweig | Partner

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

Before joining Robbins Geller, Zweig served for over six years as an Assistant Attorney General with the New York State Office of the Attorney General's Investor Protection Bureau, where he prosecuted civil securities fraud actions and tried two major cases on behalf of the State. In New York v. Exxon Mobil Corporation, a high-profile securities fraud case concerning climate risk disclosures, Zweig examined numerous witnesses and delivered the State's closing argument at trial. In New York v. Laurence Allen et al., Zweig and his colleagues achieved a total victory at trial for defrauded investors in a private equity fund, and established for the first time the retroactive application of the Martin Act's expanded statute of limitations. Zweig also conducted data-intensive investigations of Credit Suisse concerning its alternative trading system and its wholesale market making business, resulting in joint settlements with the SEC totaling \$70 million from Credit Suisse. On three occasions, Zweig was awarded the Louis J. Lefkowitz Award for Exceptional Service.

Zweig was previously a litigator at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, where he represented clients in securities litigation, mass tort, and other matters. Zweig also clerked for Judge Jacques L. Wiener, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and Judge Sarah S. Vance of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

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

# Matthew J. Balotta | Of Counsel

Matt Balotta is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office, where his practice focuses on securities fraud litigation. Balotta earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History, summa cum laude, from the University of Pittsburgh and his Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School. During law school, Balotta was a summer associate with the Firm and interned at the National Consumer Law Center. He also participated in the Employment Law and Delivery of Legal Services Clinics and served on the General Board of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review.

#### Education

B.A., University of Pittsburgh, 2005; J.D., Harvard Law School, 2015

# Honors / Awards

B.A., Summa Cum Laude, University of Pittsburgh, 2005

# Randi D. Bandman | Of Counsel

Randi Bandman is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office. Throughout her career, she has represented and advised hundreds of clients, including pension funds, managers, banks, and hedge funds, such as the Directors Guild of America, Screen Actors Guild, Writers Guild of America, and Teamster funds. Bandman's cases have yielded billions of dollars of recoveries. Notable cases include the AOL Time Warner, Inc. merger (\$629 million), In re Enron Corp. Sec. Litig. (\$7.2 billion), Private Equity litigation (Dahl v. Bain Cap. Partners, LLC) (\$590.5 million), In re WorldCom Sec. Litig. (\$657 million), and In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig. (\$650 million).

Bandman is currently representing plaintiffs in the Foreign Exchange Litigation pending in the Southern District of New York which alleges collusive conduct by the world's largest banks to fix prices in the \$5.3 trillion a day foreign exchange market and in which billions of dollars have been recovered to date for injured plaintiffs. Bandman is part of the Robbins Geller Co-Lead Counsel team representing the class in the "High Frequency Trading" case, which accuses stock exchanges of giving unfair advantages to 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-Blasy has also been responsible for prosecuting numerous complex Cola Co. (\$137.5 million). shareholder derivative actions against corporate malefactors to address violations of the nation's securities, environmental, and labor laws, obtaining corporate governance enhancements valued by the market in the billions of dollars.

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

### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

# William K. Cavanagh, Jr. | Of Counsel

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

Preceding Cavanagh's time at Ullico, he was a partner at the labor and employee benefits firm Cavanagh and O'Hara in Springfield, Illinois for 28 years. In that capacity, Cavanagh represented public pension funds, jointly trusteed Taft-Hartley, health, welfare, pension, and joint apprenticeship funds advising on fiduciary and compliance issues both at the Board level as well as in administrative hearings, federal district courts, and the United States Courts of Appeals. During the course of his practice, Cavanagh had extensive trial experience in state and the relevant federal district courts. Additionally, Cavanagh served as co-counsel on a number of cases representing trustees seeking to recover plan assets lost as a result of fraud in the marketplace.

### Education

B.A., Georgetown University, 1974; J.D., John Marshall Law School, 1978

### Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell

# Christopher Collins | Of Counsel

Christopher Collins is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office and his practice focuses on antitrust and consumer protection. Collins served as co-lead counsel in Wholesale Elec. Antitrust Cases I & II, charging an antitrust conspiracy by wholesale electricity suppliers and traders of electricity in California's newly deregulated wholesale electricity market wherein plaintiffs secured a global settlement for California consumers, businesses, and local governments valued at more than \$1.1 billion. He was also involved in California's tobacco litigation, which resulted in the \$25.5 billion recovery for California and its local entities. Collins is currently counsel on the California Energy Manipulation antitrust litigation, the Memberworks upsell litigation, as well as a number of consumer actions alleging false and misleading advertising and unfair business practices against major corporations. He formerly served as a Deputy District Attorney for Imperial County where he was in charge of the Domestic Violence Unit.

#### Education

B.A., Sonoma State University, 1988; J.D., Thomas Jefferson School of Law, 1995

# Patrick J. Coughlin | Of Counsel

Patrick Coughlin is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the San Diego office. He has been lead counsel for several major securities matters, including one of the earliest and largest class action securities cases to go to trial, In re Apple Computer Sec. Litig., No. C-84-20148 (N.D. Cal.). Coughlin was 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. He also served as lead counsel in In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig., No. 3:15-cv-03747-JD (N.D. Cal.), 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. Coughlin currently serves as co-lead counsel in In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litig., in which a settlement of \$5.5 billion was approved in the Eastern District of New York. This case was brought on behalf of millions of U.S. merchants against Visa and MasterCard and various card-issuing banks, challenging the way these companies set and collect tens of billions of dollars annually in merchant fees. The settlement is believed to be the largest antitrust class action settlement of all time.

Coughlin was one of the lead attorneys who secured a historic \$25 million recovery on behalf of approximately 7,000 Trump University students in two class actions against President Donald J. Trump, which means individual class members are eligible for upwards of \$35,000 in restitution. He represented the class on a pro bono basis. Additional prominent securities class actions prosecuted by Coughlin include: the Enron litigation, in which \$7.2 billion was recovered; the Qwest litigation, in which a \$445 million recovery was obtained; and the *HealthSouth* litigation, in which a \$671 million recovery was obtained.

#### Education

B.S., Santa Clara University, 1977; J.D., Golden Gate University, 1983

# Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Lawyer of the Year: Litigation - Antitrust, Best Lawyers®, 2023; Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2006-2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; Top Lawyer in San Diego, San Diego Magazine, 2013-2021; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2004-2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, Best Lawyers®, 2012-2021; Hall of Fame, Lawdragon, 2020; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2019; Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice, American Antitrust Institute, 2018; Senior Statesman, Chambers USA, 2014-2018; Antitrust Trailblazer, The National Law Journal, 2015; Top 100 Lawyers, Daily Journal, 2008; Leading Lawyer in America, Lawdragon, 2006, 2008-2009

### 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 UnitedHealth (\$925 million), WorldCom (\$657 million), AOL Time Warner (\$629 million), Qwest (\$445 million), and Pfizer (\$400 million).

Dowd served as lead trial counsel in Jaffe v. Household International in the Northern District of Illinois, a securities class action that obtained a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs. Dowd also served as the lead trial lawyer in In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig., which was tried in the District of New Jersey and settled after only two weeks of trial for \$100 million. Dowd served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of California from 1987-1991, and again from 1994-1998, where he handled dozens of jury trials and was awarded the Director's Award for Superior Performance.

#### Education

B.A., Fordham University, 1981; J.D., University of Michigan School of Law, 1984

### Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Director's Award for Superior Performance, United States Attorney's Office; Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2015-2023; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, Lawdragon, 2019-2022; Top Lawyer in San Diego, San Diego Magazine, 2013-2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, Best Lawyers, 2015-2021; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2010-2020; Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers®, 2020; Recommended Lawyer, The Legal 500, 2016-2019; 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

### Richard W. Gonnello | Of Counsel

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

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

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

#### Education

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

### Honors / Awards

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

### Mitchell D. Gravo | Of Counsel

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

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

#### Education

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

## Dennis J. Herman | Of Counsel

Dennis Herman is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Francisco office where he focuses his practice on securities class actions. He has led or been significantly involved in the prosecution of numerous securities fraud claims that have resulted in substantial recoveries for investors, including settled actions against Massey Energy (\$265 million), Coca-Cola (\$137 million), VeriSign (\$78 million), Psychiatric Solutions, Inc. (\$65 million), St. Jude Medical, Inc. (\$50 million), NorthWestern (\$40 million), BancorpSouth (\$29.5 million), America Service Group (\$15 million), Specialty Laboratories (\$12 million), Stellent (\$12 million), and Threshold Pharmaceuticals (\$10 million).

#### Education

B.S., Syracuse University, 1982; J.D., Stanford Law School, 1992

### Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, Best Lawyers®, 2018-2023; Northern 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; served on the Oklahoma State University Foundation Board of Trustees, 2013-2021; Top Lawyer in San Diego, San Diego Magazine, 2013-2021; Philanthropist of the Year, Women for OSU at Oklahoma State University, 2020; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2007

# David J. Hoffa | Of Counsel

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

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

#### Education

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

### Andrew W. Hutton | Of Counsel

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

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

#### Education

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

## Nancy M. Juda | Of Counsel

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

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

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

#### Education

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

### Francis P. Karam | Of Counsel

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

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

#### Education

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

# Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2019-2022; "Who's Who" for Securities Lawyers, Corporate Governance Magazine, 2015

## Ashley M. Kelly | Of Counsel

Ashley Kelly is Of Counsel in the 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, ecommerce, 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

Rising Star, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2016, 2018-2021

## 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 serves as 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. For over 12 years, Menon served as Chief Legal Counsel to two large multiemployer 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.

## Education

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

## Eugene Mikolajczyk | Of Counsel

Eugene Mikolajczyk is Of Counsel to the Firm and is based in the Firm's San Diego Office. Mikolajczyk has over 30 years' experience prosecuting shareholder and securities litigation cases as both individual and class actions. Among the cases are *Heckmann v. Ahmanson*, in which the court granted a preliminary injunction to prevent a corporate raider from exacting greenmail from a large domestic media/entertainment company.

Mikolajczyk was a primary litigation counsel in an international coalition of attorneys and human rights groups that won a historic settlement with major U.S. clothing retailers and manufacturers on behalf of a class of over 50,000 predominantly female Chinese garment workers, in an action seeking to hold the Saipan garment industry responsible for creating a system of indentured servitude and forced labor. The coalition obtained an unprecedented agreement for supervision of working conditions in the Saipan factories by an independent NGO, as well as a substantial multi-million dollar compensation award for the workers.

#### Education

B.S., Elizabethtown College, 1974; J.D., Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, 1978

## Roxana Pierce | Of Counsel

Roxana Pierce is Of Counsel in Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP's Washington D.C. office. She is an international lawyer whose practice focuses on protecting investor rights and the rights of victims of consumer fraud, waste, and abuse, including county pension funds, institutional investors, and state and city governmental entities. She zealously represents her clients with claims for consumer protection, securities, products liability, contracts, and other violations, whether through litigation, arbitration, mediation, or negotiation. She has represented clients in over 75 countries and 12 states, with extensive experience in the Middle East, Asia, Russia, the former Soviet Union, Germany, Belgium, the Caribbean, and India. Pierce's client base includes large institutional investors, state, county, and city retirement funds, pension funds, attorneys general, international banks, asset managers, foreign governments, multinational corporations, sovereign wealth funds, and high-net-worth individuals. She presently has over 20 class, private, and group actions on file, including cases against the largest pharmaceutical and automobile manufacturers in the world for securities fraud consumer rights violations.

Pierce has counseled international clients since 1994. She has spearheaded the contract negotiations for hundreds of projects, including several valued at over \$1 billion, and typically conducts her negotiations with the leadership of foreign governments and the leadership of Fortune 500 corporations, foreign and domestic. Pierce presently represents several European legacy banks in litigation concerning the 2008 financial crisis.

Pierce has been assisting the litigation team at Robbins Geller with the investigation of the opioids and ecigarette issues facing many states, cities, and municipalities for more than four years. In particular, she has been working closely with doctors and other health care providers to obtain evidence relating to the opioid crisis facing Maryland, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, and Florida.

## Education

B.A., Pepperdine University, 1988; J.D., Thomas Jefferson School of Law, 1994

## Honors / Awards

Certificate of Accomplishment, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Humanitarian Spirit Award for Advocacy, The National Center for Children and Families, 2019

## 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

## 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

## Christopher P. Seefer | Of Counsel

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

## Education

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

## Arthur L. Shingler III | Of Counsel

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

Representative matters in which Shingler served as lead litigation or settlement counsel include, among others: In re Royal Dutch/Shell ERISA Litig. (\$90 million settlement); In re Priceline.com Sec. Litig. (\$80 million settlement); In re General Motors ERISA Litig. (\$37.5 million settlement, in addition to significant revision of retirement plan administration); Wood v. Ionatron, Inc. (\$6.5 million settlement); In re Lattice Semiconductor Corp. Derivative Litig. (corporate governance settlement, including substantial revision of board policies and executive management); In re 360networks Class Action Sec. Litig. (\$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).

## Education

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

## Honors / Awards

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

## Leonard B. Simon | Of Counsel

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

Simon is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Duke University, the University of San Diego, and the University of Southern California Law Schools. He has lectured extensively on securities, antitrust, and complex litigation in programs sponsored by the American Bar Association Section of Litigation, the 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, 2016-2020; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2008-2016; J.D., Order of the Coif and with Distinction, Duke University School of Law, 1973

## Laura S. Stein | Of Counsel

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

## Education

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

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

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

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

#### Education

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

## Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Top Lawyer in San Diego, San Diego Magazine, 2013-2020; Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers Magazine, 2007-2017; Litigator of the Month, The National Law Journal, July 2000; LL.M. Top of Class, Georgetown University Law Center

## Christopher J. Supple | Of Counsel

Chris Supple is Senior Counsel to Robbins Geller, having joined the Firm after spending the past decade (2011-2021) as Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel at MassPRIM (the Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Management Board). While at MassPRIM, Supple also served for the last 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

## David C. Walton | Of Counsel

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

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

## Education

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

## Honors / Awards

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

## Bruce Gamble | Special Counsel

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

## Education

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

## Honors / Awards

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

## Tricia L. McCormick | Special Counsel

Tricia McCormick is Special Counsel to the Firm and focuses primarily on the prosecution of securities class actions. McCormick has litigated numerous cases against public companies in the state and federal courts which resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in recoveries to investors. She is also a member of a team that is in constant contact with clients who wish to become actively involved in the litigation of securities fraud. In addition, McCormick is active in all phases of the Firm's lead plaintiff motion practice.

## Education

B.A., University of Michigan, 1995; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 1998

## Honors / Awards

J.D., Cum Laude, University of San Diego School of Law, 1998

## R. Steven Aronica | Forensic Accountant

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

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

## Education

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

## Andrew J. Rudolph | Forensic Accountant

Andrew Rudolph is the Director of the Firm's Forensic Accounting Department, which provides in-house forensic accounting expertise in connection with securities fraud litigation against national and foreign companies. He has directed hundreds of financial statement fraud investigations, which were instrumental in recovering billions of dollars for defrauded investors. Prominent cases include Qwest, HealthSouth, WorldCom, Boeing, Honeywell, Vivendi, Aurora Foods, Informix, Platinum Software, AOL Time Warner, and UnitedHealth.

Rudolph is a Certified Fraud Examiner and a Certified Public Accountant licensed to practice in California. He is an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, California's Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. His 20 years of public accounting, consulting, and forensic accounting experience includes financial fraud investigation, auditor malpractice, auditing of public and private companies, business litigation consulting, due diligence investigations, and taxation.

## Education

B.A., Central Connecticut State University, 1985

## Christopher Yurcek | Forensic Accountant

Christopher Yurcek is the Assistant Director of the Firm's Forensic Accounting Department, which provides in-house forensic accounting and litigation expertise in connection with major securities fraud litigation. He has directed the Firm's forensic accounting efforts on numerous high-profile cases, including In re Enron Corp. Sec. Litig. and Jaffe v. Household Int'l, Inc., which obtained a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs. Other prominent cases include HealthSouth, UnitedHealth, Vesta, Informix, Mattel, Coca-Cola, and Media Vision.

Yurcek has over 20 years of accounting, auditing, and consulting experience in areas including financial statement audit, forensic accounting and fraud investigation, auditor malpractice, turn-around consulting, business litigation, and business valuation. He is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in California, holds a Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) Credential from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and is a member of the California Society of CPAs and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

## Education

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1985

# EXHIBIT 6

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re REMICADE ANTITRUST LITIGATION	Civil Action No. 2:17-cv-04326-KSM (Consolidated)
This Document Relates To:	CLASS ACTION
INDIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS	The Honorable Karen S. Marston
	DECLARATION OF JOSEPH GOLDBERG FILED ON BEHALF OF FREEDMAN BOYD HOLLANDER & GOLDBERG, PA, IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES

## I, Joseph Goldberg, declare as follows:

- I am a Partner of Freedman Boyd Hollander & Goldberg, PA. 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 one of the counsel of record for The Welfare Fund of Plumbers Local
   Union No. 200.
- 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 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 637.3. A breakdown of the lodestar is provided in Exhibit A. The lodestar amount is attorney/paraprofessional time based the Firm's for on current rates \$ 256,267.25 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 in class action cases are the same rates we charge our hourly fee clients, 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, we used the current rates at the time of work.
- 5. My Firm seeks an award of \$77,458.10 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: \$ 480. These expenses have been paid for reimbursement of filing fees and pro hac vice fees. The firm who was paid for these services are set forth in Exhibit C.
- (b) Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$ 1,834.67. In connection with the prosecution of this case, the Firm has paid for travel expenses to, among other things. The date, destination, and purpose of each trip is set forth in Exhibit D.

- (c) Teleconference calls: \$79.04.
- (d) Federal Express for deliveries to local counsel: \$ 64.30.
- 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.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 13th day of October, 2022, at Albuquerque, NM.

# **EXHIBIT A**

## **EXHIBIT A**

In re Remicade Antitrust Litigation, No. 2:17-cv-04326-KSM Freedman Boyd Hollander & Goldberg, PA Inception through October 5, 2022

NAME		HOURS	RATE	LODESTAR
Joseph Goldberg	(P)	238.50	\$650	\$155,025.00
Vincent Ward	(P)	3.00	\$300	\$900.00
Frank Davis	(A)	7.80	\$225	\$1,755.00
Nicholas Hart	(A)	108.00	\$225	\$24,300.00
Larissa Lozano	(A)	99.50	\$225	\$22,387.50
Christopher Dodd	(A)	17.70	\$225	\$3,982.50
Paralegals				
Deborah Tope		75.45	\$115	\$8,676.75
David Harrigan		.20	\$115	\$23.00
Shareholder Relations			_	
Michael Goldberg (Of Counsel)		87.15	\$450	\$39,217.50
TOTAL		637.3	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$256,267.25

- (P) Partner
- (A) Associate

# **EXHIBIT B**

## **EXHIBIT B**

In re Remicade Antitrust Litigation, No. 2:17-cv-04326-KSM Freedman Boyd Hollander & Goldberg, PA Inception through October 5, 2022

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Filing, Witness and Other Fees	\$480.00
Transportation, Hotels & Meals	\$1,834.67
Telephone	\$79.04
Federal Express Deliveries	\$64.39
Litigation Fund Contribution	\$75,000.00
TOTAL	\$77,458.10

# **EXHIBIT C**

## **EXHIBIT C**

*In re Remicade Antitrust Litigation*, No. 2:17-cv-04326-KSM Freedman Boyd Hollander & Goldberg, PA

Filing, Witness and Other Fees: \$480.00

DATE	VENDOR	PURPOSE
01/03/18	Shepherd Finkelman	Reimbursement of filing fee
03/12/18	Shepherd Finkelman	Reimbursement of pro hac vice fees

# **EXHIBIT D**

## **EXHIBIT D**

*In re Remicade Antitrust Litigation*, No. 2:17-cv-04326-KSM Freedman Boyd Hollander & Goldberg, PA

Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$1,834.67

NAME	DATE	DESTINATION	PURPOSE
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#### FREEDMAN BOYD HOLLANDER GOLDBERG URIAS & WARD P.A.

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The firm, founded in 1974, is a litigation firm with practice areas as varied as the interests of its members. Its lawyers practice in both federal and state trial and appellate courts, from the municipal courts to the Supreme Court of the United States, and handle a broad spectrum of civil and criminal cases. It was founded by lawyers who were and still are good friends and professional colleagues with a shared commitment to the use of the judicial system for its intended purpose of rendering true justice. Four of the firm's eight partners have been selected by their professional peers to be included in the respected publication, Best Lawyers in America. In the years since its founding, the firm has grown slowly by the addition of exceptional lawyers who share the same vision and commitment.

#### David A. Freedman

#### **Practice Areas:**

Civil Rights, Complex Civil Litigation, Criminal Defense, Personal Injury, and Wrongful Death

David Freedman is a 1966 graduate of Columbia University (Columbia College) and a 1973 graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law, where he was an editor of the New Mexico Law Review. He was a founding member of the firm in 1974.

Since 1973, Mr. Freedman has been in a full-time litigation practice in both state and federal courts, including complex commercial, securities, and antitrust litigation, as well as criminal defense, personal injury, wrongful death, and product liability matters. His practice also includes significant class action litigation across the country, principally involving antitrust, securities, and contract matters, in which he has been appointed lead or liaison counsel or been a principal attorney for the class.

In the practice areas of personal injury, wrongful death, and product liability, Mr. Freedman has obtained awards for injured persons in excess of a million dollars. Mr. Freedman also has extensive experience in class action litigation, including consumer class actions. In connection with his criminal defense practice, Mr. Freedman has a wide range of experience, including defense of tax, healthcare, environmental, securities, and antitrust crimes. He has also represented claimants in federal civil forfeiture proceedings.

Mr. Freedman has received the highest Martindale-Hubbell "AV" rating, is included in the Bar Registry of Preeminent Lawyers, and is recognized in the legal profession's publication, "Best Lawyers in America" in three practice areas – commercial litigation, antitrust, and criminal defense and is an American Bar Foundation Fellow. Mr. Freedman is also listed in Southwest Super Lawyers in many practice areas.

#### Education

Columbia University, B.A., 1966 University of New Mexico School of Law, J.D. 1973

## **Professional Activities**

- New Mexico State Bar

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- American Bar Association
- American Association for Justice
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association
- New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

## John W. Boyd

#### **Practice Areas:**

Appeals, Civil Rights, and Complex Civil Litigation

John W. Boyd was a founding member of the firm in 1974. He is a 1967 graduate of Columbia University (Columbia College) and a 1973 cum laude graduate of the University of New Mexico Law School, where he was editor of the Natural Resources Journal and was awarded Order of the Coif.

Since 1973, he has been in full-time practice, specializing in civil rights, election law, employment law, and complex commercial litigation, including trials, appeals, and class actions. His principal emphasis has been on First Amendment law, including free speech, establishment clause, and free exercise clause litigation. He has had extensive involvement in election-related litigation, including ballot access, voter identification, redistricting, and voting machine challenges.

Mr. Boyd has had an "AV" rating in Martindale-Hubbell for many years and has been listed in "Best Lawyers In America" for over twelve years in the categories of First Amendment Law and Employment Law.

#### Education

Columbia University, B.A., 1966 University of New Mexico School of Law, J.D. 1973 (Cum Laude)

#### **Professional Activities**

- Author of the section "Rule 68 Judgments" in the loose leaf service, "Settlement Agreements In Commercial Disputes," Richard A. Rosen, editor (Aspen Law and Business).

#### Nancy Hollander

An internationally recognized criminal defense lawyer, Nancy Hollander joined the firm in 1980 and became a partner in 1983. She is also an Associate Tenant at London's Doughty Street Chambers, which specializes in criminal law, international law, and human rights. Ms. Hollander has been admitted to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court, nine U.S. Courts of Appeal, seven U.S. District Courts, U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals, and New Mexico. She is also on the list of counsel for the International Criminal Court (ICC) as well as the U.S. Department of Defense's Pool of Qualified Civilian Defense Counsel for Military Commissions.

For more than three decades, Ms. Hollander's practice has largely been devoted to representing individuals and organizations accused of crimes, including those involving national security issues, in trial and on appeal. She was lead appellate counsel for Chelsea Manning in the military appellate courts. She also won Ms. Manning's release in 2017 when President Obama commuted her sentence from 35 years to seven years. Ms. Hollander has also represented two prisoners at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, and in 2016, she won the release of one of them – Mohamedou Ould Slahi – after 11 years of pro bono representation. His story is chronicled in

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his New York Times-bestselling book Guantanamo Diary, which Ms. Hollander helped facilitate and publish and will soon be a feature film, titled The Mauritanian.

For her other client at Guantanamo, Abd Rahim Al-Nashiri, who is facing the death penalty, she has won two cases in the European Court of Human Rights, providing funds for his family and accountability for his torture at the hands of agents of the US government.

In addition to her criminal defense practice, Ms. Hollander has been counsel in numerous civil cases, forfeitures, and administrative hearings, and she has argued and won a historic case involving religious freedom in the U.S. Supreme Court. Ms. Hollander also served as a consultant to the defense in a high-profile terrorism case in Ireland and has assisted counsel in other international cases. In 1992-93, Ms. Hollander was the first woman president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Chosen by her peers as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers as well as the American Board of Criminal Lawyers, she also is a member of the European Criminal Bar Association, and in 2017, she was appointed to one of the American Bar Association's International Criminal Justice Standards Steering Committees to develop standards for international criminal tribunals.

A seasoned trial lawyer and respected criminal law expert, Ms. Hollander has taught in numerous trial-practice programs, including the National Criminal Defense College, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College. Today, she regularly teaches trial advocacy in the U.S. and Europe. She has taught training courses for criminal defense lawyers wishing to appear before international tribunals, coordinated a jury trial training project in Russia, and been a consultant to the U.N. Development Programme in Vietnam.

Ms. Hollander has written extensively and conducted more than 200 seminars and presentations around the globe on various subjects, including the securing of evidence in international cases, forfeiture, illegal search and seizure, expert witnesses, defense of child abuse cases, ethics, evidence, and trial practice.

Ms. Hollander has received many professional awards. Among them, in 2016, Ms. Hollander received a Lifetime Achievement Award from America's Top 100 Lawyers for New Mexico. She was chosen as Best Lawyers' Albuquerque Criminal Defense: Non-White-Collar Lawyer of the Year in 2010, White-Collar Lawyer of the Year in 2011, and General Practice Lawyer of the Year in 2016. In 2001, she was named as one of America's top 50 women litigators by the National Law Journal. She was selected as Professional Lawyer of the Year by the New Mexico Trial Lawyers Foundation in 2006. That same year, she was profiled in Super Lawyers' top 25 New Mexico lawyers and has continued to be recognized every year since.

Ms. Hollander also holds security clearances.

Follow Ms. Hollander on Twitter: @NancyHollander\_.

#### Education

University of Michigan, B.A. 1965 (Cum Laude) University of New Mexico School of Law, J.D. 1978 (Magna Cum Laude)

#### **Professional Activities**

- Past-President, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1992-93
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, 2004-present
- Fellow, American Board of Criminal Lawyers, 1994-present

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- Founding Member, Council, International Criminal Bar, 2003-2005
- Member, Board of Directors, International Criminal Defence Attorneys, 2003-2007
- Member, European Criminal Bar Association, 2003-present

## Joseph Goldberg

#### **Practice Areas:**

Antitrust, Appeals, Complex Civil Litigation, and Election Law

Joe is recognized nationally and internationally as one of the top antitrust litigators in the country. He has tried numerous cases to multi-million-dollar jury verdicts and judgments and has recovered for his clients in excess of nine billion dollars. In 2013, Joe was the lead trial lawyer for the plaintiffs in In Re Urethanes Litigation, Civil No. 04-md-1616-JWL (United States District Court, District of Kansas) in which the jury verdict resulted in a judgment in excess of one billion dollars. That jury verdict was the largest jury verdict in the United States in 2013 and is reported to be the largest price-fixing verdict in the history of the federal Sherman Antitrust Act. Joe is recognized by clients and colleagues as "the best lawyer I ever worked with"; "superb courtroom presence"; "has a great ability to convey complicated issues"; and "one of the best antitrust lawyers on the plaintiff's side in the country".

In 2013, Joe was named by the National Law Journal in its inaugural edition of the nation's 50 Elite Plaintiffs' Trial Lawyers. He was selected by the American Antitrust Institute, in 2018, in its inaugural class of Private Antitrust Enforcement Hall of Fame. He has had an "AV" rating in Martindale-Hubbell for more than thirty years, is listed in Best Lawyers in America for more than twenty-five years, in antitrust, commercial litigation and bet-the-company litigation, and has been listed in Chambers USA and Southwest Super Lawyers since their inceptions. Joe was designated by Best Lawyers in America as "bet-the-company" litigator of the year in New Mexico in 2009 and antitrust litigator of the year in 2011, 2014, 2015, and 2018. He was ranked among the top 25 New Mexico Super Lawyers in 2009, 2013 and 2014. He is one of the plaintiffs' antitrust lawyers in the United States listed in the prestigious international Who's Who Legal: Competition. He is nationally recognized for his work with economic and statistical experts and has written and lectured nation-wide on that topic.

Joe Goldberg has been a senior shareholder in the law firm since 1991. His practice is largely limited to antitrust, class actions, complex commercial litigation and election law. Joe was on the full-time faculties of the University of North Dakota and the University of New Mexico Law Schools, from 1969 through 1987. He also served as the General Counsel for the University of New Mexico. He was a law clerk for Hon. M. Joseph Blumenfeld of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. He also served as the Secretary of the New Mexico Human Services Department and Secretary of the New Mexico Health & Environment Department. Joe has taught in more than forty continuing legal education seminars and has written numerous books, monographs, chapters and articles about the law. Joe currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the American Antitrust Institute and on the United States Advisory Board for the Loyola University Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies. Joe has served on numerous other public interest or professional boards, including the Searle Civil Justice Institute at George Mason University, New Mexico Appleseed (Chair of the Board), Albuquerque Legal Aid Society, Environmental Law Center (Santa Fe), COSAL (Chair of Board), New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association (President of Board).

#### **Education**

Trinity College (Hartford, CT), A.B., 1965 (Cum Laude, Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society)

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Boston College Law School, LL.B., 1968 (Cum Laude, Order of the Coif)

#### **Professional Activities**

- American Bar Association, Section on Antitrust Law
- American Association for Justice
- New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Directors 1989-2015; President, 2005-06
- Committee to Support the Antitrust Laws (COSAL), Board of Directors since 1991; President, 1999-2002
- American Law Institute, Life Member; Advisor, Restatement (Third) of Agency
- New Mexico Supreme Court Uniform Jury Instructions (Civil) Committee, 1981-1999
- Numerous books, monographs and articles on the law
- Presenter at numerous continuing legal educations around the country

#### David H. Urias

#### **Practice Areas:**

Appeals, Civil Rights, Complex Civil Litigation, Personal Injury, and Wrongful Death

David H. Urias is a partner at the firm and practices in the areas of complex civil litigation, serious personal injury cases, including wrongful death and medical malpractice claims, employment and whistleblower litigation, consumer law, civil rights law, and election law.

Over the span of his legal career, David has obtained extensive trial and appellate experience in both state and federal courts. He has tried cases in a number of jurisdictions throughout the Southwest, including New Mexico, Arizona and Texas, and has argued cases before both state appellate courts and federal circuit court of appeals. He is a top rated lawyer by Super Lawyers in the areas of civil litigation and employment litigation.

David graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 2001, and then served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Vanessa Ruiz of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C.

In 2002, Mr. Urias joined the firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, LLP, in New York City, where he practiced corporate and commercial litigation for one of the most prestigious Wall Street firms in the country.

In 2004, David became a staff attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), the largest and most prominent Latino legal organization in the nation. From MALDEF's San Antonio Regional Office, David practiced throughout the Southwest in all areas of civil rights law, including voting rights, class action and collective action employment matters, immigrant rights, and education law.

Since joining Freedman Boyd in 2008, David has successfully represented clients spanning from victims of violence by border vigilantes to the families of those seriously injured or killed as a result of the negligence of corporations and their employees.

David and his co-counsel have obtained over tens of millions of dollars in compensation for his clients either after jury trial or through settlement.

#### Education

University of New Mexico, B.A. 1997 University of New Mexico School of Law, 2001 (Cum Laude)

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#### **Professional Activities**

- New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association, Member, Board of Directors
- New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association
- ACLU of New Mexico Legal Panel, Member

#### Vincent J. Ward

#### **Practice Areas:**

Complex Civil Litigation, Criminal Defense, Military Law, National Security Law, Personal Injury, Professional License Defense, Security Clearances, and Wrongful Death

Vincent specializes in complex litigation and class actions involving government entities, insurance companies, and financial institutions. He also represents clients in administrative proceedings, including security clearance suspensions, professional licensure revocations, and debarments. Prior to joining the firm, Vincent held high level positions in both federal and state government. Most recently he served as Senior Counselor to Solicitor Hilary Tompkins at the United States Department of Interior, where he counseled the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Solicitor, and other high-level officials on issues pertaining to civil litigation (oil and gas, Indian gaming, false claims/whistleblower claims, employment, and tort claims), procurement, federal ethics requirements, congressional inquiries, and FOIA. The Solicitor assigned him to work on the Department's most important issues, including the Gulf Oil Spill response, Cobell Class Action lawsuit, and the Secretary's Renewable Energy Fast-Track Program.

Vincent also served as Chief and Deputy Chief Counsel to the former Governor of New Mexico, Bill Richardson. In this capacity, Vincent advised the Governor, Chief of Staff, and other senior officials in the administration on legal and policy issues, including rule-making and administrative procedures, procurement, IPRA and Open Meetings, constitutional authority and statutory interpretation, judicial and exempt/political appointments, and civil litigation (employment and tort claims). He also supervised the general counsels in more than 20 state executive agencies.

From 2001 to 2004, Vincent served on active duty in the United States Navy, Judge Advocate General Corps, where he prosecuted felony-level criminal offenses, including the mishandling of classified materials, murder, sexual assault, and drug distribution. He also represented the Navy in administrative separation proceedings and conducted internal investigations for senior military commanders.

Vincent graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 2001, where he was awarded the Sutin Award for Excellence in Advocacy and the Helen S. Carter Prize for Outstanding Legal Writing. Vincent holds a B.A. in Political Science, Summa Cum Laude, from the University of New Mexico. The State Bar of New Mexico recognized Vincent as the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year in 2008. The New Mexico Business Weekly named Vincent as a Top 40 under 40 honoree in 2012.

#### Education

University of New Mexico, B.A. University of New Mexico School of Law

#### **Professional Activities**

- New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association, Member, Board of Directors
- New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- New Mexico Black Lawyers Association

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- National Bar Association

#### H. Jesse Jacobus

#### **Practice Areas:**

Appeals, Civil Rights, Complex Civil Litigation, Personal Injury, and Wrongful Death

Jesse is a trial lawyer. He has tried cases to verdict in New Mexico state and federal courts. Jesse has substantial experience in handling tort cases, including matters involving premises liability, civil rights violations, products-related litigation, as well as various other types of personal injury and wrongful death claims. In addition, Jesse also employs his effective and aggressive litigation approach to represent clients in their prosecution of employment suits, including claims of wrongful discharge, sexual harassment, discrimination, whistleblower claims, and retaliation. His experience includes a wide variety of jury and non-jury trials, arbitrations, mediations, and appeals.

Jesse has achieved the AV® rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating possible based on a peer review. He has been recognized as a Southwest Rising Star by Southwest Super Lawyers® and a Future Star by Benchmark Litigation.

Jesse is a native New Mexican and received his undergraduate degree from the University of New Mexico. While attending college, Jesse was a walk-on member of the UNM Varsity Football team. He moved to Chicago, Illinois to attend Chicago-Kent College of Law. At the beginning of Jesse's law career, he worked as a Defense lawyer in Albuquerque which gives him a unique perspective for his cases having worked on both sides of a dispute. Jesse also served as a judicial law clerk at the New Mexico Court of Appeals to the Honorable James J. Wechsler from 2003-2005. Before becoming a lawyer, Jesse served as an active duty member of the United States Marine Corps, from 1993-1997.

#### **Education**

University of New Mexico, B.B.A., 2000 Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, J.D. 2003, Dean's List

#### **Professional Activities**

- Albuquerque Bar Association
- Hispanic Bar Association
- New Mexico Black Lawyers Association
- New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association
- Planned Parenthood of New Mexico, Chair, Board of Directors, 2010-2011

#### Frank T. Davis

#### **Practice Areas:**

Antitrust, Civil Rights, Complex Civil Litigation, Personal Injury and Wrongful Death

Frank's practice areas include class actions, antitrust, commercial disputes, labor and employment, and civil rights litigation. He has successfully represented clients in administrative proceedings and in state and federal court.

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After receiving his undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of New Mexico, Frank attended UNM School of Law and graduated with honors in 2012. During law school, he served as a Manuscript Editor for the New Mexico Law Review. Frank received the A. H. McLeod Award, recognizing skill and excellence in advocacy, and was awarded Outstanding 3L by the Mexican American Law Student Association. He won the New Mexico Court of Appeals Appellate Advocacy Tournament and was a member of the mock trial team. In addition, Frank served as a teaching assistant for the legal writing class and as the student representative for the Admissions Committee.

#### Education

University of New Mexico, B.A., 2006 University of New Mexico School of Law, J.D. 2012 (Cum Laude) **Professional Activities** 

- State Bar of New Mexico, Young Lawyers Division
- New Mexico Black Lawyers Association
- New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association
- National Bar Association
- American Bar Association

#### Larissa M. Lozano

#### **Practice Areas:**

Civil Rights, Employment Law, General Civil Litigation, Medical Malpractice, Police Brutality, and Sexual Harassment

Larissa M. Lozano practices in the areas of civil rights, sexual violence, law enforcement misconduct, wrongful death, children and youth, employment, medical malpractice, and general civil litigation.

Larissa received her Bachelor of Arts with honors in psychology and Spanish from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. For her academic achievement, Larissa was awarded the President's Scholarship during her full academic tenure. Larissa was also awarded the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Diversity Scholarship. Larissa was a member of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society. As part of her studies, Larissa spent time living in Seville, Spain and Madrid, Spain. For her rigorous devotion to multicultural studies, Larissa was awarded a full fellowship to work in Madrid, Spain at El Centro Hispano Paraguayo.

A native New Mexican, Larissa returned home to pursue her law degree at the University of New Mexico. During her time in law school, Larissa earned academic honors on both the Dean's List and Honor Roll. Larissa served as the Professional Articles Editor for the New Mexico Law Review and had her casenote, which focused on free speech in public schools, published within the Law Review. Larissa also served as a member of the University of New Mexico School of Law Admissions Committee. Additionally, she competed in the Hispanic National Bar Association's Moot Court program and received top honors for Best Written Brief.

After spending several years as an associate attorney at one of the most effective civil rights firms in New Mexico, Larissa joined Freedman Boyd Hollander Goldberg Urias & Ward. In her spare time, Larissa volunteers in the New Mexico community, including spending her time as a Board Member for Cuidando Los Ninos and as a Board Member for the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty. Larissa is also the Former Vice

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President and Board Member of the New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association. She is also a member of the New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association and the Hispanic National Bar Association. Larissa is deeply devoted to New Mexico and believes in justice for its people; she is honored to serve as a strong advocate for individuals in their time of need.

Larissa is licensed to practice in New Mexico, the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico, and Colorado.

#### Education

Trinity University, San Antonio, TX, B.A. 2013 (Cum Laude) University of New Mexico School of Law, J.D. 2016

#### **Professional Activities**

- Cuidando Los Ninos, Board Member
- New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty, Board Member
- New Mexico Hispanic Bar Association, Former Vice President and Board Member
- New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association
- Hispanic National Bar Association

## Christopher A. Dodd

#### **Practice Areas:**

Civil Rights, and Criminal Defense

Christopher A. Dodd practices primarily in the areas of criminal defense and civil rights. He has an aptitude for complex criminal matters involving digital evidence. Before joining the firm, he was an attorney with the New Mexico Law Offices of the Public Defender for four years, where he defended clients charged with homicide, computer crimes, sex crimes, and other serious offenses. While at the public defenders, he was recognized as a Champion for Indigent Defense by the Chairman of the New Mexico Public Defender Commission.

Chris has presented dozens of lectures and training seminars throughout the country on issues relating to criminal defense, pretrial litigation, digital evidence, and the defense of computer sex crimes. He has also published several articles on these topics.

Chris graduated magna cum laude from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 2014. He was inducted into the Order of the Coif and was awarded the Alfred L. Gausewitz Memorial Scholarship, the Irwin Stern Moise Award for Legal and Judicial Ethics, and the Clinical Legal Education Association Outstanding Student Award. After law school, Chris has continued to hone his legal skills through participation in Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College in Dubois, Wyoming, where he graduated in September 2017. Chris is also an active board member of the New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

#### Education

University of Texas Austin, B.A. 2011

University of New Mexico School of Law, J.D. 2014 (Magna Cum Laude)

#### **Professional Activities**

- New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Member of the Board of Directors
- Trial Lawyers College Graduate

## Josh B. Ewing

#### **Practice Areas:**

Complex Civil Litigation, Criminal Defense, General Civil Litigation, Personal Injury, and Professional License Defense

Throughout his career, Josh has helped guide clients through the most difficult period of their lives: being charged with and/or investigated for a crime, or recovering from serious, physical injury. He has taken the skills and techniques gained from complex criminal and commercial litigation, class action lawsuits, and high-stakes civil litigation and used those skills to refine the approach he takes in each case. Josh has helped those injured through the negligence or wrongdoing of others recover funds to improve their lives. Josh has also helped doctors, lawyers, judges, pharmacists, nurses, athletes, entertainers and other professionals survive criminal charges or disciplinary complaints and preserve their professional licenses and careers. He regularly works with experts to help those who are accused challenge the prosecution's evidence or to prove the case of someone who has been irreparably injured by negligence or wrongdoing.

After receiving honors from both his law school and his fellow law students, Josh clerked for Justice Edward L. Chavez of New Mexico Supreme Court and then earned his courtroom stripes by trying criminal cases as a public defender and as a lawyer in private practice in New Mexico. In 2015, Josh moved to Portland, Oregon, where he became the Research and Writing Specialist for the Chief Federal Defender of Oregon and, later, a partner in one of Portland's premier criminal defense law firms. In both Oregon and New Mexico, Josh has worked on numerous high-profile cases proceeding in state and federal trial and appellate courts. Josh has also supervised and mentored law students beginning their journey into the world of practicing attorneys. Josh is thrilled to have recently rejoined Freedman Boyd Hollander, which he considers to be his home.

Josh focuses his practice on serious criminal cases, professional licensure, and personal injury matters.

También habla español.

#### **Education**

University of New Mexico, B.A. 2002, Political Science & Spanish (Summa Cum Laude) University of New Mexico School of Law, J.D. 2005 (Magna Cum Laude, Order of the Coif)

## **Professional Activities**

- New Mexico State Bar
- Oregon State Bar
- Washington State Bar
- United States District Court for the District of Oregon
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

## EXHIBIT 7

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re REMICADE ANTITRUST LITIGATION	Civil Action No. 2:17-cv-04326-KSM (Consolidated)		
This Document Relates To:	CLASS ACTION		
INDIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS.	The Honorable Karen S. Marston		
	DECLARATION OF MICHELLE J. LOOBY FILED ON BEHALF OF GUSTAFSON GLUEK PLLC IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES		

- I, Michelle J. Looby, declare as follows:
- 1. I am a member of the firm of Gustafson Gluek PLLC ("Gustafson Gluek"). 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 counsel of record for plaintiff Local 295 IBT Employer Group Welfare
   Fund.
- 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 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 my Firm is 1,069.75. 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 \$594,903.75. The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A are consistent with hourly rates submitted by the Firm in other antitrust 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 \$75,366.30 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) Case Assessments: \$75,000.00. These expenses were paid into the plaintiffs' litigation fund for costs associated with prosecuting this case.
- (b) Outside IT Support: \$36.25. In connection with downloading a third-party production obtained during discovery in this case, the Firm paid \$36.25 to an IT support firm for technological assistance with the production.
- (c) Photocopies: \$6.70. In connection with this case, the Firm made 67 inhouse photocopies, charging \$0.10 per copy for a total of \$6.70. 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 67 copies were identified as related to this case.
- (d) Online Legal and Financial Research: \$314.82. This category includes vendors such as Pacer and Westlaw. These resources were used to obtain access to court filings and legal research.
- (e) Conference calls: \$8.53. In connection with this case, the Firm paid \$8.53 for conference calls services.
- 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 C.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022, at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

/s/ Michelle J. Looby
Michelle J. Looby

## **EXHIBIT A**

## **EXHIBIT A**

In re Remicade Antitrust Litigation, No. 2:17-cv-04326-KSM Gustafson Gluek PLLC Inception through March 31, 2022

NAME		HOURS	RATE	LODESTAR
Daniel E. Gustafson	P	2.00	\$1,200	\$2,400.00
Dennis J. Stewart	P	32.00	\$1,100	\$35,200.00
Karla M. Gluek	P	1.75	\$1,000	\$1,750.00
Jason S. Kilene	P	19.00	\$950	\$18,050.00
Daniel C. Hedlund	P	0.75	\$1,000	\$750.00
Cathy K. Smith	P	138.50	\$700	\$96,950.00
Michelle J. Looby	P	154.00	\$775	\$119,350.00
Ling S. Wang	A	288.75	\$500	\$144,375.00
Abou B. Amara	A	0.50	\$375	\$187.50
Mickey L. Stevens	A	190.75	\$525	\$100,143.75
Gabrielle O. Sliwka	A	212.75	\$315	\$67,016.25
Sarah A. Moen	PL	1.25	\$325	\$406.25
Diana Jakubauskiene	PL	27.75	\$300	\$8,325.00
TOTAL		1069.75		\$594,903.75

- (P) Partner
- (A) Associate (PL) Paralegal

## **EXHIBIT B**

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In re Remicade Antitrust Litigation, No. 2:17-cv-04326-KSM Gustafson Gluek PLLC Inception through March 31, 2022

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Telephone, Facsimile	\$8.53
Photocopies	\$6.70
In-House: (67copies at \$0.10 per page)	
Online Legal and Financial Research	\$314.82
Litigation Fund Contribution	\$75,000.00
Miscellaneous (CITech)	\$36.25
TOTAL	\$75,366.30

## **EXHIBIT C**



Firm Resume

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## Firm Overview

Gustafson Gluek PLLC is an 19-attorney law firm with a national practice specializing in complex litigation. The firm has offices in Minneapolis, Minnesota and San Diego, California. Gustafson Gluek attorneys seek to vindicate the rights of, and recover damages for, those harmed by unfair business practices such as illegal price fixing, deceptive trade practices, and the distribution of unsafe medical devices, as well as enjoin companies from engaging in these types of practices in the future.

Founded in 2003, Gustafson Gluek's attorneys have consistently been recognized by their clients, peers, and courts across the country as leaders in their fields and, as such, have been chosen to lead some of the largest and most complex multi-district litigations. Attorneys at Gustafson Gluek have received national and state-wide awards and honors, and are routinely called upon by other leading firms to assist in taking on some of the largest companies and defense firms in the world. Gustafson Gluek was named number six in the Top 25 Lead Counsel in antitrust complaints filed from 2009 – 2020 in the 2020 Antitrust Annual Report produced by the University of San Francisco Law School and The Huntington National Bank. Gustafson Gluek was also listed as number seventeen in the list of firms with the highest number of antitrust settlements.

Gustafson Gluek strongly believes in giving back to the community and promoting diversity in the legal profession. Its attorneys have held leadership positions and actively participate in numerous national, state and affinity legal organizations, including the Federal Bar Association, Minnesota State Bar Association, the Infinity Project, Minnesota Women Lawyers, Minnesota Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers, the Lavender Bar Association and American Antitrust Institute. Gustafson Gluek was instrumental in founding the *Pro Se* Project, a collaboration with the Minnesota District Court pairing indigent federal litigants with attorneys and Gustafson Gluek devotes hundreds of hours each year to pro bono service through the *Pro Se* Project and other organizations.

## **Leadership Positions**

Gustafson Gluek's attorneys are frequently recognized by their peers and the courts as experienced and capable leaders and, as such, have been appointed to lead numerous complex litigations including the following:

Hogan v. Amazon, Inc. (N.D. III.)

Co-Lead Counsel

In re 3M Combat Arms Earplug Litig. (Minn.)

Co-Lead Counsel

In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)

Co-Lead Counsel for Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs

In re CenturyLink Residential Customer Billing Disputes Litig. (D. Minn.)

**Executive Committee Chair** 

In re Crop Inputs Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Mo.)

Co-Lead Counsel

In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee

In re DPP Beef Litig. (D. Minn.)

Co-Lead Counsel

In re DRAM Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal. and multiple state court actions)

Co-Lead Counsel for Indirect Purchasers

In re Flash Memory Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)

Plaintiffs' Steering Committee

In re Google Digital Publisher Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)

Plaintiffs' Leadership Committee

In re Interior Molded Doors Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Va.)

**Co-Lead Counsel** 

In re Medtronic, Inc. Implantable Defibrillators Products Liability Litig. (D. Minn.)

**Co-Lead Counsel** 

In re Medtronic, Inc. Sprint Fidelis Leads Products Liability Litig. (D. Minn.)

**Lead Counsel** 

In re Net Gain Data Breach Litig. (D. Minn.)

**Executive Committee** 

In re Pork Antitrust Litig. (D. Minn.)

Co-Lead Counsel for Consumer Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs

In re Syngenta Litig. (Minn.)

Co-Lead Class Counsel

In re Vitamin C Antitrust Litig. (E.D.N.Y.)

Co-Lead Counsel for Indirect Purchasers

Precision Assocs., Inc. v. Panalpina World Transport (Holding) Ltd. (E.D.N.Y.)

**Co-Lead Counsel** 

Powell Prescription Center v. Surescripts, LLC (N.D. III.)

**Lead Counsel Committee** 

St. Barnabas Hospital, Inc. et al. v. Lundbeck, Inc. et al. (D. Minn.)

**Interim Class Counsel** 

Vikram Bhatia, D.D.S., et al., v. 3M Company (D. Minn.)

**Co-Lead Counsel** 

## **Case Outcomes**

Gustafson Gluek has recovered billions of dollars on behalf of its clients since founding in 2003. Gustafson Gluek, has helped vindicate the rights of, and recover damages for, those harmed by unfair business practices such as illegal price fixing, deceptive trade practices, and the distribution of unsafe or defective devices, as well as enjoin companies from engaging in these types of practices in the future. A list of representative cases the Firm previously litigated and the outcomes of those cases is set forth below.

#### **ANTITRUST**

#### In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Mich.)

Gustafson Gluek was an integral part of the team representing a class of indirect purchases of various automotive components. Plaintiffs alleged that the defendants engaged in a sprawling price fixing conspiracy to artificially increase the price of several different automobile components. Gustafson Gluek helped recover over \$1.2 billion for the class.

#### In Re Blue Cross Blue Shield Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Ala.)

Gustafson Gluek was appointed as members of the Damages and Litigation Committees representing a class of subscribers of Blue Cross Blue Shield Alabama. Plaintiffs alleged antitrust violations by the defendant. The parties reached a settlement that established a \$2.67 billion Settlement Fund. Settling Defendants also agreed to make changes in the way they do business that Plaintiffs believe will increase the opportunities for competition in the market for health insurance.

#### In re Capacitors Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)

Gustafson Gluek represented a class of indirect purchasers of electrolytic or film capacitors. Plaintiffs alleged that at least fifteen multinational corporations conspired to fix the prices of capacitors that they manufactured and sold worldwide and into the United States. Gustafson Gluek attorneys worked closely with Lead Counsel throughout the litigation, which eventually recovered \$84.49 million for the class.

## In re Containerboard Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)

Gustafson Gluek represented a class of direct purchasers of containerboard products and was a defendant team leader. Plaintiffs alleged that defendant containerboard manufacturers conspired to fix the price of containerboard. As a team leader, Gustafson Gluek handled all aspects of discovery, including the depositions of several senior executives. Gustafson Gluek helped to secure over \$376 million for the class.

#### In re Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)

Gustafson Gluek represented a class of direct purchasers of CRT screens used for computer monitors and televisions. Plaintiffs alleged that defendants conspired to fix the price of these products in violation of the antitrust laws. Gustafson Gluek had a significant discovery role in the prosecution of this antitrust class action, which resulted in settlements totaling \$225 million for the class.

## In re DRAM Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal. and multiple state court actions)

Gustafson Gluek was appointed Co-Lead Counsel for the indirect purchasers in this nationwide class action against both national and international memory-chip manufacturers. This case dealt with the conspiracy surrounding the pricing of the memory chips commonly known as Dynamic Random Access Memory (or DRAM). DRAM is used in thousands of devices on a daily basis, and Gustafson Gluek was integral in achieving a settlement of \$310 million for the class.

## In re Domestic Drywall Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Pa.)

Gustafson Gluek represented a class of direct purchasers of drywall in this antitrust case. Plaintiffs alleged that the defendant manufacturers conspired to artificially increase the price of drywall. Gustafson Gluek played an active role in the litigation. A class was certified, and Gustafson Gluek helped recover over \$190 million for the class.

#### In re Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)

Gustafson Gluek represented a class of direct purchasers of lithium ion batteries in a multidistrict class action. Plaintiffs alleged collusive activity by the world's largest manufacturers of lithium ion batteries, which are used in everything from cellular phones to cameras, laptops and tablet computers. Gustafson Gluek had a significant discovery role in the prosecution of this antitrust class and helped recover over \$139 million for the class.

## In re Interior Molded Doors Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Va.)

Gustafson Gluek served as Co-Lead Counsel with two other firms representing a class of indirect purchasers of interior molded doors. Plaintiffs alleged that two of the country's largest interior molded door manufacturers conspired to inflate prices in the market. Defendants settled with the class for \$19.5 million.

## Precision Associates, Inc., et al. v. Panalpina World Transport (Holding) Ltd., et al. (E.D.N.Y.)

Gustafson Gluek was Co-Lead Counsel representing a class of direct purchasers of freight forwarding services in this international case against 68 defendants. Plaintiffs alleged that defendants engaged in an international conspiracy to fix, inflate, and maintain various charges and surcharges for freight forwarding services in violation of U.S. antitrust laws. Gustafson Gluek worked to secure over \$450 million for the class.

#### In re Resistors Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)

Gustafson Gluek worked closely with Lead Counsel representing indirect purchasers of linear resistors. Plaintiffs alleged that the defendant manufacturers conspired to increase the price of linear resistors, thereby causing indirect purchasers to pay more. After engaging in extensive discovery, Plaintiffs recovered a total of \$33.4 million in settlements for the indirect purchaser class.

#### In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)

Gustafson Gluek served an integral role handling complex discovery issues in this antitrust action representing individuals and entities that purchased LCD panels at supracompetitive prices. Gustafson Gluek attorneys worked on a range of domestic and foreign discovery matters in prosecuting this case. The total settlement amount with all of the defendants was over \$1.1 billion.

## The Shane Group, Inc., et al. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (E.D. Mich.)

Gustafson Gluek was appointed interim Co-Lead Counsel representing a class of purchasers of hospital healthcare services. Plaintiffs alleged that defendant Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan used its market position to negotiate contracts with hospitals that impeded competition and increased prices for patients. Gustafson Gluek worked to secure \$30 million on behalf of the class.

#### **CONSUMER PROTECTION**

#### Baldwin et al. v. Miracle Ear et al. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek represented consumers who received unwanted telemarketing calls from HearingPro for sale of Miracle Ear brand hearing aid products in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. Gustafson Gluek played an important role in recovering an \$8 million settlement for the class.

#### Syngenta Corn Seed Litig. (Minn. & D. Kan.)

Gustafson Gluek was appointed Co-Lead Counsel for the class of Minnesota corn farmers suing Syngenta for negligently marketing its Agrisure/Viptera corn seed before it had been approved in all of the major corn markets. Gustafson Gluek was an integral part of the litigation team in Minnesota, participating in all facets of discovery, motion practice and expert work. Dan Gustafson was one of the lead trial counsel and was also appointed as part of the settlement team. Ultimately, these cases settled for \$1.51 billion on behalf of all corn farmers in America.

#### In re Centurylink Sales Practices and Securities Litig. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek was Chair of the Executive Committee and represented a class of current and former CenturyLink customers who paid too much for their phone, internet or television services due to CenturyLink's unlawful conduct. Plaintiffs alleged that CenturyLink engaged in deceptive marketing, sales, and billing practices across the dozens of states. Ultimately, Plaintiffs recovered \$18.5 million in settlements for the class.

## Yarrington, et al. v. Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek represented a class of individuals alleging unfair competition and false and deceptive advertising claims against Solvay Pharmaceuticals in the marketing of Estratest and Estratest HS, prescription hormone therapy drugs. Gustafson Gluek helped recover \$16.5 million for the class.

#### DATA BREACH

#### In re Equifax Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litig. (N.D. Ga.)

Gustafson Gluek represented a class of individuals whose personal information was impacted as the result of the Equifax's deficient data security practices. Plaintiffs reached a settlement where Equifax agreed to pay \$380 million towards the fund for class benefits and an additional \$125 million for out-of-pocket losses in addition to credit monitoring and identity restoration services.

#### Landwehr v. AOL Inc. (E.D. Va.)

Gustafson Gluek served as class counsel in this lawsuit, alleging that AOL made available for download its members' search history data, which violated these AOL members' right to privacy under the Federal Electronic Communications Privacy Act. Plaintiffs reached a settlement with AOL that made \$5 million available to pay the claims of class members whose search data was made available for download by AOL.

#### The Home Depot, Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litig. (N.D. Ga.)

Gustafson Gluek represented credit unions and a class of financial institutions whose card members' payment data was compromised as the result of Home Depot's deficient data security practices. These financial institutions lost time and money responding to the data breach. Plaintiffs reached a settlement agreement with Home Depot for \$27.25 million for the class members.

## Greater Chautauqua Federal Credit Union v. Kmart Corporation (N.D. III.)

Gustafson Gluek served on the court-appointed Plaintiffs' Steering Committee representing a class of financial institutions whose card members' payment data was compromised as a result of Kmart's deficient data security practices. These financial institutions lost time and money responding to the data breach. Plaintiffs reached a \$5.2 million settlement with K-Mart for the class.

#### Experian Data Breach Litig. (C.D. Cal.)

Gustafson Gluek represented a class of consumers whose personally identifiable information, including Social Security numbers and other highly-sensitive personal data, was compromised as the result of Experian's deficient data security practices. Many of these consumers lost time and money responding to the data breach, and they face an ongoing risk of identity theft, identity fraud, or other harm. Plaintiffs reached a \$22 million settlement and as a part of the settlement, defendants also agreed and have begun undertaking certain remedial measures and enhanced security measures, which they will continue to implement, valued at over \$11.7 million.

#### **SECURITIES**

#### St. Paul Travelers Securities Litig. I and II (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek served as liaison counsel in both of the St. Paul Travelers Securities Litigations. At issue in the cases were public statements as well as material omissions St. Paul Travelers made that negatively impacted the stock prices of the Company. On behalf of New Mexico State Funds, Gustafson Gluek worked to litigate the two separate class actions against St. Paul Travelers, resulting in multi-million-dollar settlements.

#### Smith v. Questar Capital Corp., et al. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek represented a class of investors who were defrauded in a Ponzi scheme by a brokerage firm that sold bonds to sustain an entity that had collapsed into bankruptcy. Gustafson Gluek helped recover \$3 million for the class of 125 investors.

#### **PRODUCT LIABILITY**

#### Bhatia v. 3M Co. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek represented a class of dentists who bought 3M Lava Ultimate Restorative material for use in dental crowns. Gustafson Gluek was appointed as Co-Lead Counsel for Plaintiffs, who alleged that the 3M Lava material failed at an unprecedented rate, leading to substantial loss of time and money for the dentists and injury to the patients. Gustafson Gluek helped secure a settlement of approximately \$32.5 million for all of the dentists who had suffered damages from the failure of this product.

### Medtronic, Inc., Sprint Fidelis Leads Products Liability Litig. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek was Lead Counsel representing Plaintiffs, who had Medtronic's Sprint Fidelis Leads implanted in them. Plaintiffs alleged that Medtronic's Sprint Fidelis Leads contained serious defects that cause the leads to fracture, resulting in unnecessary shocks. Ultimately, these cases settled for over \$200 million on behalf of thousands of injured claimants who participated in the settlement. The settlement included a seven year claim period in which individuals who were registered to participate in the settlement could make a claim if their device failed or was removed within that time period for reasons related to the alleged defect.

## Medtronic, Inc. Implantable Defibrillators Products Liability Litig. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek was appointed Co-Lead Counsel in this MDL representing individuals, who were implanted with certain implantable defibrillators manufactured by Medtronic, Inc. Plaintiffs alleged that these certain Medtronic's implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs), and cardiac resynchronization therapy defibrillators (CRT-Ds) contained serious battery defects, which resulted in a recall of the products at issue. Plaintiffs alleged that Medtronic, Inc. knew about this defect, intentionally withheld important information from the FDA and the public and continued to sell the devices for implantation into patients facing life-threatening heart conditions. Gustafson Gluek, in its role as Co-Lead Counsel, helped secure a settlement of approximately \$100 million dollars for claimants who participated in the settlement.

#### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & PATENT MISUSE**

## Augmentin Litig. (E.D. Va.)

Gustafson Gluek represented a class of direct purchasers of the pharmaceutical drug, Augmentin. Plaintiffs alleged that defendant GlaxoSmithKline violated the antitrust laws by unlawfully maintaining its monopoly over Augmentin and preventing the entry of generic equivalents. Gustafson Gluek helped recover \$62.5 million for the class.

#### Dryer, et al., v. National Football League (D. Minn.)

The U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota appointed Gustafson Gluek Lead Settlement Counsel in Dryer v. NFL. In that capacity, Gustafson Gluek represented a class of retired NFL players in protecting their rights to the use of their likenesses in marketing and advertising. Gustafson Gluek helped secure a settlement with the NFL that created unprecedented avenues of revenue generation for the class.

Spine Solutions, Inc., et al. v. Medtronic Sofamore Danek, Inc., et al. (W.D. Tenn.)

Gustafson Gluek was one of the counsel representing the plaintiff, Spine Solutions, Inc. and Synthes Spine So., L.P.P., in a patent litigation against Medtronic Safamor Danek, Inc. and Medtronic Sofamor Donek, USA. The patent at issue in that case involved technology relating to spinal disc implants. This case went to trial in November 2008 and a jury verdict was returned in favor of our clients. The jury found willful infringements and awarded both lost profits and reasonable royalty damages to our clients.

#### In re Wellbutrin SR Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.)

Gustafson Gluek played an integral role in this pharmaceutical class action. The firm represented direct purchasers of Wellbutrin SR, who alleged that defendant GlaxoSmithKline defrauded the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and filed sham lawsuits against its competitors, which delayed the availability of the generic version of Wellbutrin SR to consumers. As a result of this delay, Plaintiffs alleged that they paid more for Wellbutrin SR than they would have if the generic version had been available to them. Gustafson Gluek was actively involved in the investigation, discovery, motion practice, and trial preparation for this case and served an essential role in the mediation that resulted in a \$49 million settlement to the direct purchasers.

## **Practice Areas and Current Cases**

#### **ANTITRUST LITIGATION**

Gustafson Gluek PLLC is devoted to the prosecution of antitrust violations. Gustafson Gluek attorneys have litigated antitrust cases in federal and state courts across the United States.

Federal and state antitrust laws are designed to protect and promote competition among businesses by prohibiting price fixing and other forms of anticompetitive conduct. Violations can range from straight forward agreements among competitors to raise prices above competitive prices to complicated schemes that affect relationships between different levels of a market.

Ongoing prosecution of these illegal schemes helps protect the average consumer from being forced to pay more than they should for everyday goods. Below are some representative antitrust cases that Gustafson Gluek is currently involved in:

## Forest River Farms v. Deere & Co. (N.D. III.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a proposed class of farmers who purchased repair services from John Deere. Plaintiff alleges Deere monopolized the market for repair and diagnostic services for its agricultural equipment in order to inflate the price of these services.

#### In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation (N.D. III.)

Gustafson Gluek is part of the Co-Lead counsel team for class of commercial indirect purchasers. The case alleges chicken suppliers colluded to artificially restrict the supply and raise the price of chicken in the United States. As part of the Co-Lead counsel team, Gustafson Gluek helped successfully defeated defendants' motion to dismiss. This case is on-going, although settlements have been reached with several defendants thus far.

#### In re Crop Inputs Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Mo.)

Gustafson Gluek is Co-Lead counsel representing a class of farmers alleging that manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers conspired to artificially increase and fix the price of crop inputs (e.g. seeds, fertilizers, pesticides) used by farmers.

#### In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)

Gustafson Gluek has been appointed as a member of the Steering Committee representing a class of car dealerships. Plaintiffs allege that defendants unlawfully entered into an agreement that reduced competition and increased prices in the market for Dealer Management Systems ("DMS") and data integration services related to DMS. Plaintiffs have reached a settlement with one defendant but continue to litigate against the remaining defendants.

#### In re Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litig. (M.D. Fla.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a class of individuals who purchased contact lenses made by Alcon, CooperVision, Bausch + Lomb, and Johnson & Johnson. Plaintiffs allege that these manufacturers unlawfully conspired to impose minimum resale price agreements on retailers, which restricts retailers' ability to lower prices to consumers. The class was certified and Gustafson Gluek attorneys were members of the trial team. Ultimately the case settled with all the defendants and final approval is pending.

#### In re Domestic Airline Travel Antitrust Litig. (D.D.C.)

Gustafson Gluek is part of a team representing passengers of the airlines alleging antitrust violation against various airlines. The court denied defendants' motion to dismiss. Discovery has concluded and summary judgement motions have been submitted. There have been settlements with two of the defendants in this litigation to date.

#### In re DPP Beef Litig. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek has been appointed Co-Lead Counsel for a proposed class of direct purchasers of beef. Plaintiffs allege that Cargill JBS, Tyson and National Beef Packing Company conspired to fix and maintain the price of beef in violation of the federal antitrust laws resulting in supracompetitive prices for beef. This litigation is ongoing, but plaintiffs have reached a settlement with one defendant to date.

### In re Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Pennsylvania)

Gustafson Gluek represents a class of Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs and is part of a team of law firms alleging anti-competitive conduct by more than twenty generic drug manufacturers with respect to more than 100 generic drugs, including drugs used to treat common and serious health conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure. Cases have been brought on behalf of several distinct groups of plaintiffs, including Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs, Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs, multiple individual plaintiffs, and the State AGs. There are currently more than a dozen separate cases related to various drugs, which have been organized into three groups for the purposes of case management. The court has denied the motion to dismiss and discovery is ongoing.

#### In re Google Digital Publisher Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)

Gustafson Gluek has been appointed to the Leadership Committee representing a class of publishers who sold digital advertising space via Google. Plaintiffs allege that Google's anticompetitive monopolistic practices led to digital publishers being paid less for their advertising space than they otherwise would have been paid in a competitive market.

#### In re Hard Disk Drive Suspension Assemblies Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a class of indirect purchaser end user plaintiffs who purchased products containing Hard Disk Drive (HDD) suspension assemblies. Plaintiffs allege that the defendant HDD suspension assemblies manufacturers unlawfully conspired to fix the prices of the HDD suspension assemblies and manufactured and sold the component worldwide and into the United States at an inflated price.

#### In re Packaged Seafood Litig. (S.D. Cal.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a class of indirect purchasers alleging that defendants committed antitrust violations resulting in harm to the consumers. Plaintiffs' claims have largely survived multiple rounds of motions to dismiss. At the end of July 2019, the court granted plaintiffs' motion for class certification and discovery is ongoing.

#### In re Pork Antitrust Litig. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek has been appointed as Interim Co-Lead counsel representing a class of consumers who purchased pork products. Plaintiffs allege pork producers, who control over 80% of the wholesale pork market in the U.S., conspired to fix prices by, among other things, agreeing to restrict production to artificially increase prices. Having survived motions to dismiss, discovery is now in progress, although a settlement has been reached with some of the defendants to date.

#### Powell Prescription Center, et al. v. Surescripts, LLC et al. (N.D. Illinois)

Gustafson Gluek is part of a Lead Counsel Committee representing a class of pharmacies alleging that defendants Surescripts, RelayHealth, and Allscripts Healthcare Solutions conspired to monopolize and restrain trade in the e-prescription services market. There is a \$10 million settlement with defendant RelayHealth and the case is proceeding against the remaining defendants.

## Wood Mountain Fish LLC v. Mowi ASA, et al. (S.D. Fla.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a proposed class of indirect purchasers of farm-raised Atlantic Salmon. Plaintiffs allege that several major Salmon producers coordinated to artificially raise the price of Atlantic salmon.

#### APPELLATE ADVOCACY

Gustafson Gluek has experienced, seasoned appellate advocates who can assist in getting the right result. Because Gustafson Gluek attorneys have tried complex cases to jury and bench verdicts, they understand how important the trial court is to a successful appeal.

Gustafson Gluek's appellate attorneys draw from many years of experience practicing before courts at every level of the state and federal system. They have successfully briefed and argued a variety of complex class and non-class cases and been called upon by peers to assist in the appellate process for their clients as well. In addition, they have frequently written briefs and appeared as amicus curiae (friend of the court) on behalf of several professional organizations.

Gustafson Gluek appellate attorneys are admitted to practice in the following appellate courts:

- First Circuit Court of Appeals
- Third Circuit Court of Appeals
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- Minnesota State Court of Appeals
- Minnesota Supreme Court
- United States Supreme Court

The following is a representative list of cases in which Gustafson Gluek attorneys argued before the Eighth Circuit include:

- Bryant, et al. v. Medtronic, Inc., et al.
- Dryer, et al. v. National Football League
- Graves v. 3M Company
- Haddock v. LG Electronics USA, Inc.
- Rick, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al.
- Karsjens, et al. v. Piper, et al.
- LaBrier v. State Farm Fire and Casualty Co.
- MN Senior Foundation, et al. v. United States, et al.
- Larson v. Ferrellgas Partners
- Smith v. Fairview Ridges Hospital
- Song v. Champion Pet Foods USA, Inc.
- Beaulieu v. State of Minnesota

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION**

Gustafson Gluek is devoted to the protection of the constitutional liberties of all individuals. The Firm has litigated several cases at the federal court level on matters involving civil commitment, police brutality, prisoner mistreatment and government misuse of private property. Below are some representative cases involving constitutional claims that Gustafson Gluek is currently litigating or has recently litigated:

#### Doe v. Hanson et al. (Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a former juvenile resident of Minnesota Correctional Facility – Red Wing who alleges he was sexually assaulted by a staff member over the course of several years. Despite alleged knowledge of the risk of the abuse to the juvenile, the Correctional Facility did nothing to protect the juvenile. A settlement was reached in 2021, which included significant financial compensation for the victim, required additional training for the MCF-Red Wing staff, and 3 policy changes at MCF-Red Wing.

#### Carr v. City of Robbinsdale (Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek represented an individual whose car was seized by the Robbinsdale police. The client was a passenger in her car, when the driver was pulled over and arrested for driving under the influence. The officer seized the car pursuant to Minnesota's civil forfeiture statute. Gustafson Gluek filed a complaint challenging the constitutionality of the Minnesota civil forfeiture laws. However, prior to any meaningful litigation, the parties were able to settle the case.

#### Khottavongsa v. City of Brooklyn Center (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek represented the family of a man killed by Brooklyn Center police in 2015. Gustafson Gluek brought section 1983 claims, alleging the officers used excessive force and ignored his medical needs, and that the City of Brooklyn Center failed to train and supervise the officers. Defendant's motion for summary judgment was largely defeated. The case settled prior to trial.

#### Hall v. State of Minnesota (Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek successfully litigated a case against the State of Minnesota regarding the State's Unclaimed Property Act. On behalf of plaintiffs, the Firm achieved a ruling that a portion of the State's Unclaimed Property Act was unconstitutional and, as a result, the statute was changed, and property returned to individuals.

## Karsjens, et al. v. Jesson, et al. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a class of Minnesota's civilly committed sex offenders on a pro bono basis through the Federal Bar Association's Pro Se Project. Gustafson Gluek has been litigating this case since 2012, alleging that Minnesota's civil commitment of sex offenders is unconstitutional and denies the due process rights of the class. After a six-week trial in February and March of 2015, Minnesota District Court Judge Donovan Frank found in favor of the class, ruling that the Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP) is unconstitutional, and ordering that extensive changes be made to the program. That order was reversed on appeal. Gustafson Gluek continues to vigorously advocate for the class on the remaining claims and pursue a resolution that will provide constitutional protections to those civilly committed to the MSOP.

#### Jihad v. Fabian (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek represented an individual bringing suit against the State of Minnesota, the Department of Corrections and others alleging violations of his religious rights relating to his incarcerations in the Minnesota Corrections Facility in Stillwater. Gustafson Gluek was able to secure a settlement for the plaintiff which involved a change in the Department of Corrections policy to provide plaintiff with halal-certified meals at the correction facilities.

## Samaha, et al. v. City of Minneapolis, et al. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek is representing several peaceful protestors who were subject to excessive force at the George Floyd protests in May 2020. While peacefully protesting, the plaintiffs were subjected to tear gas, pepper spray and other violence. The case is a class action seeking declaratory and injunctive relief, including a judgment that the City of Minneapolis has a custom, policy and practice of encouraging and allowing excessive force. The case is on-going.

#### **CONSUMER PROTECTION LITIGATION**

Gustafson Gluek PLLC has led class action lawsuits on behalf of consumers alleging consumer protection violations or deceptive trade practices. These cases involve claims related to the false marketing of life insurance, defective hardware in consumer computers, misleading air compressor labeling, and rental car overcharges. Below are some representative cases involving consumer protection claims that Gustafson Gluek is currently litigating:

### Champion PetFoods Litig. (multi-state actions)

Gustafson Gluek represents consumers who purchased Orijens and/or Acana brands of Champion PetFoods. Plaintiffs have brought cases in several states, including California, Minnesota, Illinois, Colorado, Wisconsin, Massachusetts and Iowa alleging that Champion PetFoods makes misrepresentations and omissions on their packaging of these dog foods.

## In re Plum Baby Food Litig. (N.D. Cal.)

Gustafson Gluek represents proposed nationwide classes of consumers that purchased Plum Organics baby food products. Plaintiffs allege that these baby foods were deceptively labeled, marketed, and sold because they contain undisclosed level of heavy metals and contaminants including lead, cadmium, mercury, arsenic, and perchlorate.

# In re: Nurture Baby Food Litig. (S.D.N.Y.)

Gustafson Gluek represents proposed nationwide classes of consumers that purchased HappyBaby or HappyTots baby food products. Plaintiffs allege that these baby foods were deceptively labeled, marketed, and sold because they contain undisclosed level of heavy metals and contaminants including lead, cadmium, mercury, arsenic, and perchlorate.

# In re Gerber Products Company Heavy Metals Baby Food Litig. (E.D. Va.)

Gustafson Gluek represents proposed nationwide classes of consumers that purchased Gerber baby food products. Plaintiffs allege that these baby foods were deceptively labeled, marketed, and sold because they contain undisclosed level of heavy metals and contaminants including lead, cadmium, mercury, arsenic, and perchlorate.

#### DATA BREACH LITIGATION

Data breaches on the internet and at point-of-sale terminals are an increasing concern for consumers and businesses alike. Data breaches can result in the loss of payment card data, as well as personally identifiable information. This can result in financial loss, identity theft, and privacy concerns.

Gustafson Gluek represents consumers and financial institutions in class actions seeking compensation, changes to data practices, and other relief for injured parties under federal and state law. Below are some representative cases that Gustafson Gluek is currently litigating or has recently litigated:

#### In re: Netgain Data Breach Litig. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek serves on the Executive Committee representing individuals who have had their personally identifiable information and their personal health information exposed in a breach of Netgain Technology, LLC's cloud-enabled information technology. Netgain's inadequate data practice resulted in hackers accessing this information and then demanding a ransom, which Netgain paid. This case is in the early stages of litigation.

# Marriott International, Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litig. (D. Md.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a class of consumers whose personally identifiable information, including passport information, customers' names, mailing address, and payment card numbers, as well as other highly-sensitive personal data, was compromised as the result of Marriott's and its merger partner, Starwood Hotels & Resort Worldwide, LLC's deficient data security practices. Many of these consumers have lost time and money responding to the data breach, and they face an ongoing risk of identity theft, identity fraud, or other harm.

#### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & PATENT MISUSE LITIGATION

Gustafson Gluek represents companies or individuals in asserting or protecting their intellectual property or publicity rights. They have represented patent holders against companies that are infringing the patent rights of our clients. For example, Gustafson Gluek has assisted in the prosecution of patent infringement claims involving medical devices and technology used in printing machines. They have also represented individuals whose publicity rights have been infringed.

Sometimes, however, a patent holder will attempt to abuse its exclusive rights by illegally obtaining or extending a patent. Gustafson Gluek has extensive experience in litigating cases alleging patent misuse. Often this type of patent misuse is found in the pharmaceutical industry, where a brand name pharmaceutical manufacturer will attempt to keep generic drugs off the market by unlawfully extending the life of its patent by committing fraud on the patent office or bringing sham litigation against generic manufacturers for patent infringement. The attorneys at Gustafson Gluek are actively involved in cases involving claims of patent abuse. Below are some representative patent misuse cases that Gustafson Gluek is currently litigating:

### In re Copaxone Antitrust Litig. (D. N.J.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a proposed class of Third-Party Payor Plaintiffs (i.e., health insurers and self-funded health plans) in this antitrust class action. Plaintiffs allege that defendant Teva engaged in a multifaceted conspiracy to suppress generic competition for its brand-name drug Copaxone, an injectible medication used for the treatment of multiple sclerosis. Teva's anticompetitive scheme costs plaintiffs and the proposed class hundreds of millions of dollars over the class period by significantly raising the price of an essential drug for many suffering from multiple sclerosis. The case is in its early stages.

#### In re Remicade Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Pa.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a proposed class of End-Payor Plaintiffs in this antitrust class action. Plaintiffs allege anticompetitive conduct by defendants Johnson & Johnson and Jassen Biotech, Inc. in the biosimilars market. Discovery is ongoing in this litigation.

### In re Restasis (Cyclosporine Opthalmic Emulsion) Antitrust Litig. (E.D.N.Y.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a proposed class of End-Payor Plaintiffs in this antitrust class action. Plaintiffs allege that defendant Allergan engaged in a multifaceted conspiracy to delay generic competition for its brand-name drug Restasis. Motions for class certification in this matter are pending.

#### In re Opana ER Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a proposed class of End-Payor Plaintiffs in this antitrust class action. Plaintiffs allege that defendants, Endo Pharmaceuticals Inc., Endo Health Solutions Inc., Penwest Pharmaceuticals Co. (collectively, "Endo"), and Impax Laboratories, Inc., engaged in anticompetitive conduct to keep generic alternatives to Opana ER off the market.

#### PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Sometimes, consumers are injured by the products they purchase. Products liability is an area of law that seeks to hold manufacturers of products that have injured individuals responsible for the injuries their defective products caused. These defective products range from medical devices to vehicles to diapers and many others. Gustafson Gluek PLLC represents consumers against the manufacturers of these defective products and has been able to achieve sizable recoveries on behalf of injured individuals. Below are some representative product liability cases that Gustafson Gluek is currently litigating:

# 3M Co. Earplug Litig. (D. Minn. / Minn. State Court)

Gustafson Gluek represents civilians who purchased and used the 3M/Aero manufactured dual-sided earplugs for use in both job and recreational endeavors and who have since experienced hearing loss and tinnitus. Plaintiffs allege that the defendant failed to properly instruct plaintiffs on how to use these devices.

# In re FCA US LLC Monostable Electronic Gearshift Litig. (E.D. Mich.)

Gustafson Gluek serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and represents individuals who owned or leased 2012-2014 Dodge Chargers, 2014-2015 Chrysler 300s, and 2014-2015 Jeep Grand Cherokees. Plaintiffs allege that these vehicles contain defective gearshifts, which allow vehicles to roll away out of the park position. Issue classes have been conditionally certified.

# Krautkramer et al., v. Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a proposed class of individuals who own or lease a range of Yamaha off-road vehicles. Plaintiffs allege that these vehicles are subject to overheating and engine failure due to a defect in the vehicle engines.

#### Mackie et al v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc. et al, (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a proposed class of consumers who purchased or leased 2019-2021 Honda CR-V and Civic vehicles and 2018-2021 Accord vehicles equipped with "Earth Dreams" 1.5L direct injection engines. Plaintiffs allege that these vehicles contain an engine defect which causes fuel contamination of the engine oil resulting in oil dilution, decreased oil viscosity, premature wear and ultimate failure of the engines, engine bearings, and other internal engine components, and an increased cost of maintenance.

#### Reynolds, et al., v. FCA US, LLC (E.D. Mich.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a proposed class of individuals who owned or leased 2018-2020 Jeep Wrangler and 2020 Jeep Gladiator vehicles. Plaintiffs allege that these vehicles contain a defective front axle suspension system that causes the steering wheel to shake violently while operating at highway speeds.

# Rice v. Electrolux Home Prod., Inc. (M.D. Pa.); Gorczynski v. Electrolux Home Products, Inc. (D.N.J.)

Gustafson Gluek represents classes of individuals who own an Electrolux microwave with a stainless steel handles. Plaintiffs in these cases allege that these certain microwaves, which were sold to be placed over a cooktop surface, have stainless steel handles that can heat to unsafe temperatures when the cooktop below is in use.

# Woronko v. General Motors, LLC (E.D. Mich.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a proposed class of individuals who owned or leased 2015-2016 Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon vehicles. Plaintiffs allege that these vehicles are equipped with a defective electrical connection that causes the vehicles to lose power steering while driving under a variety of conditions. This case is in the initial pleading stage.

#### **SECURITIES LITIGATION**

Federal laws allow shareholders the right to bring a private action to recover damages the shareholder sustained as a result of securities fraud. Gustafson Gluek PLLC has worked with institutional investors and has been appointed Liaison Counsel in high profile cases in which significant recoveries for the shareholders were achieved. Below are some representative product liability cases that Gustafson Gluek is currently litigating:

#### Fritton et al. v. Taylor Corp., et al. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek represents a class of participants in a 401 (k) and Profit Sharing plan who were harmed when the plan's fiduciaries, Taylor Corporation, breached their fiduciary duties by allowing service providers to charge excessive administrative fees and expenses. If you would like more information related to this case please contact us using the case consultation link above.

# Ochoa et al. v. Pershing, LLC (N.D. Texas)

Gustafson Gluek represents investors who were defrauded by Pershing, LLC as a result of Pershing's role in facilitating and profiting from the R. Allen Stanford Ponzi scheme.

#### Walsh, et al., v. Buchholz, et al. (D. Minn.)

Gustafson Gluek represents individuals who invested in a company that developed a novel dental anesthetic delivery system. Those individuals were defrauded when the officers and directors orchestrated a sale of the company that grossly diluted the investors' financial interest in the company.

# **Pro Bono & Community**

Gustafson Gluek recognizes that those who provide legal services are in a unique position to assist others. The Firm and its members strongly believe in giving back to the community by providing legal services to those in need. The law can make an immense difference in an individual's life; however, effectively navigating the legal system is not an easy task. Providing pro bono legal services promotes access to justice, by giving counsel to those who otherwise would not have it.

In keeping with this commitment to providing representation to those who otherwise do not have access to representation, Dan Gustafson was one of four lawyers who helped develop and implement the Minnesota *Pro Se* Project for the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Because the Federal Bar Association did not have funding for the project, Gustafson Gluek volunteered to administer the Project during its inaugural year, starting in May 2009, devoting extensive resources to matching pro se litigants with volunteer counsel. In 2010, Chief Judge Michael Davis of the District of Minnesota awarded Dan Gustafson a Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award for "rising to the Court's challenge of bringing the idea of the *Pro Se* Project to fruition and nurturing the Project into its current form." Gustafson Gluek has continued representing clients through the *Pro Se* Project since that time.

# Gustafson Gluek Personnel Support the Following Volunteer Organizations

- Alzheimer's Foundation of America
- American Antitrust Institute
- The American Constitutional Society
- Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Association of Legal Administrators
- Children's Law Center
- Cookie Cart
- COSAL
- Division of Indian Work
- Domestic Abuse Project
- Federal Bar Association
- Federal Pro Se Project
- Great North Innocence Project
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Innocence Project of MN
- Infinity Project
- Minneapolis Jewish Foundation
- Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association
- Minnesota Paralegal Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Minnesota Women Lawvers
- MinnPost
- MN Chapter of the Federal Bar Association
- MN Urban Debate League
- Page Education Foundation
- Southern MN Regional Legal Services
- The Fund For Legal Aid Society
- University of Minnesota Mood Courts
- University of St. Thomas Mentor
- Externship Program
- Volunteer Lawyers Network
- With Purpose

# **Our Professionals**

# DANIEL E. GUSTAFSON

Daniel E. Gustafson is a founding member of Gustafson Gluek PLLC. Mr. Gustafson has dedicated his career to helping individuals or small businesses litigate against large corporation for various antitrust, product defect or consumer fraud violations. He has also strived to use his legal skills to represent those who cannot otherwise afford a lawyer. Mr.

Gustafson served as a volunteer public defender in federal court, he was involved in helping develop the Federal Bar Association's *Pro Se* Project, which coordinates volunteer representation for *pro se* litigants, and he has spent thousands of hours representing individuals on a pro bono basis. In 2019, he was given a lifetime achievement award by the Minnesota Federal Bar Association for his work on the *Pro Se* Project.

Mr. Gustafson is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan,



the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Eleventh Circuits, the Minnesota Supreme Court and in the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Gustafson was an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota Law School for many years, teaching a seminar long course on the "Fundamentals of Pretrial Litigation."

Mr. Gustafson is a past president of the Federal Bar Association, Minnesota Chapter (2002-2003) and served in various capacities in the Federal Bar Association over the last several years. He was the Vice-Chair of the 2003 Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference held during July 2003 in Minneapolis (Judge Diana E. Murphy was the Chair of the Conference). He is a member of the Hennepin County, Minnesota, Federal, and American Bar Associations.

In September 2011, Mr. Gustafson testified before the House Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet regarding the proposed merger between Express Scripts and Medco. Mr. Gustafson also testified before the United States Congressional Commission on Antitrust Modernization in June 2005. In addition to congressional testimonies, Mr. Gustafson has authored or presented numerous seminars and continuing legal education pieces on various topics related to class action litigation, antitrust, consumer protection or legal advocacy.

Mr. Gustafson served as a law clerk to the Honorable Diana E. Murphy, United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota (1989-91). Following his judicial clerkship, Mr. Gustafson worked in the fields of antitrust and consumer protection class action litigation. In May 2003, Mr. Gustafson formed Gustafson Gluek PLLC where he continues to practice antitrust and consumer protection class action law.

#### At A Glance

#### Education

- University of Minnesota Law School J.D., cum laude (1989)
- University of North Dakota B.S., magna cum laude (1986)

#### **Court Admissions**

- Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits
- U.S. Supreme Court

#### Recognition

- Lifetime Achievement Award from the District of Minnesota Bar (2019)
- Selected as a Minnesota "Super Lawyer" by Super Lawyers (2001 2021)
- Selected as Attorney of the Year by Minnesota Lawyer (2010, 2013, 2017)
- Ranked in the "Top 100 Minnesota Lawyers" by Super Lawyer (2012-2021)
- MSBA North Star Lawyer (2012, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2020)
- American Antitrust Institute Meritorious Service Award (2014)
- Director of The Fund for Legal Aid Board (2014-2018)
- Infinity Project Board Member (2015)
- MWL President's Leadership Circle (2013-2014)
- UST School of Law Mentor (2014-2015)
- AAI Annual Private Enforcement Award and Conference committee member (2014-2016)
- Richard S. Arnold Award for Distinguished Service (2021)

Mr. Gustafson has been actively involved in many cases, in which he, or the Firm, has been named Lead Counsel, Co-Lead Counsel, Co-Lead Trial Counsel, or Settlement Counsel, including:

- In re DPP Beef Antitrust Litig. (D. Minn.)
- In re Pork Antitrust Litig. (D. Minn.)
- 3M Earplugs Litig. (Minn.)
- In re Syngenta Litig. (Minn.)
- In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litig. (N. D. III)
- In re Surescripts Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)
- In re Medtronic, Inc. Sprint Fidelis Liability Litig. (D. Minn.)
- Precision Assocs. Inc. v. Panalpina World Transport (Holding) Ltd. (E.D.N.Y)
- In re Medtronic, Inc. Implantable Defibrillators Liability Litig. (D. Minn.)
- In re Vitamin C Antitrust Litig. (E.D.N.Y.)
- In re DRAM Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- The Shane Group, Inc. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (E.D. Mich.)
- Karsjens v. Jesson (D. Minn.)
- Synthes USA, LLC v. Spinal Kinetics (N.D. Cal.)
- KBA-Giori, North America, Inc., v. Muhlbauer, Inc. (E.D. Va.)
- Spine Solutions, Inc. v. Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc. (W.D. Tenn.)
- Dryer v. National Football League (D. Minn.)

# KARLA M. GLUEK

Karla M. Gluek is a founding member of Gustafson Gluek PLLC. Ms. Gluek has been practicing in the areas of antitrust and consumer protection class action litigation since 1995, following her clerkship to the Honorable Gary Larson, District Judge,

Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota. Ms. Gluek has spent her career representing individuals and small businesses against large corporation for various antitrust, product defect or consumer fraud violations.

In May 2003, Ms. Gluek joined Mr. Gustafson in forming Gustafson Gluek PLLC. In 2020, Ms. Gluek was elected as the Firm Manager for Gustafson Gluek, becoming the first woman to serve in that position at the Firm.

Throughout her law career, Ms. Gluek has also spent thousands of hours representing individuals on a probono basis as part of her commitment to justice for all. She has served as a volunteer attorney for the Minnesota Federal Bar Association's Federal Pro Se Project.



Ms. Gluek is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. She is a member of the Hennepin County, Minnesota, and Federal Bar Associations. Ms. Gluek is also an active member of the Minnesota Women's Lawyers. She has been recognized several times as a North Star Lawyer for providing at least 50 hours of pro bono legal services in a calendar year to individuals with need. She has assisted in the representation of pro se litigants through the Federal Bar Association's Pro Se Project in addition to those referred to Gustafson Gluek by other sources. She was part of the team at Gustafson Gluek that represented a class of civilly committed sex offenders challenging the constitutionality of Minnesota's commitment statutes in Karsjens et al v. Jesson (D. Minn.).

#### **Education:**

- William Mitchell College of Law, cum laude, J.D. (1993)
- University of St. Thomas, B.A. (1990)

#### **Court Admissions:**

- Minnesota State Bar
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

#### **Recognition:**

- Selected as a Minnesota "Super Lawyer" by Super Lawyers (2011 2021)
- Selected as an Attorney of the Year by Minnesota Lawyer (2014, 2017)
- MSBA North Star Lawyer (2012, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2020)

Ms. Gluek has been designated as a Minnesota "Super Lawyer" from 2011-2021 and has twice been selected as one of *Minnesota Lawyer*'s Attorneys of the Year.

Ms. Gluek has worked on several cases in which Gustafson Gluek is or had been appointed to leadership positions or been actively involved including:

- Hogan v. Amazon, Inc. (N.D. III.)
- 3M Company Earplugs Litig. (Minn.)
- In re Plum Baby Food Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Gerber Co. Heavy Metals Baby Food Litig. (E.D. Va.)
- In re Nurture Baby Food Litig. (S.D.N.Y.)
- In re Syngenta Litig. (Minn.)
- In re Medtronic, Inc. Sprint Fidelis Liability Litig. (D. Minn.)
- In re Medtronic, Inc. Implantable Defibrillators Liability Litig. (D. Minn.)
- Karsjens v. Jesson (D. Minn.)
- Synthes USA, LLC v. Spinal Kinetics (N.D. Cal.)
- KBA-Giori, North America, Inc., v. Muhlbauer, Inc. (E.D. Va.)
- Spine Solutions, Inc. v. Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc. (W.D. Tenn.)
- Dryer v. National Football League (D. Minn.)
- In re Asacol Antitrust Litig. (D. Mass.)
- In re Wellbutrin SR/Zyban Direct Purchaser Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Pa.)
- Reitman v. Champion Petfoods (C.D. Cal.)
- Weaver v. Champion Petfoods (E.D. Wis.)

# ABOU B. AMARA, JR.

Mr. Amara joined Gustafson Gluek PLLC as an associate in August 2021, after clerking for Associate Justice Anne K. McKeig and Associate Justice Paul C. Thissen of the Minnesota Supreme Court. As an associate at the Firm, Mr. Amara

will be representing individuals and small businesses alleging antitrust, consumer, civil rights, and constitutional violations in both state and federal court. Before clerking on the Minnesota Supreme Court, Mr. Amara was an associate attorney at a well respected Minneapolis law firm.



During law school, Mr. Amara was a two-time National Moot Court

individual champion—earning the "Best Oralist" award at both the 2018 William E. McGee National Moot Court Competition on Civil Rights and the 2019 Evan A. Evans National Moot Court Competition on Constitutional Law. Mr. Amara was also elected by his law school classmates to serve as commencement speaker.

Before law school, Mr. Amara had an extensive career in the legislative and political arena, including serving as a top aide to the Minnesota Speaker of the House, Minnesota Secretary of State, and frequent TV/radio commentator and analyst on Minnesota politics and public affairs.

In 2015, Mr. Amara was named to Twin Cities Business Magazine's "100 Minnesotans to Know" list for his impact in the public affairs arena and honored as a Minnesota "Shaper of the Future" by the publication.

Mr. Amara currently serves on the board of MicroGrants, a nonprofit dedicated to providing \$1,000 grants to low-income people pursuing potential to invest in their lives, and is a member of the leadership team of the Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers, serving as the organization's treasurer. Mr. Amara has been elected to serve as Co-Chair of the Minnesota Chapter of the FBA's New Lawyer Committee for the next year.

#### **Education**

- Juris Doctor (JD), University of St. Thomas
- Master of Public Policy (MPP), University of Minnesota-Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

#### **Court Admissions**

- Minnesota Supreme Court (Minn.)
- United States District Court for the District of Minnesota (D. Minn.)

Mr. Amara has worked on several cases in which Gustafson Gluek is, or has been appointed to leadership positions or been actively involved, including:

- In re DPP Beef Litig. (D. Minn.)
- In re Pork Antitrust Litig. (D. Minn.)
- Roamingwood Sewer v. National Diversified Sales, Inc. (M.D. Pa.)
- Mortgage Refinancing (Investigating)
- Oil and Gas Litig. (Investigating)

# **AMANDA M. WILLIAMS**

Amanda M. Williams is a member of Gustafson Gluek PLLC. Ms. Williams joined the Firm in 2005, following her clerkship with the Honorable Gordon W. Shumaker, Minnesota Court of Appeals. Since then, she has been actively litigating

consumer protection, product liability, and antitrust class actions.

Ms. Williams is admitted to the Minnesota Bar and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

Ms. Williams is an active member of Minnesota Women Lawyers and is former chair of the Law School Scholarship Committee. She currently serves on the Board of the Infinity project, which is an organization whose mission is to increase the gender diversity of the state and federal bench in order to ensure the quality of justice in the Eighth Circuit.



She serves as a volunteer attorney for the Minnesota Federal Bar Association's Federal *Pro Se* Project and is a recipient of the Minnesota chapter of the Federal Bar Association's 2011 Distinguished *Pro Bono* Service award.

Ms. Williams has been recognized as a "Rising Star" from 2014-2019 by Super Lawyers and was selected as one of Minnesota Lawyer's Attorneys of the Year in 2017. Ms. Williams was also designated as a Minnesota "Super Lawyer" by Super Lawyer in 2021.

#### **Education**

- University of Minnesota Law School J.D. (2004)
- Participant in the comparative international law program in Greece
- Participant in the Jessup International Law Moot Court
- University of St. Thomas B.A., magna cum laude (2001)

#### Recognition

- Selected as a Minnesota "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers (2013-2019)
- Selected as a Minnesota "Super Lawyer" by Super Lawyers (2021)
- MSBA North Star Lawyer (2015)
- Minnesota District Court's Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award (2011)
- Selected as an Attorney of the Year by Minnesota Lawyer (2017)

Ms. Williams has worked on several cases in which Gustafson Gluek is or had been appointed to leadership positions or actively involved including:

- In re Medtronic, Inc., Implantable Defibrillators Prod. Liab. Litig. (D. Minn.)
- In re Syngenta Litig. (Minn.)
- In re Asacol Antitrust Litig. (D. Mass.)
- Ciofoletti et al. v. Securian Financial Group, Inc. (D. Minn.)
- Reed, et al. v. Advocate Health Care, et al. (N.D. III.)
- 3M Company Earplugs Litig. (Minn.)
- In re Medtronic Inc. Sprint Fidelis Leads Prod. Liab. Litig. (D. Minn.)
- Karsjens et al v. Jesson (D. Minn.)
- St. Jude (Pinsonneault v. St. Jude Medical, Inc., et al. (D. Minn.); Houlette v. St. Jude Medical Inc., et al. (D. Minn.); Rouse v. St. Jude Medical, Inc., et al. (D. Minn.))
- Jessica Robinson v. Jackson Hewitt, Inc., et al. (E.D. Va.)
- American Home Realty Network (Regional Multiple Listing Service of Minnesota, Inc., d/b/a NorthstarMLS v. American Home Realty Network, Inc., (D. Minn.); Metropolitan Regional Information Systems, Inc., v. American Home Realty Network, Inc. (D. Md.); Preferred Carolinas Realty, Inc., v. American Home Realty Network, Inc., d/b/a Neighborcity.com (M.D.N.C.))

# **CATHERINE K. SMITH**

Catherine Sung-Yun K. Smith is a member of Gustafson Gluek PLLC. Since joining

the Firm in 2007, Ms. Smith has been practicing in the area of complex antitrust and consumer protection litigation, particularly cases involving foreign entities. Ms. Smith is fluent in Korean and English and also has basic language skills in German, Japanese, and Chinese.

Ms. Smith has been serving on the Antitrust Enforcement Award Judging Committee for the American Antitrust Institute since 2015. She is an active member of Minnesota Women Lawyers and the Federal Bar Association focusing on issues of diversity. Ms. Smith was selected as a Minnesota "Rising Star" from 2013-2016 by Super Lawyers.



Ms. Smith has represented many pro se litigants through the Federal Bar Association's Pro Se Project in addition to those referred to Gustafson Gluek by other sources and received the Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award in 2010 for her efforts.

She is a graduate of Korea University (B.A. 2000) and a graduate of University of Minnesota Law School (J.D. 2005). Ms. Smith is admitted to the New York Bar, Minnesota Bar and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

#### **Education**

- University of Minnesota Law School J.D. (2005)
- Director of the Civil Practice Clinic (2003-2004)
- Director of the William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition (2003-2004)
- Participant in the Maynard Pirsig Moot Court (2003-2004)
- Korea University B.A. (2000)

#### Recognition

- Selected as a Minnesota "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers 2013-2016
- Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award (2010)

Ms. Smith has worked on several cases in which Gustafson Gluek is or had been appointed to leadership positions or been actively involved including:

- In re Nurture Baby Food Litig. (S.D.N.Y.)
- In re Gerber Co. Heavy Metals Baby Food Litig. (E.D. Va.)
- In re Plum Baby Food Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)
- In re Hard Disk Drive Suspension Assemblies Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Optical Disk Drive Products Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.In re Remicade Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Pa.)
- Fath et al. v. Honda North America, Inc. (D. Minn.)
- Penrod et al. v. K&N Engineering, Inc. (D. Minn.)
- Frost et al. v. LG Corp., et al. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Railway Industry Employee No-Poach Antitrust Litig. (W.D. Pa.)
- In re Korean Air Lines Co. Ltd. Antitrust Litig. (C.D. Cal.)
- In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Mich.)

# DANIEL C. HEDLUND

Daniel C. Hedlund is a member of Gustafson Gluek PLLC, having joined the Firm in 2006. Throughout his legal career, Mr. Hedlund has practiced in the areas of antitrust, securities fraud, and consumer protection, and, in 2021, Mr. Hedlund was appointed to Co-Chair the Firm's antitrust litigation team.

Mr. Hedlund is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Second Circuit

Court of Appeals, and in Minnesota State Court. He is a member of the Federal, American, Minnesota, and Hennepin County Bar associations. Mr. Hedlund is active in the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (FBA), currently serving as President for the Minnesota chapter of the FBA. He has previously served in several roles for the Minnesota Chapter



including: Co-Vice President for the Eighth Circuit, Legal Education; Co-Vice President, Special Events; Co-Vice President, Monthly Meetings; Secretary; and Liaison between the FBA and the Minnesota State Bar Association. He recently served as Chairman for the Antitrust Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA), Secretary for the MSBA Consumer Litigation Section, and is past President of the Committee to Support Antitrust Laws.

In addition to presenting at numerous CLEs, Mr. Hedlund has testified multiple times before the Minnesota legislature on competition law, and before the Federal Rules Committee. He is a co-author of the "Plaintiff Overview" in Private Antitrust Litigation 2015 – Getting the Deal Through, and a contributor to Concurrent Antitrust Criminal and Civil Procedure 2013 – American Bar Association.

#### **Education**

- University of Minnesota Law School J.D., cum laude (1995)
- Note and Comment Editor, member of Minnesota Journal of Global Trade (1993-1995)
- Carleton College B.A. (1989)

#### Recognition

- Selected as a Minnesota "Super Lawyer" by Super Lawyers (2013-2021)
- Ranked in the Top 100 Minnesota Lawyers by Super Lawyer (2015, 2017-2021)
- Minnesota District Court's Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award (2011)
- Recipient of the Federal Bar Association's John T. Stewart, Jr. Memorial Fund Writing Award (1994)

#### **Publications**

- Co-Authored "Plaintiff Overview" in Private Antitrust Litigation 2015 Getting the Deal Through
- Contributor to Concurrent Antitrust Criminal and Civil Procedure 2013 American Bar Association

From 2013-2021, he has been designated as a Minnesota "Super Lawyer," in the field of antitrust law. He was also ranked in the Top 100 Minnesota Lawyers by Super Lawyers in 2015 and 2017-2021. Mr. Hedlund has served as a volunteer attorney for the Minnesota Federal Bar Association's Federal Pro Se Project and is the recipient of the Minnesota District Court's Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award in 2011.

Mr. Hedlund served as a law clerk on the Minnesota Court of Appeals (1997) and in the Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota (1995-1996).

Mr. Hedlund has worked on several cases in which Gustafson Gluek is or had been appointed to leadership positions or been actively involved including:

- In re Beef DPP Antitrust Litig. (D. Minn.)
- In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)
- In re Interior Molded Doors Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Va.)
- In re Pork Antitrust Litig. (D. Minn.)
- Bhatia v. 3M Co. (D. Minn.)
- In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)
- Kleen Prods. v. Intl. Paper (Containerboard Antitrust Litig.) (N.D. III.)
- In re CenturyLink Sales Practices and Securities Litig. (D. Minn.)
- Precision Assocs., Inc. v. Panalpina World Transport (Holding) Ltd. (E.D.N.Y.)
- The Shane Group, Inc. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (E.D. Mich.)
- In re Vitamin C Antitrust Litig. (E.D.N.Y.)
- In re Blue Cross Blue Shield Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Ala.)
- In re DRAM Antitrust Litig.

# **DANIEL J. NORDIN**

Daniel J. Nordin joined Gustafson Gluek PLLC as an associate in 2011, when he graduated from the University of Minnesota law school. Since joining the Firm, he has practiced in the areas of antitrust and consumer protection, representing

primarily small businesses and individuals bringing claims against large corporations. Mr. Nordin became a member of Gustafson Gluek in 2019.

In addition to his day to day practice, Mr. Nordin has represented several individuals through the Minnesota Federal Bar's *Pro Se* Project, a program that matches pro se litigants with pro bono attorneys.

Mr. Nordin has been designated as a Minnesota "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers from 2018 – 2021. "Super Lawyer" selection results from peer nominations, a "blue ribbon" panel review process and independent research on the candidates; no





In law school, Mr. Nordin was a Managing Editor on the Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology. He also volunteered as a Tenant Advocate with HOME Line, a nonprofit tenant advocacy organization, through the University of Minnesota Law School's Public Interest Clinic.

#### Education

- University of Minnesota Law School J.D., magna cum laude (2011)
- Managing Editor on the Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology
- University of Minnesota B.A., with high distinction (2007)

#### **Court Admissions**

- Minnesota State Bar
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

#### Recognition

- Selected as a Minnesota "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers (2018-2021)
- MSBA North Star Lawyer (2020)

Mr. Nordin has worked on several cases in which Gustafson Gluek is or had been appointed to leadership positions or been actively involved including:

- Google Digital Publisher Antitrust Litig. (S.D. N.Y.)
- In re Crop Inputs Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Mo.)
- Jones v. Varsity Brands, LLC (W.D. Tenn.)
- In Re Hard Disk Drive Suspension Assemblies Antitrust Litia. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re FICO Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Ala.)
- In re Blue Cross Blue Shield Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Ala.)
- In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)
- In re Packaged Seafood Products Antitrust Litig. (S.D. Cal.)
- In re Resistors Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- The Shane Group, Inc., et al., vs. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (E.D. Mich.)
- In re Parking Heaters Antitrust Litig. (E.D.N.Y.)
- In re Vitamin C Antitrust Litig. (E.D.N.Y.)
- In re Drywall Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Pa.)

# DAVID A. GOODWIN

David A. Goodwin is a member of Gustafson Gluek PLLC. When Mr. Goodwin joined the Firm in 2008, he began practicing in the areas of antitrust, securities and consumer protection. Since then, he has represented many small businesses and individuals in litigating their claims against some of the largest companies in the world.

In addition, Mr. Goodwin has served as counsel to many individuals on a probono basis through his work with the Minnesota Federal Court's *Pro Se* Project, which matches pro se litigants with pro bono attorneys. Through the *Pro Se* Project, Mr. Goodwin has represented individuals in bringing employments claims, constitutional claims and other civil claims that might otherwise not have been heard.

Mr. Goodwin is admitted to practice in the Minnesota Bar and is admitted to practice in the United States
District Court for the District of
Minnesota.

Mr. Goodwin is active in the Federal Bar Association on the national level as well as with the Minnesota



Chapter. He has served as a National Director of the FBA. He is also a past Chair of the Younger Lawyers Division. Currently, he is an Eight Circuit Vice President. David is also a Director of the Minnesota Chapter of the FBA, where he serves as the FBA Liaison for the *Pro Se* Project. Mr. Goodwin is also active with the Minnesota State Bar Association, where he has served as a Co-Chair of the Consumer Litigation Section.

#### **Education**

- DePaul University College of Law J.D. (2006)
- University of Wisconsin B.A. (2001)

#### Recognition

- Selected as a Minnesota "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers (2013-2018)
- MSBA North Star Lawyer (2012-2016, 2018, 2020)

Mr. Goodwin is currently or has recently worked on several cases in which Gustafson Gluek is or had been appointed to leadership positions or actively involved including:

- Hogan v. Amazon, Inc. (N.D. III.)
- Krukas et al. v. AARP, Inc., et al. (D.D.C.)
- Salmons v. National Railroad Passenger Corp., d/b/a AMTRAK (D.D.C.)
- FCA US LLC Monostable Electronic Gearshifts Litig. (E.D. Mich.)
- Krautkramer v. Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA (D. Minn.)
- Reynolds, et al., v. FCA US, LLC (E.D. Mi.)
- Gisairo v. Lenovo (United States) Inc. (D. Minn.)
- Luis, et al., v. RBC Capital Markets, LLC (D. Minn.)
- Kottemann Orthodontics, P.L.L.C. v. Delta Dental Plans Association, et al. (D. Minn.)
- In re: Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)
- Karsjens et al. v. Jesson (D. Minn.)
- In re: National Prescription Op
- Phillips v. Caliber Home Loans (D. Minn.)
- Woronko v. General Motors, LLC (E.D. Mich.)
- Dryer et al. v. Nat'l Football League (D. Minn.)
- National Hockey League Players' Concussion Injury Litia. (D. Minn.)
- In re Aluminum Warehousing Antitrust Litig. (S.D.N.Y.)

# **DENNIS STEWART**

Dennis Stewart joined Gustafson Gluek PLLC as a member in 2019, opening the Firm's San Diego office. Mr. Stewart comes to Gustafson Gluek with years of experience in litigating antitrust, consumer and securities class and individual

actions. His cases have ranged across a wide variety of industries including carbon fiber, credit card fees, interchange, casino gaming, sports broadcasting, college athletics, rental car fees, electronics components, medical devices, medical services, casino gaming, and defense procurement. He is currently serving as one of the counsel in the leadership group in *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litig*. He also is one of the counsel participating in the representation of End Purchaser Plaintiffs in *In re Packaged Seafood* 



Products Antitrust Litig. (S.D. Cal.), Commercial and Industrial Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs in In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation (N.D. III.) and trial counsel in In re Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation.

#### At A Glance

#### **Education**

• Hofstra University - J.D.

#### **Court Admissions**

- California State Bar
- New York State Bar (inactive)

Between 1981 and 1985, he worked for a major San Diego law firm and engaged in a general commercial litigation practice.

Between 1985 and 1988, Mr. Stewart served as a trial attorney with the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice.

While at the Antitrust Division, Mr. Stewart participated in investigations and trials involving alleged criminal violations of the

antitrust and related laws in waste hauling, movie exhibition, and government procurement and was lead trial counsel in the successful prosecution through trial of *United States v. Saft America, Inc.* (D.N.J.).

Since leaving government service, Mr. Stewart has served as Lead Counsel, Principal Counsel and/or Trial Counsel in numerous antitrust, consumer and securities cases, both class and non-class. He was Lead Trial Counsel in *Knapp v. Ernst & Whinney* (9th Cir. 1996), in which a plaintiffs' verdict was returned in a Rule 10b-5 securities fraud class action, and *Hall v. NCAA*, (D. Kan.) in which Plaintiffs' verdicts were returned for NCAA assistant coaches.

Mr. Stewart has also served as Co-Lead Trial Counsel, Co-Lead Counsel, Trial Counsel or played an integral role in the following litigation:

- In re Airline Ticket Commission Antitrust Litig. (D. Minn.)
- In re Contact Lens Antitrust Litig. (M.D. Fla.)
- In re Lifescan Consumer Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- Carbon Fiber Antitrust Litig. (C.D. Cal.)
- In re Currency Conversion Litig. (S.D.N.Y.)
- Schwartz v. Visa (Cal. Sup Ct.)
- In re Polypropolene Carpet Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Ga.)
- Shames v. Hertz Corp. (S.D. Cal.)
- In re Broadcom Securities Litig. (C.D.Cal.)

# FRANCES MAHONEY-MOSEDALE

Ms. Mahoney-Mosedale became an associate of Gustafson Gluek PLLC in 2021 after clerking for the firm throughout law school.

Ms. Mahoney-Mosedale represents individuals and small businesses on behalf of themselves and/or a class in the in the areas of consumer protection, product defect, and antitrust. Ms. Mahoney-Mosedale is actively involved in assisting to represent individuals on a pro bono basis through the Minnesota Federal Bar Associations Pro Se Project, which matches pro se litigants to pro bono clients. She is an active member of Minnesota Women Lawyers, the American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, Minnesota State Bar Association, and the Lavender Bar Association.



Ms. Mahoney-Mosedale has a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis & Clark college, graduating with a major in English and a minor in Gender Studies. Frances is also a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School.

#### At A Glance

#### **Education**

- University of Minnesota Law School J.D., 2021
- Lewis and Clark College B.A.. 2016

#### **Court Admissions**

- Minnesota State Bar
- United States District Court for the District of Minnesota

# **JASON S. KILENE**

of Law (J.D., with distinction, 1994).

Jason Kilene is a member of Gustafson Gluek PLLC. He is a graduate of the University of North Dakota (B.A. 1991) and a graduate of the University of North Dakota School

Mr. Kilene joined Gustafson Gluek in 2003 and became a member shortly thereafter. Prior to joining Gustafson Gluek, Mr. Kilene served as a law clerk to the Honorable Bruce M. Van Sickle, United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota. Following his clerkship, Mr. Kilene represented numerous clients in the areas of commercial and complex litigation. Since then, Mr. Kilene has continued his practice in the areas of antitrust, consumer protection and other complex litigation.



Mr. Kilene is admitted to the Minnesota Bar, North Dakota Bar and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota and the District of North Dakota. He is also a member of the Hennepin County, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Federal Bar Associations.

Mr. Kilene currently represents individuals and businesses harmed by anticompetitive business practices. He was part of the trial team that successfully recovered damages suffered by his clients due to alleged defective software in *In re J.D. Edwards World Solutions Company*, (AAA) (trial counsel for plaintiffs Quantegy and Amherst). Mr. Kilene also plays a significant role in identification, investigation, initiation and development of complex class action matters, along with his significant involvement with client relations.

#### **Education**

- University of North Dakota School of Law J.D., with distinction (1994)
- University of North Dakota B.A. (1991)

#### **Court Admissions**

- Minnesota State Bar
- North Dakota State Bar
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the District of North Dakota

Mr. Kilene has worked on several cases in which Gustafson Gluek is or had been appointed to leadership positions or been actively involved including:

- In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Mich.)
- In re Transpacific Passenger Air Transportation Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Domestic Drywall Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Pa.)
- In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Litig. (E.D.N.Y.)
- In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)
- In re Domestic Drywall Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Penn.)
- In re Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Optical Disk Drive Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)

# **JOSHUA J. RISSMAN**

Joshua Rissman joined Gustafson Gluek in 2010 as an associate and became a member of the Firm in 2018. Since joining the Firm, Mr. Rissman has focused his practice on antitrust and class action litigation. Mr. Rissman prides himself on vigorously representing small businesses and individuals damaged by wrongful corporate and government conduct.

In addition to his antitrust class action practice, Mr. Rissman has brought several pieces of important constitutional litigation involving mistreatment of juvenile detainees and police brutality. He currently represents a former juvenile detainee who alleges he was abused at the Minnesota Correctional Facility – Red Wing, and that the administration was aware of the risks to the juvenile and failed to protect him. Doe v. Hanson et al. (Minn.) Mr. Rissman was also the lead attorney in a section 1983 constitutional rights action brought on behalf of the family of a man killed by Brooklyn Center police officers in 2015. Khottavongsa v.



City of Brooklyn Center (D. Minn.). Mr. Rissman is currently representing a class of protestors who were unlawfully subjected to tear gas and pepper spray in the protest following the George Floyd protest. Samaha, et al. v. City of Minneapolis, et al (D. Minn.).

Mr. Rissman was selected a Minnesota Rising Star by Super Lawyers in the area of antitrust litigation (2014 – 2020) and was selected as a "Super Lawyer" in 2021. He is the Treasurer of the Antitrust Section of the Federal Bar Association, and counsel member of the Minnesota Bar Association Antitrust Section. Joshua also participates in the *Pro Se Project*, representing civil litigants in federal court who would otherwise go without representation.

#### **Education**

- University of Minnesota Law School J.D., cum laude (2010)
- University of Minnesota B.A., magna cum laude (2005)

#### Recognition

- Selected as a Minnesota "Super Lawyer" by Super Lawyers (2021)
- Selected as a Minnesota "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers (2014-2020)

Mr. Rissman has worked on several cases in which Gustafson Gluek is or had been appointed to leadership positions or been actively involved including:

- In re Pork Antitrust Litig. (D. Minn.)
- In re DPP Beef Antitrust Litig. (D. Minn.)
- In re Containerboard Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)
- In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)
- In National Hockey League Players' Concussion Injury Litig. (D. Minn.)
- Precision Assocs., Inc. v. Panalpina World Transport (Holding) Ltd. (E.D.N.Y.)
- In re Lithium Batteries Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Optical Disk Drives Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Asacol Antitrust Litig. (D. Mass.)
- In re Opana Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)
- City of Wyoming et al. v. Procter & Gamble Company (D. Minn.)

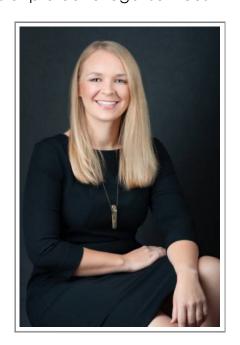
## KAITLYN L. DENNIS

Kaitlyn L. Dennis joined Gustafson Gluek PLLC as an associate in 2016. Since joining the Firm, Ms. Dennis has been practicing in the areas of consumer protection, product liability and antitrust litigation.

In addition to her regular practice, Ms. Dennis has assisted multiple *pro* se litigants through the Federal Bar Association's *Pro* Se Project and is recognized as a North Star Lawyer for providing at least 50 hours of pro bono legal services

in a calendar year. She recently was the lead attorney in an arbitration trial alleging workplace discrimination on behalf of a *pro bono* client.

In November 2019, she was a featured speaker at the American Antitrust Institute's Young Lawyers Breakfast in Washington D.C. She is an active member of the American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, Minnesota Bar Association, Minnesota Women Lawyers, and the Young Lawyers Division of the Committee to Support the Antitrust Laws ("COSAL"). In 2022, Ms. Dennis was one of the primary authors of an amicus brief filed by COSAL in the ninth circuit in the *Epic v. Apple* appeal.



Ms. Dennis is admitted to the Minnesota Bar and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

Prior to joining Gustafson Gluek, Ms. Dennis worked as a fellowship attorney at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and assisted the Honorable Arthur J. Boylan, ret., during the mediation of the bankruptcy of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

### **Education**

- University of Minnesota Law School J.D. (2015)
- Dean's list at U of M Law School (2012–2015)
- Southwestern University B.A. (2010)
- Managing Editor of the Minnesota Law Review
- Highest Grade (Book Award), Professional Responsibility: Civil Trial Law

### Recognition

MSBA North Star Lawyer (2018-2020)

## **Speaking Engagements**

- American Antitrust Association, Young Lawyer's Breakfast (November 12, 2019)
- Minnesota Federal Bar Association, Pro Se Project and a Pint (January 10, 2019)

Ms. Dennis has worked on several cases in which Gustafson Gluek is or had been appointed to leadership positions or been actively involved including:

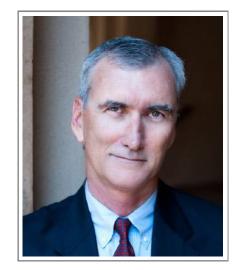
- In re Surescripts Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)
- In re Crop Inputs Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Mo.)
- Wood Mountain Fish LLC v. Mowi ASA (S.D. Fla.)
- Forest River Farms v. Deere & Co. (N.D. III.)
- In re Interior Molded Doors Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Va.)
- In re Equifax, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litig. (N.D. Ga.)
- FCA US LLC Monostable Electronic Gearshifts Litig. (E.D. Mich.)
- Kjessler v. Zaappaaz, Inc. et al. (S.D. Tex.)
- Fath v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (D. Minn.)
- In re Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Pa.)
- In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Mich.)
- In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litig. (N.D. Cal.)

## KIRK HULETT

Kirk Hulett joined Gustafson Gluek PLLC in 2019 and is located in the San Diego office. Mr. Hulett has been named a San Diego Top

Rated Securities Lawyer by Super Lawyers Magazine each year since 2010.

Mr. Hulett graduated from the University of California San Diego, where he obtained his undergraduate degree (1978). He then graduated cum laude from the University of San Diego School of Law (J.D. 1983), where he was Managing Editor of the University of San Diego Law Reporter. Since 1984, Mr. Hulett has specialized in the representation of plaintiffs in securities, antitrust,



employment and consumer class actions as well as representing individuals and businesses in complex litigation.

## At A Glance Education

- University of San Diego Law School, J.D. (1983)
- University of California San Diego, B.A. (1978)

### **Court Admissions**

- California State Bar
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Prior to co-founding Hulett Harper Stewart LLP in 2000, Mr. Hulett was a partner in the largest national class action firm in the country. He has testified before the California Assembly Business and Professions Committee on the topic of potential regulatory and auditor liability reforms following the Enron financial collapse and participated as a panelist on several occasions. He has been named a San Diego Top Rated Securities Lawyer by Super Lawyers Magazine each year since 2010. He is admitted to all of the District Courts in California, numerous other District Courts across the country by pro hac admission, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Hulett joined Gustafson Gluek as a member in 2019.

Mr. Hulett has been Lead or Co-Lead Counsel in dozens of class actions throughout the country, including In re American Continental Corp./Lincoln Savings & Loan Securities Litig. (D. Ariz.); In re Media Vision Technology Securities Litig. (N.D. Cal.); Home Fed, (S.D. Cal.); and Gensia Pharmaceuticals, (S.D. Cal.). He was Co-Lead trial counsel for a trustee in Guy F. Atkinson Co. v. PriceWaterhouse LLP, et al. (N.D. Cal.), a liability action against PriceWaterhouseCoopers, LLP, and represents several bankruptcy estates in seeking recovery against officers, directors and professionals.

He also successfully represented defrauded individual investors in the Abbott et al. v. Worldcom Co. (S.D.N.Y). He was Co-Lead Counsel the securities class action, Enriquez v. Edward Jones & Co. L.P. (E.D. Mo.). Mr. Hulett also represented defrauded individual investors in Bachman et al. v. A.G. Edwards (Circuit Ct. of St. Louis) for breach of fiduciary duty. He represented an elderly individual in a Ponzi scheme case, Meyerhoff v.Gruttadaria, et al., (San Diego Superior Court) against one of Wall Street's most prominent investment banks and was successful in obtaining a full recovery for the victim. He was Co-Lead Trial Counsel in Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Tribe v. Harrah's Operating Co., et al. (San Diego Superior Court) on behalf of a San Diego area based Native American Tribe against Caesars Entertainment and Harrah's. Mr. Hulett has most recently been involved in representing victims of an antitrust conspiracy among the three largest suppliers of canned tuna in the world in In Re Packaged Seafood Products Antitrust Litig. (S.D. Cal.).

# **MARY NIKOLAI**

Mary Nikolai joined Gustafson Gluek PLLC as an associate in 2019, after clerking for the Honorable Luis Bartolomei, District Judge, Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota. Since joining the Firm, Ms. Nikolai has represented individuals and

classes in asserting various consumer fraud and product defect claims. She has also represented a number of former members of the nationwide FLSA collective alleging off-the-clock work in arbitrations throughout the country.

Ms. Nikolai is admitted to the Minnesota State Bar and the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. She is also an active member of the Federal Bar Association and the Minnesota Women's Lawyers.

During law school, Ms. Nikolai clerked for two Twin Cities law firms and was a judicial extern for the Honorable Patrick Schiltz. She was also a Certified



Student Attorney at the St. Thomas Interprofessional Center for Counseling and Legal Services, where she represented a family seeking asylum in the United States, as well as individuals at detained master calendar and bond hearings.

### **Education**

- University of St. Thomas School of Law J.D. (2018)
- DePaul University B.A. (2012)
- Selected as the University of St. Thomas Clinic Student of the Year (2017-2018)
- North Star Lawyer (2020)

Ms. Nikolai has worked on several cases in which Gustafson Gluek is or had been appointed to leadership positions or been actively involved including:

- In re Gerber Products Company Heavy Metals Baby Food Litig. (E.D. Va.)
- In re Nurture Baby Food Litig (S.D.N.Y)
- In re Plum Baby Food Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- Castorina v. Bank of America, N.A. (E.D. Va.)
- Turner et al v. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. (D. Colo.)
- Reitman v. Champion Petfoods (C.D. Cal.)
- Weaver v. Champion Petfoods (E.D. Wis.)
- In re Big Heart Pet Brands Litig. (N.D. Cal.)
- Krukas et al. v. AARP, Inc., et al. (D.D.C.)
- Bhatia v. 3M Co. (D. Minn.)
- Doe v. Hanson et al. (Minn.)
- Hudock v. LG Electronics USA, Inc. (D. Minn.)
- Brewster v. United States (D. Minn.)

# **MICHELLE J. LOOBY**

Michelle J. Looby is a member of Gustafson Gluek PLLC. Ms. Looby joined Gustafson Gluek in 2008 and became a member in 2015. She has recently been named as Co-Chair of the Firm's antitrust litigation team.

In the courtroom, Ms. Looby has served in leadership roles including as co-lead counsel, in numerous class actions. Outside the courtroom, Ms. Looby is actively involved in the legal community serving on the Advisory Board of the American Antitrust Institute, as the Chair and Diversity & Inclusion Liaison for the Minnesota State Bar Association's Antitrust Council, and on the executive



committee of the Coalition in Support of the Antitrust Laws. In addition, she is actively involved in the American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, and Minnesota Women Lawyers, previously having served on its Board of Directors. Ms. Looby also served on Law360's Competition Editorial Advisory Board, a leading daily legal news and intelligence service that reaches over one million recipients each day.

Ms. Looby is admitted to the Minnesota Bar and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota and the United State District Court for the District of North Dakota.

#### Education

- William Mitchell College of Law J.D., magna cum laude (2007)
- Member of the William Mitchell Law Review (2005-2007)
- Assistant Editor of the William Mitchell Law Review (2006-2007)
- Recipient of the CALI Excellence for the Future Award
- University of Minnesota B.A., with distinction (2004)

### Recognition

- Named a Minnesota "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers (2014-2020)
- Named a Minnesota "Super Lawyer" by Super Lawyers (2021)
- AAI Award for Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement by a Young Lawyer 2015

#### **Publications**

 Co-Authored Plaintiff Overview Chapter of Getting the Deal Through: Private Antitrust Litigation 2015

Ms. Looby has worked on several cases in which Gustafson Gluek is or had been appointed to leadership positions or been actively involved including:

- In re Crop Inputs (E.D. Mo.)
- In re Interior Molded Doors Antitrust Litig. (E.D.V.A.)
- In re DPP Beef Litig. (D. Minn.)
- In re Dealer Management Systems Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)
- Precision Associates, Inc. et al. v. Panalpina World Transport (Holding), Ltd., et al. (E.D.N.Y.)
- Powell Prescription Center, et al. v. Surescripts, LLC et al. (N.D. III.)
- In re CenturyLink Residential Customer Billing Disputes Litig. (D. Minn.)
- In re Allura Fiber Cement Siding Products Liability Litig. (D.S.C.)
- In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litig. (N.D. III.)
- In re Pork Antitrust Litig. (D. Minn.)
- In re Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litia. (E.D. Pa.)
- In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Mich.)
- In re Opana ER Antitrust Litia. (N.D. III.)
- In re Restatsis (Cyclosporine Opthalmic Emulsion) Antitrust Litig. (E.D.N.Y)
- In re Asacol Antitrust Litig. (D. Mass.)
- In re Celebrex (Celecoxib) Antitrust Litig. (E.D. Va.)

# **NOAH COZAD**

Mr. Cozad is an associate at Gustafson Gluek PLLC. Noah graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School and clerked for the Honorable Christian Sande of the Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota.

Mr. Cozad joined Gustafson Gluek PLLC as an associate in December 2021 after

serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Judge Christian Sande of the Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota. As an associate, Mr. Cozad will be representing those who are alleging antitrust, consumer protection, constitutional, and products liability violations. He is passionate about promoting fair competition and a more just economy.

Mr. Cozad graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in Political Science and minors in German and Global Studies with an emphasis in Human Rights. While in law school, Mr. Cozad was the Note and Comment Editor for the Minnesota Journal of Law, Science, &



Technology. He was also a trained third-party neutral with the Community Mediation Clinic where he helped members of the Twin Cities community overcome conflict and prevent litigation. He also clerked for a Twin Cities plaintiffs' employment law firm and a Minnesota state agency.

Before law school, Mr. Cozad did legislative and policy work in the United States Senate.

### **Education**

- University of Minnesota J.D. (2021)
- University of Minnesota B.A. (2016)

Mr. Cozad has worked on several cases in which Gustafson Gluek is or had been appointed to leadership positions or been actively involved including:

- In re Pork Antitrust Litig. (D. Minn.)
- Jones v. Varsity Brands, LLC. (W.D. Tenn.)
- Wood Mountain Fish LLC v. Mowi ASA (S.D. Fla.)

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Mr. Stauber joined Gustafson Gluek as an associate in 2021 after serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Caroline H. Lennon, District Judge, First Judicial District of Minnesota.

As an associate at the Firm, Mr. Stauber will be representing individuals who are alleging constitutional violations, illegal price-fixing schemes, and violations of state and federal privacy statutes, among other things. He is passionate about pursuing claims on behalf of clients who have been harmed by some of the largest and most powerful corporations in the world.

Mr. Stauber is an active member of the Minnesota and Federal bar associations and is using his legal education to improve access to justice for all litigants. Mr. Stauber believes that all individuals and businesses deserve their day in court.



Mr. Stauber graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in English Literature. He graduated magna cum laude from Mitchell Hamline School of Law. While in law school, Mr. Stauber was Vice President of the Mitchell Hamline Hovenkamp Antitrust Society, Membership Coordinator of the Mitchell Hamline Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, and a student researcher and member of the Mitchell Hamline Sex Offender Litigation and Research Center. Additionally, Tony was the Production Editor of the Mitchell Hamline Journal of Public Policy and Practice, where he was a published author of an article on the topic of qualified immunity.

Mr. Stauber has been an active member of the National Speech and Debate Association and the Minnesota State High School League as a speech and debate coach for ten years.

#### **Education**

- Mitchell Hamline School of Law J.D.
- University of Minnesota B.A.

Mr. Stauber has worked on several cases in which Gustafson Gluek is or had been appointed to leadership positions or been actively involved including:

- In re Local TV Advertising Antitrust Litigation (N.D. III.)
- Song v. Champion Petfoods (D. Minn.)
- In re Hard Disk Drive Suspension Assemblies Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Pork Antitrust Litig. (D. Minn.)
- Karsjens v. Jesson (D. Minn.)
- Fuentes v. Jiffy Lube International Inc. (E.D. Pa.)
- Samaha v. City of Minneapolis (D. Minn.)
- Baldwin v. Miracle Ear Inc. (D. Minn.)