

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

DEKA INVESTMENT GMBH, Individually
and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SANTANDER CONSUMER USA
HOLDINGS INC., et al.,

Defendants.

§ Civil Action No. 3:15-cv-02129-K

§ CLASS ACTION

§ Hon. Ed Kinkeade

APPENDIX OF DECLARATIONS IN SUPPORT OF (1) FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, (2) APPROVAL OF PLAN OF ALLOCATION, (3) AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES, AND (4) AWARDS TO LEAD PLAINTIFFS PURSUANT TO 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4)

In connection with the application of Lead Plaintiffs’ counsel for final approval of class action settlement and the Plan of Allocation, and an award of attorneys’ fees and expenses and award to Lead Plaintiffs, attached hereto are true and correct copies of the following:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served on all counsel of record on December 8, 2020 via CM/ECF, in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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TAB 1

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We, Willow E. Radcliffe and Daniel L. Berger declare as follows:

1. I, Willow E. Radcliffe, am an attorney duly licensed to practice before the United States District Courts for the Northern, Central and Southern Districts of California and all of the state courts of the State of California, and have been admitted *pro hac vice* to appear before this Court in the above-captioned action (the “Action”).¹ I am a member of the firm Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP (“Robbins Geller” or “Co-Lead Counsel”), representing Lead Plaintiffs City of Dearborn Heights Act 345 Police & Fire Retirement System (“City of Dearborn Heights”) and Deka Investment GmbH (“Deka”) (collectively “Lead Plaintiffs”), in addition to the proposed Classes. I have been actively involved in the prosecution and resolution of this Action, am familiar with its proceedings, and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein based on my active participation and supervision of material aspects of the Action.

2. I, Daniel L. Berger, am an attorney duly licensed to practice before the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York and all of the state courts of the State of New York, and I have been admitted *pro hac vice* to appear before this Court in the Action. I am a director of the firm Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. (“Grant & Eisenhofer” or “Co-Lead Counsel”), representing Lead Plaintiffs, in addition to the proposed Classes. I have been actively involved in the prosecution and resolution of this Action, am familiar with its proceedings, and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein based both on discussions with my colleagues at Grant & Eisenhofer and at Co-Lead Counsel, Robbins Geller, and on my active participation and supervision of material aspects of the Action.

3. We submit this declaration in support of Lead Plaintiffs’ motion, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for final approval of the Settlement, which provides for a

¹ Unless otherwise defined, all defined terms used herein have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement (the “Stipulation” or the “Settlement Agreement”) (ECF No. 250 at App. 001- App. 042).

cash settlement of \$47,000,000 (the “Settlement Amount”), and for approval of the proposed Plan of Allocation. We also submit this declaration in support of Co-Lead Counsel’s motion for an award of attorneys’ fees and expenses.

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

4. This securities Action was brought against Defendants Santander Consumer USA Holdings Inc. (“SCUSA” or the “Company”), Thomas G. Dundon, Jason A. Kulas, Gonzalo de las Heras, Alberto Sánchez, Matthew Kabaker, Tagar C. Olson, Daniel Zilberman, Javier San Felix, Roman Blanco, Stephen A. Ferriss, Juan Carlos Alvarez and Juan Andres Yanes (the “Individual Defendants” and with SCUSA, the “SCUSA Defendants”), Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, n/k/a BofA Securities, Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Santander Investment Securities Inc., Barclays Capital Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co., LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, RBC Capital Markets, LLC, BMO Capital Markets Corp., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, UBS Securities LLC, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, KKR Capital Markets LLC, Sandler O’Neill & Partners, L.P., Stephens Inc., and LOYAL3 Securities Inc. (the “Underwriter Defendants” and with the SCUSA Defendants, the “Defendants”). This Action alleges violations of §§11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 (“Securities Act”) for negligent material misrepresentations or omissions made in connection with the Company’s January 23, 2014 initial public offering (“IPO”) of its common stock against all Defendants, as well as §15 of the Securities Act against certain control persons. This Action also alleges violation of §§10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) against SCUSA, Thomas G. Dundon and Jason A. Kulas for fraudulent material misrepresentations or omissions made in connection with, and subsequent to, the Company’s IPO.

5. Lead Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel have diligently litigated the claims asserted in the Action from its commencement in August 2014 through settlement, the basic terms of which

were not finalized until April 2020. At every stage of this Action, Lead Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel have vigorously litigated this case on behalf of the proposed Classes, including challenging Defendants' arguments and defenses as well as challenges to class certification.

6. The Settlement was only achieved after Lead Plaintiffs, through their Co-Lead Counsel, *inter alia*: (i) were appointed by the Court as co-Lead Plaintiffs on September 3, 2015 (ECF No. 99); (ii) investigated and prepared a detailed and comprehensive First Amended Class Action Complaint (ECF No. 104) ("Complaint"); (iii) vigorously and successfully opposed Defendants' motions to dismiss; (iv) produced discovery to Defendants, including City of Dearborn Heights and Deka's collective production of over 5,950 pages of documents as well as written responses to interrogatory requests and a deposition of a representative of each Lead Plaintiff; (v) deposed Defendants' class certification expert and defended the deposition of Lead Plaintiffs' expert; (vi) fully briefed class certification; (vii) participated in an evidentiary hearing in connection with class certification, which included expert testimony and presentations; (viii) prepared supplemental submissions in connection with class certification; and (ix) engaged in extensive settlement negotiations conducted over the course of over three years.

7. This Settlement is the product of diligent litigation and was reached after careful deliberation and prolonged negotiations. The parties presented the strengths and weaknesses of their respective cases and Lead Plaintiffs understood the significant risks of continued litigation. The negotiations were arm's-length and contentious, and the Settlement was reached with the assistance of Robert A. Meyer, Esq., of JAMS, Inc., an experienced mediator. The parties agreed to settle the Action only after they had participated in two formal, in-person mediation sessions, one in New York and the other in Los Angeles, and additional negotiations, including exchanging submissions as well as telephonic and written discussions with the mediator.

8. As a result of Co-Lead Counsel's efforts, ongoing investigatory efforts and the parties' extensive settlement negotiations, Co-Lead Counsel have a deep appreciation for issues critical to the outcome of this Action. Although Lead Plaintiffs strongly believe their claims are supported by public information and the documentary evidence and deposition testimony that would ultimately be produced and developed through discovery, Lead Plaintiffs also understand the significant risks associated with proving their claims at trial. As discussed in more detail below, Defendants have strenuously argued that Lead Plaintiffs would be unable to prove Defendants' liability and any recovery would be negatively impacted by Defendants' negative causation defenses. Given those significant risks, Lead Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel are confident that the \$47,000,000 Settlement is a suitable result for the Classes.

9. The Complaint alleges that in violation of §§11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act, SCUSA's Offering Documents for the Company's IPO were materially false and misleading. Specifically, as a result of Defendants' negligence, investors were misled regarding the Company's ability to pay dividends to its shareholders under existing regulations and the Company's purported systems it had in place to effectively monitor and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. The Complaint also alleges a claim of fraud against SCUSA and certain of its officers – in violation of §§10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder – they made false and misleading statements to investors from January 23, 2014 to June 12, 2014, inclusive (the "Class Period") regarding the Company's ability to pay dividends and the Company's ability to comply with regulatory requirements.

10. In connection with the Complaint's fraud allegations, the Complaint further alleges that Defendants' materially false and/or misleading statements and omissions were revealed to the public through a series of partial disclosures beginning on May 15, 2014 when SCUSA, through its Form 10-Q, partially disclosed to shareholders that SHUSA failed a stress test due to unspecified

qualitative concerns that could have a negative impact on SCUSA. On May 29, 2014, SCUSA then issued a Form 8-K announcing that (i) SCUSA would be permitted to pay a dividend on May 30, 2014 only if SCUSA contributed \$20.9 million in capital to SHUSA prior to paying the dividend, (ii) other than the May dividend, SCUSA did not expect to pay any other dividends in 2014, and (iii) SCUSA would incur high costs in connection with regulatory requirements. Later, on June 11, 2014, SCUSA told investors that the Company had not been aware of Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review (“CCAR”) requirements regarding dividends and that moving forward, the Company would need to build out its CCAR-related internal controls. Then on June 12, 2014, SCUSA revealed it must hire an additional 100 full-time employees to meet regulatory requirements. According to the Complaint, each disclosure resulted in a decline in SCUSA’s stock price.

11. In response to the Complaint’s allegations, Defendants moved to dismiss the claims against them. As to all claims, Defendants asserted that they should be dismissed because none of the statements alleged were actionable materially false or misleading statements under the securities laws. As to Lead Plaintiffs’ negligence-based claims, the Defendants also challenged those claims as untimely and on the grounds that Lead Plaintiffs lacked standing to pursue certain claims. As to Lead Plaintiffs’ fraud-based claims, SCUSA and its officers challenged scienter on the grounds the regulatory events that led to the restriction on dividend payments were not in effect at the time of their statements and, as a result, they could not have knowledge of them.

12. The issue of class certification in this Action has been a contentious one. Not only did the parties submit multiple pleadings to the Court regarding class certification, an evidentiary hearing was held on May 31, 2017, where each side’s experts testified before the Court. The dispute centered around market efficiency and whether certain disclosures were corrective of the materially false and misleading statements at issue in the case.

13. Defendants would in all likelihood challenge whether Lead Plaintiffs are entitled to damages or that any damages should be reduced by continuing to argue at summary judgment and trial that Lead Plaintiffs are unable to tie any purported corrective disclosures (and corresponding stock drops) to the alleged false or misleading statements.

14. The Settlement avoids the significant additional costs and risks associated with further litigating liability and damages if the case were to continue. As such, Co-Lead Counsel believe that the Settlement is in the best interests of Lead Plaintiffs and the proposed Classes.

15. Co-Lead Counsel have prosecuted this Action on a wholly contingent basis, advancing or incurring all the litigation expenses to date. As such, Co-Lead Counsel have assumed the entire risk of an unfavorable outcome. Co-Lead Counsel, however, have not yet received any compensation for this risk for the more than five years' worth of efforts Co-Lead Counsel have invested in the Action.

16. Co-Lead Counsel's fee request of \$14,100,000 (30% of the Settlement Amount), plus interest earned, is fair and reasonable and within the range of other settlements approved in this Circuit. Moreover, it is fully justified by the particular facts of this case, including the benefits conferred on the proposed Classes, the risks undertaken, the quality of representation, the nature and extent of legal services performed, and the fact that the \$47 million Settlement Amount constitutes a very favorable result given the litigation risks and complexity of the underlying issues.

17. The Settlement has been approved by Lead Plaintiffs. This is the very type of result envisioned by Congress in enacting the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. §78u-4, *et seq.* (the "PSLRA") and is entitled to significant weight by the Court in awarding fees to Co-Lead Counsel.

18. Co-Lead Counsel also seek an award of \$715,742.17, plus interest earned, for expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred in the prosecution of this Action over more than five

years. These expenses include, *inter alia*: (i) expenses arising from travel necessary for depositions, the Court's evidentiary hearing, and the parties' December 16, 2016 and November 14, 2019 mediation sessions; (ii) costs arising from online factual and legal research; (iii) the cost and expenses of Lead Plaintiffs' expert whose services were necessary for the successful prosecution of this Action; and (iv) the mediation fees paid to Mr. Meyer for his assistance in helping the parties resolve the Action. As further detailed below, these expenses were reasonable and necessary to obtain the successful result achieved by Lead Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel in this case.

19. In addition, as allowed under the PSLRA, Lead Plaintiff City of Dearborn Heights seeks an award of \$2,700 and Lead Plaintiff Deka an award of \$34,375.03 for their time and expenses incurred in representing the proposed Classes, which significantly contributed to the recovery for the proposed Classes.

20. The following summarizes the primary events that occurred during the course of the Action and the respective legal services provided by Co-Lead Counsel.

II. THE LITIGATION

A. Commencement of the Action

21. On August 26, 2014, Richard Steck filed the initial complaint in this Action in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against SCUSA, certain officers and directors, and 17 of its underwriters of the Company's multi-billion dollar IPO. The initial complaint alleged violations of the federal securities laws, namely §§11 and 15 of the Securities Act. The lawsuit was styled *Steck v. Santander Consumer USA Holdings Inc., et al.*, No. 1:14-cv-06942 (S.D.N.Y.).

22. On October 6, 2014, another complaint alleging violations of the Securities Act was filed in the 162nd District Court of Dallas County, Texas, styled *Kumar v. Santander Consumer*

USA Holdings Inc., et al., Case No. DC-14-11783 (the “*Kumar* Action”). In that case, on October 20, 2014, Defendants filed a Notice of Removal in the Northern District of Texas.

23. On October 27, 2014, three movants filed motions and supporting memoranda seeking appointment as lead plaintiff: (i) Patrick Benard (ECF Nos. 15-16); (ii) Deka (ECF Nos. 17-18); and (iii) City of Dearborn Heights (ECF Nos. 21-22). On November 11, 2014, movant Benard filed a notice of non-opposition to the other movants for lead plaintiff, recognizing that he did not possess the largest financial interest in the relief sought. (ECF No. 27).

24. On November 6, 2014, Defendants moved to transfer venue from the Southern District of New York to the Northern District of Texas, the jurisdiction in which SCUSA is headquartered. (ECF No. 23). Defendants requested that the case be transferred to the Northern District of Texas prior to the court’s designation of lead plaintiff or lead counsel, arguing that the PSLRA first requires that substantially similar claims should be consolidated – in this instance the *Kumar* Action. (ECF No. 24-25).

25. On June 17, 2015, the Honorable Paul Oetken of the Southern District of New York granted Defendants’ request to change venue and denied City of Dearborn Heights and Deka’s motions for lead plaintiff without prejudice so that they may renew those motions in the transferee court. ECF No. 48.

26. On August 20, 2015, Deka and City of Dearborn Heights stipulated and agreed to work cooperatively to represent the Classes as Lead Plaintiffs. ECF No. 94. Further, City of Dearborn Heights’ chosen counsel, Robbins Geller, and Deka’s chosen counsel, Grant & Eisenhofer would, with permission of the Court, serve as Co-Lead Counsel, and that the Kendall Law Group, LLP would serve as local counsel for the Classes. On September 3, 2015, the Court appointed both City of Dearborn Heights and Deka as Lead Plaintiffs and Robbins Geller and Grant & Eisenhofer as Co-Lead Counsel. ECF No. 99. Thereafter, on September 30, 2016, the Law Firm of Balon B.

Bradley entered an appearance in the litigation as additional local counsel for the Classes. ECF No. 146.

27. Following entry of the Court's September 3, 2015 order, Co-Lead Counsel continued their investigation into Lead Plaintiffs' claims, which included, *inter alia*: (a) a thorough review and analysis of SCUSA's public disclosures, including: (i) transcripts of SCUSA's quarterly conference calls held to discuss the Company's financial results and other presentations made by top SCUSA management at investor conferences; (ii) the Company's periodic filings with the SEC, including the Offering Documents in connection with the Company's IPO and subsequent reports on SEC Forms 10-K, filed annually, and Forms 10-Q, filed quarterly; (iii) SCUSA press releases and media reports; (iv) an examination and analysis of the Company's stock price reactions to Defendants' alleged misstatements and corrective disclosures including consultation with an economic expert; (v) evaluating information from interviews of former SCUSA employees; and (vi) reviewing other publicly available documents, including documents filed in other litigation against SCUSA and CCAR requirements.

28. Co-Lead Counsel's investigators assisted in gathering detailed and specific information that was used in drafting the allegations in the Action. At the direction of Co-Lead Counsel, investigators helped identify, locate and interview former SCUSA employees likely to have information pertinent to the claims alleged. Under the direction and supervision of Co-Lead Counsel, investigators interviewed several potential witnesses and discussed their findings with Co-Lead Counsel.

29. On October 30, 2015, after the extensive research, investigation and analysis described above, Lead Plaintiffs filed their First Amended Class Action Complaint ("FAC"). ECF No. 104.

B. Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the FAC

30. On December 18, 2015, Defendants filed two separate motions to dismiss; one on behalf of the Company and the Individual Defendants, and one on behalf of the Underwriter Defendants. ECF Nos. 106, 108. In connection with those motions, Defendants also filed 20 exhibits totaling over 1,300 pages. ECF No. 107. The motions to dismiss raised numerous legal challenges to the adequacy of the FAC's allegations, including, *inter alia*, that: (i) Defendants' alleged misstatements and omissions were not actionable because they were neither false nor misleading; (ii) the FAC failed to adequately plead scienter as to any of the Defendants; (iii) the alleged misstatements and omissions were protected by the PSLRA safe harbor and bespeaks caution doctrine for forward-looking statements; (iv) SCUSA and the Individual Defendants were not statutory sellers under §12(a)(2) of the Securities Act; (v) the FAC failed to adequately plead loss causation because Lead Plaintiffs failed to tie any purported corrective disclosures to the alleged misstatements and omissions; (vi) the Complaint failed to adequately plead control person liability against the Individual Defendants; (vii) Lead Plaintiffs lacked standing to sue under §12(a)(2); and (viii) Lead Plaintiffs' negligence-based claims were untimely. ECF Nos. 106, 109.

31. On February 5, 2016, Lead Plaintiffs filed their Omnibus Brief in Opposition to Defendants' Motions to Dismiss. ECF No. 117. In their 65-page opposition, Lead Plaintiffs challenged Defendants' arguments. For instance, Lead Plaintiffs argued that: (i) the FAC clearly and adequately pled facts demonstrating why each alleged misstatement and omission was materially false or misleading; (ii) the PSLRA safe harbor and bespeaks caution doctrine did not apply in this Action, as Lead Plaintiffs adequately pled facts sufficient to show Defendants' alleged misstatements were not genuinely held beliefs and that the misstatements were not forward-looking; (iii) the FAC pled facts with sufficient particularity to demonstrate scienter for the fraud-based claims; (iv) the corrective disclosures were sufficient to plead loss causation; (v) Lead Plaintiffs' negligence-based

claims were timely; and (vi) Defendants were statutory sellers under §12(a)(2). *Id.* Co-Lead Counsel spent a significant amount of time and resources researching and analyzing applicable case law in order to effectively and vigorously oppose Defendants' motions and demonstrate that the FAC satisfied the pleading requirements under the PSLRA and Fifth Circuit precedent.²

32. On March 4, 2016, Defendants filed reply briefs in support of their motions to dismiss. ECF Nos. 119-120.

33. Shortly thereafter, on March 18, 2016, Lead Plaintiffs submitted a request to have the Court take judicial notice of recent filings with the SEC. ECF No. 122. Lead Plaintiffs also requested that the Court take judicial notice of documents filed by the parent companies of several affiliates of the Underwriter Defendants, which not only supported Lead Plaintiffs' argument that the Company was required to have their capital plan approved by the Federal Reserve prior to its making any capital distribution but also directly contradicted arguments that the Defendants made in their motion to dismiss briefing. ECF Nos. 106, 109, 119-120.

34. Defendants filed their response to Lead Plaintiffs' request for judicial notice, arguing that Lead Plaintiffs were attempting to offer additional legal arguments in conjunction with the request for judicial notice. ECF No. 125. On April 6, 2016, the Court granted Lead Plaintiffs' request for judicial notice. ECF No. 126.

35. On June 13, 2016, the Court denied Defendants' motions to dismiss in their entirety. ECF No. 128.

C. Initial Discovery

36. On August 31, 2016, the parties exchanged their Initial Disclosures. Thereafter, on September 1, 2016, Lead Plaintiffs served their First Requests for Production on the Underwriter

² For example, Lead Plaintiffs analyzed over 75 cases in presenting insightful and powerful arguments in opposition to Defendants' motions to dismiss. *Id.*

Defendants, SCUSA and Individual Defendants. On September 6, 2016, Lead Plaintiffs served document subpoenas on ten non-parties, including SHUSA, the Federal Reserve System and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. On September 7, 2016, Lead Plaintiffs served their First Sets of Interrogatories on SCUSA, the Underwriter Defendants and the Individual Defendants.

37. On September 21, 2016, the Court issued a Class Certification Scheduling Order that stayed all merits-related discovery.

D. Class Certification

38. On December 2, 2016, Lead Plaintiffs filed their motion for class certification seeking an order certifying this case as a class action, appointing Deka and City of Dearborn Heights as Class Representatives, and appointing Robbins Geller and Grant & Eisenhofer as Lead Class Counsel pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23. ECF Nos. 151-152. Co-Lead Counsel retained the services of Frank C. Torchio of Forensic Economics, Inc. to provide economic analyses in support of this motion. *See* §II.D.2, *infra*.

39. On February 17, 2017, Defendants filed their opposition to Lead Plaintiffs' motion for class certification, asserting, *inter alia*, that Deka and City of Dearborn Heights were not typical, that they lacked standing to bring the §11 claims, that individual issues predominated and that there was no market efficiency. ECF No. 171-2, 173. Lead Plaintiffs submitted a reply brief in support of class certification on March 31, 2017, rebutting Defendants' contentions. ECF No. 176.

40. On March 30, 2017, Defendants requested that the Court hold an evidentiary hearing on class certification. ECF No. 175. On April 10, 2017, the Court granted Defendants' motion for an evidentiary hearing. ECF Nos. 175, 181. The hearing was held on May 31, 2017. ECF Nos. 183, 189. Lead Plaintiffs' motion for class certification remains pending.

1. Class Certification Discovery

41. Prior to filing the motion for class certification, on September 27, 2016, Lead Plaintiffs served their First Requests for Production of Documents Pertaining to Class Certification on all Defendants. On October 7, 2016, Lead Plaintiffs served their First Requests for Admission on Defendant SCUSA. The discovery related to SCUSA's stock price, analyst coverage, market makers, and the other factors used by courts to assess the efficiency of the market as well as reliance. Defendants served their responses and objections to Lead Plaintiffs' first request for production of documents pertaining to Class Certification on October 27, 2016. Defendants served their responses to the First Requests for Admission on November 7, 2016.

42. On September 30, 2016, Defendants served their own discovery requests, which contained 58 document requests seeking from City of Dearborn Heights and 63 document requests seeking from Deka, among other things: (i) documents related to trades in SCUSA stock, including trading records and account statements; (ii) agreements and communications with investment advisors, trustees and managers; (iii) documents related to Lead Plaintiffs' securities investment accounts; (iv) documents related to SCUSA's IPO; (v) documents related to any communication with any former SCUSA employee; (vi) documents or communications relating to any other securities litigation; (vii) communications with other class members; (viii) communications and agreements with Co-Lead Counsel; and (ix) documents that support the allegations in the FAC.

43. On September 30, 2016, Defendants also served 11 interrogatories on Lead Plaintiffs seeking, among other things: (i) details of their purchases and sales in SCUSA stock, including the amounts, timing, accounts used, profit or loss involved and the individuals involved in each transaction; (ii) a description of their organizational structures; (iii) identification of persons who made or assisted in Lead Plaintiffs' trades of SCUSA securities; (iv) a description of all information relied upon by them when deciding to purchase SCUSA securities; (v) an explanation of how Lead

Plaintiffs expected to calculate damages; and (vi) details regarding any communications by Lead Plaintiffs or Co-Lead Counsel with any former SCUSA employee.

44. On November 3, 2016, City of Dearborn Heights and Deka served their responses and objections to Defendants' production requests and interrogatories.

45. On November 15, 2016 and January 5, 2017, City of Dearborn Heights produced documents including certain trading records, brokerage statements, quarterly and annual account statements, investment management agreements, investment policy statements, and board meeting minutes. These productions totaled over 3,700 pages.

46. During the period of November 8, 2016 through January 26, 2017, Deka made a series of document productions to Defendants including certain trading records, quarterly and annual account statements, investment management agreements, investment policy statements, and board meeting minutes. These productions totaled over 2,200 pages.

47. On November 18, 2016, Defendants served two Notices of Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(6) Depositions of Lead Plaintiffs City of Dearborn Heights and Deka regarding topics including Lead Plaintiffs' investments, the information they relied upon in making their investment and trade decisions, communications with the Defendants, their decisions to serve as lead plaintiffs, their communications with former SCUSA employees and their other litigation history. On December 19, 2016, City of Dearborn Heights and Deka each served their responses and objections to these subpoenas.

48. On January 5, 2017, to avoid burdening the Court with a discovery dispute, City of Dearborn Heights produced its retention agreements with Co-Lead Counsel despite their lack of relevance to class certification. Deka also produced its retention agreements with Co-Lead Counsel during the course of its document production.

49. On January 12, 2017, John J. Riley, II, City of Dearborn Heights' Trustee and secretary – who carried out the administration for the pension plan – testified as the Rule 30(b)(6) representative for City of Dearborn Heights. On January 13, 2017, Carla Zinkand, who acts as an authorized signatory and manages class actions for Deka, testified as Deka's Rule 30(b)(6) representative. Additionally, on January 25, 2017, Michael Sansoterra of Ridgeworth Capital Management LLC – City of Dearborn Heights' asset manager – was deposed by Defendants and cross-examined by Lead Plaintiffs. As such, Co-Lead Counsel spent numerous hours in connection with class certification preparing their clients for deposition, defending their depositions and preparing for a third-party deposition related to class certification.

50. On December 23, 2016, Lead Plaintiffs served three additional document production requests on Underwriter Defendants and nine additional document production requests on the Company and Individual Defendants. On December 28, 2016, Lead Plaintiffs served their First Set of Interrogatories Pertaining to Class Certification on Defendants. These requests sought documents relating to SCUSA's equity and incentive plans, additional documents related to SCUSA's shares and offerings, and documents related to SCUSA's responses and objections to Lead Plaintiffs' First Requests for Admission. On January 23, 2017, Defendants served their responses and objections to these requests. On January 27, 2017, Defendants served their respective responses to Lead Plaintiffs' interrogatories.

51. Thereafter, on February 22, 2017, Lead Plaintiffs served 14 additional document requests on the Company and Individual Defendants and 12 document requests on Underwriter Defendants. Defendants served their responses and objections to these requests on March 24, 2017.

2. Experts

52. In support of Lead Plaintiffs' motion for class certification, Lead Plaintiffs retained Mr. Frank C. Torchio, an adjunct professor at the Simon Business School at the University of

Rochester and an expert in the field of economics. Mr. Torchio worked a significant number of hours on this case analyzing the facts, producing an initial report, reviewing the reports of the opposing expert and the documents on which she relied, producing a rebuttal report, responding to discovery requests, sitting for a deposition, and preparing to and providing testimony at the evidentiary hearing on class certification.

53. Mr. Torchio is an economic expert in the field of securities litigation with respect to damages, loss causation and market efficiency. Mr. Torchio provided financial economic analysis and consultation at the class certification stage related to market efficiency and damages. He also assisted Lead Plaintiffs regarding analysis of damages and loss causation/negative causation in connection with the parties' settlement negotiations.

54. Mr. Torchio's first report, dated December 2, 2016, set forth his opinions on market efficiency. Mr. Torchio performed an event study and reverse event study in which he analyzed publicly-available media and analyst reports concerning SCUSA during the Class Period on which there were statistically significant returns while accounting for market and industry factors that may otherwise impact the stock price. Mr. Torchio also analyzed market response to the revelation of previously-concealed information about SCUSA. Mr. Torchio spent significant time preparing to give testimony in this matter, including in advance of his deposition on January 31, 2017 and in advance of the class certification evidentiary hearing on May 31, 2017.

55. On January 4, 2017, Defendants served on Mr. Torchio a subpoena to testify at a deposition, which included nine document requests. Co-Lead Counsel agreed to a location and date for the deposition with defense counsel, and also responded with objections to the document requests on January 18, 2017.

56. Defendants also retained an expert of their own, Lucy P. Allen, as support for their opposition to class certification. ECF No. 171-3, Ex. 6. Lead Plaintiffs served a subpoena for

deposition and documents on Ms. Allen on February 21, 2017. Ms. Allen produced approximately 227 documents in response to the subpoena. Thereafter, Co-Lead Counsel at Grant & Eisenhofer prepared for and deposed Ms. Allen on March 16, 2017.

57. Co-Lead Counsel expended substantial time preparing for and taking the deposition of Defendants' market efficiency expert and preparing to defend the deposition of Lead Plaintiffs' market efficiency expert. Extensive review of documents and information produced in discovery, analysis of the parties' respective positions on issues that were the subject of expert testimony, and the expert reports were required in connection with these depositions.

3. Class Certification Evidentiary Hearing

58. On May 16, 2017, the Court issued an order outlining the schedule for the class certification hearing to be held on May 31, 2017. Lead Plaintiffs were allotted time to present their oral arguments in addition to time provided for each party's respective expert presentations. Per this order and in advance of the May 31 evidentiary hearing, Lead Plaintiffs submitted a report that provided the Court with the numerous topics to be addressed during Mr. Torchio's presentation during the evidentiary hearing.

59. Co-Lead Counsel spent significant hours preparing for the class certification hearing, which required extensive legal research and analysis, review of all class certification briefing, review of deposition testimony, as well as preparation of Lead Plaintiffs' financial expert for the hearing.

60. Lead Plaintiffs' class certification argument to the Court utilized a presentation consisting of multiple slides to present the complex issues in a visual, more digestible format for the Court. Co-Lead Counsel also conducted a direct examination of Lead Plaintiffs' expert Mr. Torchio and a cross-examination of Defendants' expert Ms. Allen.

4. Developments after Class Certification Hearing

61. After class certification was submitted, Lead Plaintiffs remained abreast of relevant case law developments in this Circuit that could impact their claims. On June 21, 2017, Lead Plaintiffs filed an Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Authority, requesting to submit *In re Cobalt Int'l Energy, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. H-14-3428, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 91938 (S.D. Tex. June 15, 2017) (“*Cobalt*”) for the Court’s consideration, a case in which the district court certified a class in a securities action, rejecting defendants’ attempt to rebut the plaintiff’s presumption of reliance for its §10(b) claim. ECF No. 194. The Court granted Lead Plaintiffs’ motion to submit the case. ECF Nos. 195-196.

62. Thereafter, on June 27, 2017, Defendants filed a notice of supplemental authority of the Supreme Court opinion in *Cal. Pub. Emps.’ Ret. Sys. v. ANZ Sec., Inc.*, 137 S. Ct. 2042 (2017), which addressed the statute of repose under the Securities Act. This Supreme Court decision prompted Defendants’ attempt on June 30, 2017 to file a threshold summary judgment motion pursuant to Local Rule 56.2(b), seeking to dismiss the Securities Act claims. *Id.* Defendants filed this motion to argue that the Statute of Limitations had tolled – an argument already raised by Defendants in both its motion to dismiss and class certification briefs. ECF No. 198. On July 5, 2017, this Court ordered Lead Plaintiffs to file an expedited response to Defendants’ motion. ECF No. 201.

63. Lead Plaintiffs diligently worked to file an objection within the two days afforded by the Court, on July 7, 2017. ECF No. 202. On July 11, 2017, the Court denied Defendants’ motion for threshold summary judgment and also stayed the case pending the Fifth Circuit’s review of *Cobalt*. ECF No. 203.

64. Lead Plaintiffs continued to closely monitor the status of the *Cobalt* appeal. Upon discovery that the *Cobalt* defendants had filed for bankruptcy and that as a result, the Fifth Circuit

had stayed the appeal in its entirety, on January 5, 2018, Lead Plaintiffs moved to lift the stay in this case to avoid any prejudice caused by delays and the detrimental effect it could have on discovery as witnesses' memories faded. ECF No. 209. Defendants' filed their opposition on January 26, 2018. ECF No. 211. Lead Plaintiffs filed their reply on February 9, 2018. On March 20, 2018, the Court denied Lead Plaintiffs' motion to lift the stay. ECF No. 218.

65. Lead Plaintiffs continued to monitor authority which might bear on the litigation, prompting Co-Lead Counsel to file another notice of supplemental authority to this Court on April 3, 2018. ECF No. 219. Lead Plaintiffs notified the court of *City of Pontiac Empls.' Ret. Sys. v. Dell, Inc.*, No. 15-CV-374-LY, 2018 WL 1558571 (W.D. Tex. March 29, 2018), a decision granting class certification in which a securities fraud action was brought pursuant to §§10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act and one that Lead Plaintiffs argued rejected the same "price impact" arguments Defendants made in this case. *See id.* at *5-*6.

66. Continuously working to litigate the Action and seek the maximum recovery on behalf of the proposed Classes, Lead Plaintiffs moved for reconsideration of the Court's denial of Lead Plaintiffs' motion to vacate the stay in light of new case developments at both the Supreme Court and Fifth Circuit. *See* ECF No. 222. On July 24, 2018, Defendants filed their opposition to Lead Plaintiffs' motion for reconsideration. ECF No. 224. On August 7, 2018, Lead Plaintiffs filed their reply. ECF No. 225.

67. On September 19, 2018, Lead Plaintiffs notified the Court of a further development in *Cobalt*: the parties had reached a settlement agreement and therefore there was no longer a need to stay the instant case as the Fifth Circuit had never decided the relevant price impact issue. ECF No. 227. On September 21, 2018, Defendants filed an opposition to Lead Plaintiffs' notice, purporting that the stay was still appropriate because the Fifth Circuit would still address issues relating to the statute of repose and tracing in *Cobalt*. ECF No. 228.

68. On October 1, 2018, the Court reconsidered its March 20, 2018 order and lifted the stay, finding that Lead Plaintiffs were correct that “the statute of repose is not tolled by the commencement of a class action.” ECF No. 229. The Court, however, denied Lead Plaintiffs’ motion to allow the parties to proceed with merits discovery. *Id.*

69. Notwithstanding the Court’s rejection of Defendants’ statute of limitations challenges on two separate occasions, on October 26, 2018, Defendants filed a supplemental notice of authority to the Court purporting that the newly issued *Seeligson v. Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.*, No. 17-10320, 2018 WL 5045671 (5th Cir. Oct. 16, 2018) was relevant to Lead Plaintiffs’ motion for class certification. ECF No. 230. Lead Plaintiffs filed an opposition within the week – on October 30, 2018 – vehemently arguing that the Court should reject Defendants’ attempt to impart any significance to the supplemental authority, which was not even a securities case. ECF No. 231. Defendants filed their reply on November 7, 2018. ECF No. 232.

70. Thereafter, on February 22, 2019, Lead Plaintiffs notified the Court of pertinent supplemental authority issued by another court in this Circuit: *Rooney v. EZCORP, Inc.*, No. A-15-CA-00608-SS, 2019 WL 691205 (W.D. Tex. Feb. 19, 2019). ECF No. 237. On April 11, 2019, Defendants notified the Court of the Fifth Circuit’s certification of appeal of *EZCORP*. ECF No. 243. On January 30, 2020, Lead Plaintiffs notified the Court that the appeal was no longer relevant because the parties in *EZCORP* settled prior to the Fifth Circuit’s review of the case. ECF No. 246.

71. On March 21, 2019, Lead Plaintiffs again requested that the Court permit merits discovery. ECF No. 238. On April 11, 2019, Defendants opposed Lead Plaintiffs’ motion, arguing that merits discovery would be costly and unnecessary until class certification was decided. ECF No. 242.

72. On April 25, 2019, Lead Plaintiffs filed their Reply Brief in Support of Its Renewed Motion to Lift Discovery Stay and Permit Merits Discovery, arguing that Defendants were not able

to provide any meaningful response to Lead Plaintiffs' renewed request whereas Lead Plaintiffs were able to demonstrate substantial prejudice that would result from not lifting the discovery stay. ECF No. 244. At the time the parties filed the Stipulation of Settlement, this motion remained pending before the Court.

E. Mediation

73. While the settlement was ultimately achieved through the parties' participation in ongoing negotiations, that result was made possible only through Co-Lead Counsel's diligent work over the course of the Action and leading up to the mediations, including thorough analysis of SCUSA's statements and disclosures, and other documents.

74. Beginning in late 2016, the parties engaged in in-person mediation sessions with intermittent ongoing negotiations. The first mediation, conducted by Robert A. Meyer, Esq. of JAMS, Inc. in California, occurred on December 16, 2016 in New York, NY and the second on November 14, 2019 in Los Angeles, CA. Although neither of these in-person sessions resulted in a settlement, Lead Plaintiffs extensively prepared for each session with the goal of reaching an agreement. In preparation for the first mediation, Lead Plaintiffs submitted a 30-page statement. In connection with subsequent negotiations, Lead Plaintiffs submitted in March 2018 a thorough §11 damages analysis in response to Defendants' January 2018 §11 damages analysis. And in anticipation of the November 2019 session, Lead Plaintiffs submitted an additional updated mediation statement to Mr. Meyer. Though a settlement agreement was not reached until the latter half of April 2020, each mediation session required in-depth analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of Lead Plaintiffs' claims as well as the ability to recover maximum damages for the proposed Classes.

75. At both in-person mediation sessions and during the course of ongoing informal mediation negotiations, Co-Lead Counsel vigorously articulated the strengths of Lead Plaintiffs'

claims and addressed the concerns raised by Defendants, refusing to settle for anything less than a fair outcome for the proposed Classes.

76. Once a settlement in principle was reached in the second half of April 2020, the parties engaged in further negotiations to finalize all remaining details of the Settlement Agreement and Co-Lead Counsel negotiated the terms of the Settlement. On July 31, 2020, Lead Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement, along with several related exhibits and ancillary documents, which was unopposed. ECF No. 249.

77. On August 13, 2020, the Court preliminarily approved the Settlement and the form and matter of providing for notice to the Classes, and scheduled a final settlement approval hearing for January 12, 2021. ECF No. 253.

III. THE PLAN OF ALLOCATION

78. The Plan of Allocation is set forth in the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (attached as Exhibit A-1 to the Settlement Agreement) (hereinafter “Plan of Allocation”) and provides that the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Class Members who submit valid, timely Proof of Claim forms to the Claims Administrator and that only those who suffered an overall net loss on their SCUSA stock traded during the Class Period will be eligible to participate (“Authorized Claimants”). The Plan of Allocation provides that Class Members will be eligible to participate in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund only if they purchased or otherwise acquired SCUSA common stock in or traceable to the IPO on January 23, 2014 or purchased SCUSA common stock during the Class Period, between January 23, 2014 and June 12, 2014, inclusive. No distributions will be made to Authorized Claimants who would otherwise receive a distribution of less than \$10.00.

79. For purposes of determining the amount an Authorized Claimant may recover under the Plan of Allocation, Co-Lead Counsel conferred with a damages consultant, and the Plan of

Allocation reflects an equitable method of distributing the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants.

A. Eligible Securities

80. The SCUSA securities for which an Authorized Claimant may be entitled to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund consists of SCUSA common stock purchased in or traceable to the IPO or between January 23, 2014 and June 12, 2014.

B. Recognized Loss Amounts

81. For each purchase or acquisition of SCUSA common stock that is properly documented, a “Recognized Loss Amount” will be calculated according to the formulas described in the Plan of Allocation. Such “Recognized Loss Amounts” will be aggregated across all purchases to determine the “Recognized Claim” for each Class Member. To the extent a Class Member has a Recognized Loss Amount under the Exchange Act and the Securities Act resulting from the same purchase or acquisition of SCUSA common stock, the Recognized Loss Amount will be the greater of the Exchange Act Recognized Loss Amount and the Securities Act Recognized Loss Amount.

82. The Plan of Allocation provides that the Claims Administrator will allocate to each Authorized Claimant a *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based on his, her, or its Recognized Claim as compared to the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants. The calculations made pursuant to the Plan of Allocation are not intended to be estimates of, nor indicative of, the amounts that Class Members might have been able to recover after a trial. Nor are the calculations pursuant to the Plan of Allocation intended to be estimates of the amounts that will be paid to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Settlement. Rather, the computations under the Plan of Allocation are only a method to weigh the claims of claimants against one another for the purposes of making *pro rata* allocations of the Net Settlement Fund.

83. The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust the claim of any Class Member on equitable grounds.

C. Calculation of Recognized Loss for Exchange Act Claims

84. The allocation formula set forth in the Plan of Allocation and below is based on the following inflation per share amount for Class Period common stock purchases and sales, as well as the statutory PSLRA 90-day look-back amount of \$19.08. If the allocation formula set forth below yields an amount less than \$0.00, the claim per share is \$0.00.

Alleged Inflation Period	Alleged Inflation per Share
Jan. 23, 2014 – May 28, 2014	\$2.77
May 29, 2014 – Jun. 10, 2014	\$1.70
Jun. 11, 2014 - Present	\$0.00

D. Calculation of Recognized Loss for Securities Act Claims

85. Securities Act claims were asserted with respect to all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired SCUSA common stock in or traceable to SCUSA’s January 23, 2014 IPO and were damaged thereby. The Securities Act claims asserted in the Action serve as the basis for the calculation of Securities Act Recognized Loss Amounts. For purposes of the calculations, August 26, 2014 is the date of suit, and is the proxy for the date of judgment.

86. Based on the Plan of Allocation and formulas stated below, a “Securities Act Recognized Loss Amount” will be calculated for each purchase/acquisition of SCUSA common stock in the IPO. If a Securities Act Recognized Loss Amount calculates to a negative number or zero under the formula below, that number will be zero.

87. A Securities Act Recognized Loss Amount will be calculated as set forth below for each purchase or other acquisition of a security pursuant to the IPO. The calculation of a Securities Act Recognized Loss Amount will depend upon several factors, including whether the security was

sold, and if so, when they were sold, and for what amounts. The “value” of a security on the date on which a complaint was first filed alleging claims under §11 of the Securities Act is relevant for purposes of calculating damages for securities still held as of that date. Thus, as set forth in the Plan of Allocation, the “value” is measured by the closing price on August 26, 2014, which is the date the complaint was filed. Consequently, in order to fairly allocate the Net Settlement Fund, for the securities that are the subject of claims under §11, the August 26, 2014 closing price shall be utilized in measuring the “value” of the securities.

Claims for the IPO

Offering Price:	\$24.00 per share
Closing price on the date the lawsuit was filed: ³	\$18.81 per share

88. For shares of SCUSA common stock purchased or acquired in the Company’s IPO, and

(a) sold on or before August 25, 2014, the recognized loss per share is the lesser of: (i) the purchase price per share (not to exceed \$24.00) minus the sale price; or (ii) the alleged inflation per share at the time of purchase minus the alleged inflation per share at the time of sale;

(b) retained at the close of trading on August 25, 2014, the recognized loss per share is the lesser of: (i) the purchase price per share (not to exceed \$24.00) minus the greater of the sale price or \$18.81; or (ii) the alleged inflation per share at the time of purchase.

IV. THE FACTORS AFFECTING SETTLEMENT

89. In the Fifth Circuit, courts consider the following factors when evaluating whether a proposed settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate:

(1) the existence of fraud or collusion behind the settlement; (2) the complexity, expense, and likely duration of the litigation; (3) the stage of the proceedings and the amount of discovery completed; (4) the probability of plaintiffs’ success on the

³ Class Action Complaint filed on August 26, 2014.

merits; (5) the range of possible recovery; and (6) the opinions of the class counsel, class representatives, and absent class members.

Reed v. Gen. Motors Corp., 703 F.2d 170, 172 (5th Cir. 1983) (citing *Parker v. Anderson*, 667 F.2d 1204, 1209 (5th Cir. 1982)). Based on these factors, Co-Lead Counsel submit that the proposed Settlement and the Plan of Allocation are fair, reasonable and adequate, and in the best interest of the proposed Classes.

A. The Lack of Fraud or Collusion Behind the Settlement

90. The lack of fraud or collusion supports the fairness of the Settlement. The Settlement was reached as a result of the parties' years-long, adversarial, arm's-length negotiations conducted in good faith. Indeed, settlement on the terms proposed would not have been achieved absent the significant participation and assistance of Mr. Robert A. Meyer of JAMS, Inc., a nationally renowned mediator who has extensive experience negotiating the resolution of similar complex securities actions.

91. Indeed, as noted above, the Settlement was reached only after the parties participated in multiple, in-person mediation sessions with Mr. Meyer and engaged in additional telephonic and written negotiations conducted over the course of more than three years.

B. The Complexity, Expense and Likely Duration of the Action

92. A review of the complexity, expense and likely duration of the litigation further supports the fairness of the Settlement.

93. Lead Plaintiffs recognize that Defendants' counsel is experienced in complex securities class actions and would continue to challenge Lead Plaintiffs' claims and allegations, just as Defendants have done so throughout the litigation, including adamantly denying liability. Continued litigation would likely require years of additional effort and discovery and require: (i) a likely appeal to the Fifth Circuit should the Court grant Lead Plaintiffs' motion for class certification, of which the Fifth Circuit would likely grant interlocutory review; (ii) extensive merits

discovery involving likely the review of tens of thousands of documents and dozens of depositions, including the 29 Defendants; (iii) responding to motions for summary judgment by Defendants; (iv) a trial involving the introduction of numerous exhibits and witnesses; and (v) a battle of multiple experts regarding, at a minimum, the issues of due diligence, regulatory requirements, causation and damages.

94. If Defendants prevailed on any of their dispositive motions or at trial, not only would the proposed Classes have expended additional time and money for the continued litigation, but the proposed Classes would also recover nothing. And, even if the proposed Classes succeeded on the merits at trial and recovered a judgment that was larger than the Settlement Amount, given the time value of money, such a future recovery may not be as beneficial than the recovery available now. Moreover, Defendants would likely appeal any judgment in favor of Lead Plaintiffs following a trial, further delaying any potential recovery. As such, after considering the risks of continued litigation, Co-Lead Counsel and Lead Plaintiffs are confident the proposed Settlement represents an exceptional result for the Classes.

C. The Stage of the Proceedings

95. The significant amount of factual investigation undertaken despite the discovery stays also supports the Court's approval of the Settlement.

96. Co-Lead Counsel are now well-versed on the strengths and potential weaknesses of Lead Plaintiffs' case after having not only extensively researched and investigated the case's merits during the prosecution of the Action but also after reviewing Defendants' arguments against liability. Co-Lead Counsel's efforts include, but are not limited to: (i) extensive analysis of SCUSA's Offering Documents, the Company's alleged disclosures as well as other public documents; (ii) legal research and factual analysis in connection with Defendants' motions to dismiss and class

certification; (iii) expert consultation; and (iv) preparing for and participating in settlement negotiations.

97. The knowledge and insight gained by Co-Lead Counsel during the more than five years this case has been ongoing has provided sufficient information to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the Classes' claims and Defendants' defenses, which has enabled Co-Lead Counsel to engage in both effective and well-informed settlement negotiations. As such, Co-Lead Counsel are confident the Settlement fairly reflects the strengths and weaknesses of Lead Plaintiffs' case.

D. The Probability of Lead Plaintiffs' Success on the Merits

98. Although Co-Lead Counsel believe that Lead Plaintiffs would have ultimately prevailed on the merits at trial, Co-Lead Counsel understand that a number of risks made the outcome of this litigation uncertain. The strength of Lead Plaintiffs' case is evident from this Court's decision to uphold the complaint in its entirety, among other things, under the scrutiny of the PSLRA. Co-Lead Counsel, however, recognizes that there remain risks in proceeding with this litigation, including risks related to both proof of loss causation in connection with the alleged corrective disclosures and overcoming Defendants' negative causation defenses. If, for example, the Court agreed that Lead Plaintiffs failed to show price impact with regard to the alleged misstatements, the potential Classes' recovery could be severely, if not completely, diminished. In addition, Defendants almost certainly would have contested any favorable ruling on Lead Plaintiffs' motion to certify the Classes, filing an appeal to the Fifth Circuit that would require additional resources, time, and potentially a reversal of the ruling. Likewise, Defendants may have ultimately prevailed on their arguments that Lead Plaintiffs' negligence-based claims were untimely. Although Lead Plaintiffs firmly believe that all of their claims were timely filed and that the documentary and testimonial evidence eventually developed in merits discovery would have fully substantiated all of their claims, uncertainty and risks exist regarding the manner in which the evidence and testimony

presented, as well as any inferences gleaned from such evidence and testimony, would have been viewed by the Court and/or a jury. Furthermore, Defendants have adamantly denied any liability and were prepared to challenge numerous key elements of Lead Plaintiffs' case alleging violations of the Securities Act and Exchange Act, including the materiality of the statements, causation and damages.

1. Liability Risks

99. Defendants were prepared to aggressively argue and present evidence at trial that the alleged misstatements and omissions concerning the Company's ability to pay dividends were not actionable. Specifically, Defendants have argued that SCUSA was not subject to the regulations under the CCAR at the time of the IPO. Rather, Defendants argue that the regulations at issue only applied to bank holding companies and to SCUSA. Defendants contend that because the Federal Reserve did not take the position that it would restrict SCUSA's future dividend payments until months after the IPO, that SCUSA cannot be held liable for statements made at the time of the IPO. And even if Lead Plaintiffs could prove falsity, SCUSA and certain of its officers maintain that they did not possess the requisite scienter for Lead Plaintiffs' fraud-based claims. ECF No. 106. Although Lead Plaintiffs would continue to dispute these points and believe that forthcoming documentary evidence and deposition testimony would support their claims at summary judgment and trial, certain alleged misstatements would have been excluded if Defendants succeeded in all or even some of these arguments. This result would have drastically hindered or even eliminated the proposed Classes' recovery.

100. Additionally, Defendants were prepared to raise their statute of limitations defense against Lead Plaintiffs' negligence-based claims, as evidenced by their repeated attempts to do so at both the motion to dismiss stage and their subsequent attempt to raise the issue in a motion for partial summary judgment. Although Lead Plaintiffs strongly believe that they would have been

able to overcome this argument, as the Court has already sided twice with the Lead Plaintiffs at the earlier stages in the litigation (ECF Nos. 106, 198), significant uncertainty exists regarding whether Defendants would prevail of their contention that Lead Plaintiffs' negligence-based claims were time barred.

2. Loss Causation and Damages Risks

101. Even if Lead Plaintiffs succeeded in establishing liability, Defendants' arguments and defenses relating to loss causation and damages posed an additional risk.

102. Defendants have vigorously contended that Lead Plaintiffs cannot establish loss causation for their Exchange Act claims as well as that they would prevail on their negative causation defenses for Lead Plaintiffs' Securities Act claims. In essence, Defendants argued that Lead Plaintiffs are entitled to no or limited recovery because the corrective disclosures alleged in the FAC are not causally connected to the material information Lead Plaintiffs allege was omitted in SCUSA's Offering Documents and subsequent statements. Instead, Defendants argue that the alleged stock drops resulted either from brand new information unknown to the Company at the time of the IPO or from disclosures unrelated to the false and misleading statements alleged. Lead Plaintiffs believe that they would bring forth sufficient evidence to support the finding of loss causation, and to prove damages defeat Defendants' negative causation defenses at trial. However, Defendants – as they already have in connection with their motion to dismiss and opposition to Lead Plaintiffs' motion for class certification – would argue and have argued with the support of expert testimony that Lead Plaintiffs cannot demonstrate SCUSA's stock price declines were tied to the disclosure of the falsity of the alleged statements. At trial, the issues of causation and damages would have been hotly contested and highly dependent on an inherently unpredictable “battle of the experts” – a battle which began at the class certification stage. There is a very real risk that the Classes would have recovered significantly less than the Settlement Amount – or even nothing at all.

103. In deciding to settle, Lead Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel considered the foregoing, and evaluated Defendants' defenses. Based on all the proceedings to date, it is the informed opinion of Co-Lead Counsel that the recovery of \$47 million, particularly when viewed in the context of the risks and the uncertainties set forth above, is significant and warrants approval of the Settlement.

E. The Range of Possible Recovery

104. The Settlement Amount was critical to Lead Plaintiffs' decision to settle this Action. Although Lead Plaintiffs' damages expert estimates the damages in this case are much greater than \$47 million, Defendants continue to deny that any member of the Classes has suffered any damages and have maintained disclosures are not tied to the alleged false and misleading statements.

105. The Settlement provides \$47 million in exchange for the release of all claims against Defendants, without exposing the alleged Classes to the risks of further litigation described above. The potential for the Court's denial of Lead Plaintiffs' motion for class certification, the grant of class certification followed by subsequent appeal by Defendants to the Fifth Circuit, or any post-trial appeals related to causation or damages demonstrates that the costs and time that contribute to even very large judgments, only to be ultimately lost on appeal. Given the vast range of possible recovery in this case – including the real possibility of recovering nothing – this factor supports the fairness of the proposed Settlement.

F. The Opinions of Class Counsel, Class Representatives and Absent Class Members

106. Co-Lead Counsel's experience and positive view of the Settlement favors its approval. As noted in the accompanying Motion for (1) Final Approval of Class Action Settlement, (2) Approval of Plan of Allocation, (3) Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, and (4) Lead Plaintiff Awards Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4) ("Final Approval Motion"), Co-Lead Counsel comprise accomplished plaintiffs' class action firms, well respected by federal and state courts around the country, as well as in this Circuit. Furthermore, as detailed above, Co-Lead Counsel have

diligently prosecuted this Action and conducted an extensive investigation into its merits. Upon a careful evaluation of the risks of further litigation and the Settlement, Co-Lead Counsel believe that the Settlement is in the best interests of the Classes.

107. Although the deadline for objecting to the Settlement, December 22, 2020, has not yet passed, *see* Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement and Providing for Notice (ECF No. 253), to date no objections have been received. This factor also supports final approval of the proposed Settlement.

V. LEAD PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL'S APPLICATION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES IS REASONABLE

108. Counsel have diligently litigated this case on behalf of the Classes for over five years. We undertook this effort on a contingency basis, and expended over 9,250 hours of professional and paraprofessional time litigating this Action. In addition, counsel incurred \$715,742.17 in litigation expenses.

109. Lead Plaintiffs' counsel respectfully request an award of 30% of the Settlement Amount (\$14,100,000) and expenses of \$715,742.17, plus interest earned on both amounts.

110. Lead Plaintiffs' counsel have submitted declarations supporting the requested fees and expenses, and Lead Plaintiffs have submitted declarations supporting such requests.

111. In the Fifth Circuit, courts may use "the percentage method, in which the court awards fees as a reasonable percentage of the common fund . . . 'so long as the *Johnson* framework is utilized to ensure that the fee awarded is reasonable.'" *Union Asset Mgmt. Holding A.G. v. Dell, Inc.*, 669 F.3d 632, 642-43 (5th Cir. 2012); *see also In re Lease Oil Antitrust Litig.*, 186 F.R.D. 403, 445 (S.D. Tex. 1999) ("Class counsel and experts both reported to the Court that it is customary in large, complex commercial litigation for contingency fees to be set at 33 to 40%."); *In re Combustion, Inc.*, 968 F. Supp. 1116, 1133 (W.D. La. 1997) (awarding 36% of the common fund as fee and noting: "[u]sually 50 percent of the fund is the upper limit on a reasonable fee award from a

common fund to assure that fees do not consume a disproportionate part of the recovery obtained for the class, though somewhat larger percentages are not unprecedented”); *Garza v. Sporting Goods Props.*, No. SA-93-CA-1082, 1996 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 2009, at *112 (W.D. Tex. Feb. 6, 1996) (noting, “[t]his Court concurs that 33 1/3% to 40% is the customary contingency fee range” and awarding a 39.7% fee).

112. In fact, “district courts in [the Fifth] Circuit regularly use the percentage method blended with a *Johnson* reasonableness check . . . , and for some it is the ‘preferred method.’” *Union Asset Mgmt.*, 669 F.3d at 643. The *Johnson* factors are:

(1) the time and labor required; (2) the novelty and difficulty of the issues; (3) the skill required to perform the legal service adequately; (4) the preclusion of other employment by the attorney because he accepted this case; (5) the customary fee for similar work in the community; (6) whether the fee is fixed or contingent; (7) time limitations imposed by the client or the circumstances; (8) the amount involved and the results obtained; (9) the experience, reputation, and ability of the attorneys; (10) the undesirability of the case; (11) the nature and length of the professional relationship with the client; and (12) awards in similar cases.

Id. at 642 n.25 (citing *Johnson v. Ga. Highway Express, Inc.*, 488 F.2d 714, 717-19 (5th Cir. 1974)).

113. As set forth in the Final Approval Motion, Co-Lead Counsel submits that the *Johnson* factors, as applied to this case below, support the reasonableness of Co-Lead Counsel’s requested fee.

A. The Time and Labor Required

114. Co-Lead Counsel have devoted a substantial amount of time and efforts prosecuting this case. Throughout the entirety of this Action, Defendants have denied all of Lead Plaintiffs’ material allegations and sought to deny class certification. Co-Lead Counsel have aggressively responded to Defendants’ attacks while simultaneously reinforcing the merits of Lead Plaintiffs’ case.

115. Consequently, the substantial amount of time and effort Co-Lead Counsel expended to litigate this case to a successful resolution for Lead Plaintiffs and the proposed Classes are

reflected in their lodestar, representing over 9,250 hours of professional and paraprofessional time spent on this case.

B. The Novelty and Difficulty of the Issues

116. The prosecution of this case has been highly complex. The complexity and nuance of the issues involved is highlighted by the Court's decision to stay this case in light of the appeal before the Fifth Circuit in *Cobalt*, which involved issues present in this Action. Notably, the parties in *Cobalt* settled before the Fifth Circuit could issue an opinion. In addition, the issues surrounding class certification and causation would require extensive briefing and additional work with expert witnesses. In addition, litigation of this Action would involve issues regarding the application of certain regulatory requirements to SCUSA and the Company's internal controls with regard to compliance. This would require numerous depositions of parties and non-parties, and difficult and time-consuming factual discovery. As such, given the novelty and difficulty of the issues presented in this Action, the Settlement is a fair recovery for the Classes that reflects the sophistication and diligence of Co-Lead Counsel's work.

C. The Skill Required to Perform the Legal Service Adequately

117. The expertise required to adequately perform the legal services provided in this case strongly supports Co-Lead Counsel's fee request. As explained above, given the complexity of the issues involved in this case and the numerous complex contested issues, highly skilled counsel in the field of securities litigation were essential to a successful representation of the proposed Classes. Because Co-Lead Counsel's sophisticated and specialized work secured a favorable recovery for the proposed Classes, Co-Lead Counsel submits that this factor strongly supports Co-Lead Counsel's fee award request.

D. Whether the Fee Is Fixed or Contingent

118. Co-Lead Counsel undertook this litigation on a wholly contingent basis, which provides further support for approval of their fee request. Co-Lead Counsel have borne all the expenses and risks of this complex and expensive litigation without guarantee that this investment of time and money would ever be recovered.

119. Nevertheless, Co-Lead Counsel were obligated and did ensure that sufficient attorney, expert and paraprofessional resources were allocated to the case to prosecute and that funds were available to compensate staff to pay for the expenses that this case required. Furthermore, because of the nature of a contingency fee practice where cases often last for several years, Robbins Geller and Grant & Eisenhofer, like other law firms working on a contingent-fee basis, have had to pay regular overhead as well as advance the expenses of this litigation.

120. Moreover, in addition to advancing litigation expenses and paying overhead, Co-Lead Counsel faced the very real possibility that they would receive no payment of its attorneys' fees and expenses. Given the real and substantial risk that Co-Lead Counsel's significant investment of time, effort and money would have resulted in \$0 in fees or expenses, Co-Lead Counsel submits that this factor warrants approval of Co-Lead Counsel's requested fee.

E. The Amount Involved and the Results Obtained

121. The amount involved and the results obtained by Co-Lead Counsel for the Classes also supports the reasonableness of the requested fee. As noted in the discussion above, this Action involved complex legal and factual issues, and presented significant hurdles concerning liability and damages. Given the risks of continued litigation described above, the \$47 million Settlement is a significant recovery for the Classes.

F. The Experience, Reputation and Ability of the Attorneys

122. Co-Lead Counsel are among the most experienced and skilled practitioners in the field of securities class actions. As detailed in Co-Lead Counsel's firm biographies submitted to the Court in the accompanying fee and expense submission, the experience and skill of Robbins Geller as well as Grant & Eisenhofer has resulted in an extremely successful record in securities class actions in both federal and state courts nationwide. Moreover, Co-Lead Counsel's reputation as zealous advocates for their clients is well known in this Circuit. For these reasons, Co-Lead Counsel submits that the skill and reputation of Co-Lead Counsel supports the requested attorneys' fees.

G. Awards in Similar Cases

123. The attorneys' fee awards in similar cases in the Fifth Circuit strongly support approval of Co-Lead Counsel's requested fee. *See* Final Approval Motion at 18. Accordingly, Co-Lead Counsel respectfully request the Court to approve their fee request.

H. Lead Plaintiffs' Request for an Award of Expenses

124. Lead Plaintiffs' counsel also request an award of \$715,742.17 in expenses incurred in prosecuting this Action on behalf of the Classes. These expenses include, *inter alia*: (i) the costs of Lead Plaintiffs' market efficiency expert and financial consultant; (ii) the costs of investigators; (iii) the costs associated with Co-Lead Counsel's attendance at depositions and the Court's evidentiary hearing; (iv) the costs associated with Co-Lead Counsel's factual and legal research; and (v) the costs associated with attending the parties' mediations.

125. Co-Lead Counsel retained Forensic Economics, Inc. to provide expert assistance and to assist Co-Lead Counsel's understanding of the potential recovery in this Action. This includes Frank C. Torchio of Forensic Economics': (i) preparation of an expert report regarding market efficiency that was submitted to the Court in connection with Lead Plaintiffs' class certification motion filed on December 2, 2016 (ECF No. 153); (ii) preparation for and participation in his

deposition on January 31, 2017 in New York, NY; (iii) preparation of a reply expert report that, *inter alia*, responded to the analyses, opinions, and criticisms contained in the Expert Report of Lucy P. Allen dated February 17, 2017 submitted by the Defendants.(ECF No. 177): and (v) preparation for and testimony before the Court in connection with the Court's May 31, 2017 evidentiary hearing on class certification, and in developing a plan of allocation.

126. Co-Lead Counsel retained Granite Intelligence LLC to locate and interview potential witnesses regarding the allegations in the Action. Among other things, Granite Intelligence conducted SCUSA related background information, attempted to contact witnesses for interviews and conducted certain witness interviews. Granite Intelligence also consulted with Co-Lead Counsel regarding its investigative services for this Action.

127. Co-Lead Counsel also paid for its share of mediation costs related to the services of Robert A. Meyer, Esq. of JAMS, Inc. to mediate this Action. This included the two in-person mediation sessions he conducted as well as review of the parties' submissions and follow-up communications.

128. Co-Lead Counsel also incurred travel costs associated with attending depositions, the motion for class certification evidentiary hearing, and the two in-person mediation sessions.

129. Lastly, additional expenses arose from photocopying documents, online factual and legal research, including monitoring the development of *Cobalt* and its related bankruptcy proceedings, messenger services, postage and delivery fees, and other incidental expenses directly related to the prosecution of this Action. In sum, these expenses were necessary to Co-Lead Counsel's success in achieving the solid result for the Classes.

VI. LEAD PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR A LEAD PLAINTIFF AWARD PURSUANT TO 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4)

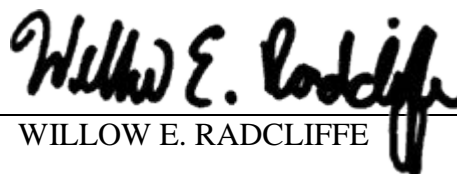
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 8th day of December 2020, at San Francisco, California.


WILLOW E. RADCLIFFE

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 8th day of December 2020, at East Hampton, New York.

DANIEL L. BERGER

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TAB 2

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

DEKA INVESTMENT GMBH, Individually
and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SANTANDER CONSUMER USA
HOLDINGS INC., et al.,

Defendants.

§ Civil Action No. 3:15-cv-02129-K

§ CLASS ACTION

§ Hon. Ed Kinkeade

**DECLARATION OF WILLOW E. RADCLIFFE FILED ON BEHALF OF ROBBINS
GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD LLP IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AWARD
OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES/CHARGES**

I, WILLOW E. RADCLIFFE, 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 my Firm’s application for an award of attorneys’ fees, expenses and charges (“expenses”) in connection with services rendered in the above-entitled action (the “Litigation”).

2. This Firm is Co-Lead Counsel of record for Lead Plaintiffs Deka Investment GmbH, City of Dearborn Heights Act 345 Police & Fire Retirement System, and the Classes 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 reports 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. In addition, I believe that these expenses are all of a type that would normally be charged to a fee-paying client in the private legal marketplace.

4. After the reductions referred to above, the number of hours spent on the Litigation by the Firm is 4,009.75. 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

\$2,638,641.25. The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A are the usual and customary rates set by the Firm for each individual.

5. The Firm seeks an award of \$348,834.97 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: \$842.63. These expenses have been paid to the Court for filing fees and to an attorney service firm to obtain 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: \$32,826.23. 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, mediators 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) Photocopies: \$1,582.20. In connection with this case, the Firm made 10,548 photocopies. Robbins Geller requests \$0.15 per copy for a total of \$1,582.20. Each time an in-house copy machine is used, our billing system requires that a case or administrative billing code be entered and that is how the number of in-house copies were identified as related to the Litigation.

(d) Online Legal and Financial Research: \$35,149.38. This category includes vendors such as LexisNexis Products, Lexpat, PACER, Thomson Financial, and Westlaw. These resources were used to obtain access to SEC filings, factual databases, legal research and for cite-checking of briefs. This expense 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 Classes enjoy 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.

(e) My Firm maintained a litigation expense fund for certain common expenses in connection with the prosecution of this case. The category entitled "Litigation Fund Contribution" 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 E.

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 F.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 8th day of December, 2020, at San Francisco, California.

s/Willow E. Radcliffe

WILLOW E. RADCLIFFE

EXHIBIT A

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Deka Investment GmbH v. Santander Consumer USA Holdings, Inc., et al., No. 3:15-cv-02129-K
 Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP
 Inception through October 20, 2020

<i>NAME</i>		<i>HOURS</i>	<i>RATE</i>	<i>LODESTAR</i>
Alba, Mario	(P)	9.00	870	\$ 7,830.00
Alpert, Matthew I.	(P)	397.90	840	334,236.00
Burkholz, Spencer A.	(P)	6.50	1,200	7,800.00
Gusikoff Stewart, Ellen A.	(P)	80.10	1,080	86,508.00
Henssler, Jr., Robert R.	(P)	215.30	880	189,464.00
Myers, Danielle S.	(P)	0.85	840	714.00
Radcliffe, Willow E.	(P)	1,201.55	935	1,123,449.25
Robbins, Darren J.	(P)	20.30	1,325	26,897.50
Rosenfeld, David A.	(P)	8.00	920	7,360.00
Deshmukh, Hadiya K.	(A)	73.80	250	18,450.00
Hegazi, Nadim G.	(A)	311.95	515	160,654.25
Sarkis, Sunny S.	(A)	636.45	525	334,136.25
Schwartz, Andrew L.	(A)	55.20	460	25,392.00
Bays, Lea M.	(OC)	4.75	775	3,681.25
Walton, David C.	(OC)	3.70	1,080	3,996.00
Barhoum, Anthony J.	(EA)	10.25	430	4,407.50
Uralets, Boris	(EA)	25.90	415	10,748.50
Vue, Chong	(EA)	19.85	335	6,649.75
Roelen, Scott R.	(RA)	17.00	295	5,015.00
Brandon, Kelley T.	(I)	2.00	290	580.00
Browning, Aaron C.	(LS)	0.75	290	217.50
Freer, Brad C.	(LS)	4.50	290	1,305.00
Keita, Omar C.	(LS)	15.50	290	4,495.00
Lee, Alexander J.	(LS)	12.00	220	2,640.00
Torres, Michael	(LS)	68.40	375	25,650.00
Frazier, Joshua E.	(LC)	28.00	170	4,760.00
Chwa, Jessilyn J.	(SUA)	47.00	175	8,225.00
Paralegals		653.95	275-350	221,484.50
Document Clerks		79.30	150	11,895.00
TOTAL		4,009.75		\$ 2,638,641.25

(P) Partner

(A) Associate

(OC) Of Counsel

(EA) Economic Analyst

(RA) Research Analyst

(I) Investigator

(LS) Litigation Support

(LC) Law Clerk

(SUA) Summer Associate

EXHIBIT B

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<i>CATEGORY</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
Filing, Witness and Other Fees	\$ 842.63
Transportation, Hotels & Meals	32,826.23
Telephone	170.01
Postage	205.02
Messenger, Overnight Delivery	1,957.35
In-House Photocopies (10,548 copies at \$0.15 per page)	1,582.20
Online Legal and Financial Research	35,149.38
Litigation Fund Contribution	276,068.65
Miscellaneous (Publication/Subscriptions)	33.50
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$ 348,834.97</i>

EXHIBIT C

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Deka Investment GmbH v. Santander Consumer USA Holdings, Inc., et al., No. 3:15-cv-02129-K
Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP

Filing, Witness and Other Fees: \$842.63

DATE	VENDOR	PURPOSE
06/30/15	Clerk, Appellate Division of Supreme Court of New York	Certificates of Good Standing for S. Rudman and A. Schwartz
08/17/15	State Bar of California	Certificate of Good Standing for W. Radcliffe
09/08/15	State Bar of California	Certificate of Good Standing for S. Sarkis
09/20/16	State Bar of California	Certificate of Good Standing for M. Alpert
09/21/16	State Bar of California	Certificate of Good Standing for N. Hegazi
03/19/17	Class Action Research & Litigation Support Services, Inc.	03/17/17 Obtain copies of ten documents from docket
05/02/17	Clerk of Court, Northern District of Texas	<i>Pro Hac Vice</i> application fee for B. Henssler
06/15/20	State Bar of California	Certificate of Good Standing for E. Gusikoff Stewart
08/03/20	Clerk of Court, Northern District of Texas	<i>Pro Hac Vice</i> application fee for E. Gusikoff Stewart

EXHIBIT D

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Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP

Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$32,826.23

NAME	DATE	DESTINATION	PURPOSE
Radcliffe, Willow	12/14/16- 12/16/16	New York, NY	Prepare for and attend mediation
Radcliffe, Willow	01/10/17- 01/12/17	Dallas, TX	Prepare for and defend J. Riley II deposition
Riley II, John J.	01/11/17- 01/12/17	Dallas, TX	Prepare for and participate in deposition
Michaud, Thomas	01/11/17- 01/12/17	Dallas, TX	Prepare for and attend J. Riley II deposition
Alpert, Matthew	01/11/17- 01/13/17	Dallas, TX	Prepare for and attend J. Riley II deposition
Alpert, Matthew	01/25/17- 01/26/17	Atlanta, GA	Prepare for and attend M. Sansoterra deposition
Radcliffe, Willow	01/29/17- 02/01/17	New York, NY	Prepare for and defend F. Torchio deposition
Radcliffe, Willow	05/28/17- 05/31/17	Dallas, TX	Prepare for and attend class certification evidentiary hearing
Frazier, Joshua	05/29/17- 05/31/17	Dallas, TX	Prepare for and attend class certification evidentiary hearing
Torres, Michael	05/29/17- 06/01/17	Dallas, TX	Prepare for and attend class certification evidentiary hearing
Henssler, Robert	05/29/17- 05/31/17	Dallas, TX	Prepare for and participate in class certification evidentiary hearing
Meyers, Mark	05/30/17- 05/31/17	Dallas, TX	Prepare for and attend class certification evidentiary hearing
Michaud, Thomas	05/30/17- 05/31/17	Dallas, TX	Prepare for and attend class certification evidentiary hearing
Robbins, Darren	11/13/19- 11/14/19	Los Angeles, CA	Prepare for and participate in mediation
Radcliffe, Willow	11/13/19- 11/14/19	Los Angeles, CA	Prepare for and attend mediation

EXHIBIT E

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Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP

CONTRIBUTIONS TO LITIGATION FUND	AMOUNT
Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP	\$ 276,068.65
Grant & Eisenhofer P.A.	276,068.65
TOTAL	\$ 552,137.30

VENDORS PAID FROM LITIGATION FUND	AMOUNT
Carolyn R. Cox, RPR, CRR ¹	\$ 212.40
Class Action Research & Litigation Support Services, Inc. ²	4,435.90
Forensic Economics, Inc. ³	474,848.34
Granite Intelligence LLC ⁴	47,414.85
iNSERVIO3 ⁵	522.10

¹ Transcript of proceedings held on 09/11/14.

² Service of Process of Requests for Production of Documents and Subpoenas to multiple entities.

³ Forensic Economics, Inc. was engaged to perform a preliminary damages analysis as well as a market efficiency analysis. Frank C. Torchio of Forensic Economics prepared an expert report regarding market efficiency that was submitted to the Court in connection with Lead Plaintiffs' class certification motion filed on December 2, 2016. ECF No. 153. Thereafter, he prepared for and sat for deposition on January 31, 2017 in New York, NY. He also prepared a reply expert report that, *inter alia*, respond to the analyses, opinions, and criticisms contained in the Expert Report of Lucy P. Allen, dated February 17, 2017, submitted by the Defendants. The reply expert report was submitted to the Court on March 31, 2017 in support of class certification. ECF No. 177. Mr. Torchio also prepared for and provided testimony before the Court in connection with the Court's May 31, 2017 evidentiary hearing on class certification. In addition, Forensic Economics assisted with the plan of allocation in this Action.

⁴ Granite Intelligence LLC was retained to provide investigative services related to this action. According to Granite's invoices, Granite expended 197 hours for combined fees of \$46,220.00, and incurred related expenses of \$1,194.85 for a total of \$47,414.85. According to Granite, it reviewed Company related background information, researched and identified potential witnesses, contacted certain witnesses for interviews and drafted interview memoranda for certain witnesses. Granite also discussed witnesses and strategy with Co-Lead Counsel.

⁵ iNSERVIO3 is a company that provides copy services and printed blowbacks with tabs and coil binds.

<i>VENDORS PAID FROM LITIGATION FUND</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
JAMS, Inc. ⁶	10,798.38
Jane Rose Reporting Inc. ⁷	4,241.20
Professional Technologies, Inc. (dba CSI Global Deposition Services) ⁸	7,390.54
Todd Anderson, RMR, CRR ⁹	147.60
TSG Reporting ¹⁰	2,125.99
<i>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</i>	<i>\$ 552,137.30</i>

⁶ The parties engaged the services of mediator Robert A. Meyer, Esq. of JAMS, Inc. to mediate this action and split the costs with defendants. Representatives for Lead Plaintiffs and for the SCUSA Defendants attended an in-person mediation on December 16, 2016, in New York, NY and continued to receive mediation services, including a second in-person mediation on November 14, 2019 in Los Angeles, CA. Mr. Meyer also engaged in additional mediation services including follow-up calls, review of submitted materials, and email communications.

⁷ Deposition of Frank C. Torchio held on 01/31/17 (attendance and transcript).

⁸ Certified copy of deposition transcript of John J. Riley II on 01/12/17; certified copy of deposition transcript of Carla Zinkand held on 01/13/17; certified copy of deposition transcript of Michael Sansoterra held on 01/25/17; video production, digital conversion & synchronization for LiveNote (Carla Zinkand, John J. Riley II and Michael Sansoterra depositions).

⁹ Transcript of proceedings held on 05/31/17 (motion to certify class).

¹⁰ Videographer and original and certified deposition transcript of Lucy P. Allen held on 03/16/17.

EXHIBIT F

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INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

PRACTICE AREAS AND SERVICES

Securities Fraud

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

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

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

- *In re Enron Corp. Sec. Litig.*, No. H-01-3624 (S.D. Tex.). Robbins Geller attorneys and lead plaintiff The Regents of the University of California aggressively pursued numerous defendants, including many of Wall Street’s biggest banks, and successfully obtained settlements in excess of **\$7.2 billion** for the benefit of investors. ***This is the largest securities class action recovery in history.***
- *Jaffe v. Household Int’l, Inc.*, No. 02-C-05893 (N.D. Ill.). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained a record-breaking settlement of **\$1.575 billion** after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a securities fraud verdict in favor of the class. In 2015, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the jury’s verdict that defendants made false or misleading statements of material fact about the company’s business practices and financial results, but remanded the case for a new trial on the issue of whether the individual defendants “made” certain false statements, whether those false statements caused plaintiffs’ losses, and the amount of damages. The parties reached an agreement to settle the case just hours before the retrial was scheduled to begin on June 6, 2016. ***The \$1.575 billion settlement, approved in October 2016, is the largest ever following a securities fraud class action trial, the largest securities fraud settlement in the Seventh Circuit and the seventh-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 preliminary approval of 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.” Pending court approval, *Valeant* is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest ever.
- ***In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig.***, No. 1:15-mc-00040 (S.D.N.Y.). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys zealously litigated the case arising out of ARCP’s manipulative accounting practices and obtained a \$1.025 billion settlement. For five years, the litigation team prosecuted nine different claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933, involving seven different stock or debt offerings and two mergers. The recovery represents the highest percentage of damages of any major PSLRA case prior to trial and includes the largest personal contributions by individual defendants in history.
- ***In re UnitedHealth Grp. Inc. PSLRA Litig.***, No. 06-CV-1691 (D. Minn.). Robbins Geller represented the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (“CalPERS”) and demonstrated its willingness to vigorously advocate for its institutional clients, even under the most difficult circumstances. The Firm obtained an \$895 million recovery on behalf of UnitedHealth shareholders, and former CEO William A. McGuire paid \$30 million and returned stock options representing more than three million shares to the shareholders, bringing the total recovery for the class to over \$925 million, the largest stock option backdating recovery ever, and ***a recovery that is more than four times larger than the next largest options backdating recovery.*** Moreover, Robbins Geller obtained unprecedented corporate governance reforms, including election of a shareholder-nominated member to the company’s board of directors, a mandatory holding period for shares acquired by executives via option exercise, and executive compensation reforms that tie pay to performance.
- ***Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. CitiGroup, Inc. (In re WorldCom Sec. Litig.)***, No. 03 Civ. 8269 (S.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys represented more than 50 private and public institutions that opted out of the class action case and sued WorldCom’s bankers, officers and directors, and auditors in courts around the country for losses related to WorldCom bond offerings from 1998 to 2001. The Firm’s attorneys recovered more than \$650 million for their clients, substantially more than they would have recovered as part of the class.
- ***Luther v. Countrywide Fin. Corp.***, No. 12-cv-05125 (C.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller attorneys secured a \$500 million settlement for institutional and individual investors in what is the largest RMBS purchaser class action settlement in history, and one of the largest class action securities settlements of all time. The unprecedented settlement resolves claims against Countrywide and Wall Street banks that issued the securities. The action was the first securities class action case filed against originators and Wall Street banks as a result of the credit crisis. As co-lead counsel Robbins Geller forged through six years of hard-fought litigation, oftentimes litigating issues of first impression, in order to secure the landmark settlement for its clients and the class.
- ***In re Wachovia Preferred Sec. & Bond/Notes Litig.***, No. 09-cv-06351 (S.D.N.Y.). On behalf of investors in bonds and preferred securities issued between 2006 and 2008, Robbins Geller and co-

counsel obtained a significant settlement with Wachovia successor Wells Fargo & Company and Wachovia auditor KPMG LLP. ***The total settlement – \$627 million – is one of the largest credit-crisis settlements involving Securities Act claims and one of the 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***, JCCP Nos. 4322 & 4325 (Cal. Super. Ct., Los Angeles Cnty.). Robbins Geller represented The Regents of the University of California, six Ohio state pension funds, Rabo Bank (NL), the Scottish Widows Investment Partnership, several Australian public and private funds, insurance companies, and numerous additional institutional investors, both domestic and international, in state and federal court opt-out litigation stemming from Time Warner’s disastrous 2001 merger with Internet high flier America Online. After almost four years of litigation involving extensive discovery, the Firm secured combined settlements for its opt-out clients totaling over \$629 million just weeks before The Regents’ case pending in California state court was scheduled to go to trial. The Regents’ gross recovery of \$246 million is the largest individual opt-out securities recovery in history.
- ***In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig.***, No. CV-03-BE-1500-S (N.D. Ala.). As court-appointed co-lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a combined recovery of \$671 million from HealthSouth, its auditor Ernst & Young, and its investment banker, UBS, for the benefit of stockholder plaintiffs. The settlement against HealthSouth represents one of the larger settlements in securities class action history and is considered among the top 15 settlements achieved after passage of the PSLRA. Likewise, the settlement against Ernst & Young is one of the largest securities class action settlements entered into by an accounting firm since the passage of the PSLRA.
- ***Jones v. Pfizer Inc.***, No. 1:10-cv-03864 (S.D.N.Y.). Lead plaintiff Stichting Philips Pensioenfond obtained a \$400 million settlement on behalf of class members who purchased Pfizer common stock during the January 19, 2006 to January 23, 2009 class period. The settlement against Pfizer resolves accusations that it misled investors about an alleged off-label drug marketing scheme. As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys helped achieve this exceptional result after five years of hard-fought litigation against the toughest and the brightest members of the securities defense bar by litigating this case all the way to trial.
- ***In re Dynege 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 Dynege investors, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a combined settlement of \$474 million from Dynege, 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 Dynege will appoint two board members to be nominated by The Regents, which Robbins Geller and The Regents believe will benefit all of Dynege’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 ranks among the top ten largest securities recoveries ever in the Northern District of California.
- ***Knurr v. Orbital ATK, Inc.***, No. 1:16-cv-01031 (E.D. Va.). In the *Orbital* securities class action, Robbins Geller obtained court approval of a \$108 million recovery for the class. The Firm succeeded in overcoming two successive motions to dismiss the case, and during discovery were required to file ten motions to compel, all of which were either negotiated to a resolution or granted in large part, which resulted in the production of critical evidence in support of plaintiffs' claims. Believed to be the fourth-largest securities class action settlement in the history of the Eastern District of Virginia, the settlement provides a recovery for investors that is more than ten times larger than the reported median recovery of estimated damages for all securities class action settlements in 2018.
- ***Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology***, No. SACV15-0865 (C.D. Cal.). After a two-week jury trial, Robbins Geller attorneys won a complete plaintiffs' verdict against both defendants on both claims, with the jury finding that Puma Biotechnology, Inc. and its CEO, Alan H. Auerbach, committed securities fraud. The Puma case is only the fifteenth securities class action case tried to a verdict since the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act was enacted in 1995.
- ***Marcus v. J.C. Penney Co., Inc.***, No. 13-cv-00736 (E.D. Tex.). Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a \$97.5 million recovery on behalf of J.C. Penney shareholders. The result resolves claims that J.C. Penney and certain officers and directors made misstatements and/or omissions regarding the company's financial position that resulted in artificially inflated stock prices. Specifically, defendants failed to disclose and/or misrepresented adverse facts, including that J.C. Penney

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

- ***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.
- ***In re BHP Billiton Ltd. Sec. Litig.***, No. 1:16-cv-01445 (S.D.N.Y.). As lead counsel, Robbins Geller obtained a \$50 million class action settlement against BHP, a Australian-based mining company that was accused of failing to disclose significant safety problems at the Fundão iron-ore dam, in Brazil. The Firm achieved this result for lead plaintiffs City of Birmingham Retirement and Relief System and City of Birmingham Firemen's and Policemen's Supplemental Pension System, on behalf of purchasers of the American Depositary Shares ("ADRs") of defendants BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (together, "BHP") from September 25, 2014 to November 30, 2015.
- ***In re St. Jude Med., Inc. Sec. Litig.***, No. 0:10-cv-00851 (D. Minn.). After four and a half years of litigation and mere weeks before the jury selection, Robbins Geller obtained a \$50 million settlement on behalf of investors in medical device company St. Jude Medical. The settlement resolves accusations that St. Jude Medical misled investors by utilizing heavily discounted end-of-quarter bulk sales to meet quarterly expectations, which created a false picture of demand by increasing customer inventory due of St. Jude Medical devices. The complaint alleged that the risk of St. Jude Medical's reliance on such bulk sales manifested when it failed to meet its forecast guidance for the third quarter of 2009, which the company had reaffirmed only weeks earlier.

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 Kinder Morgan, Inc. S'holders Litig.*, No. 06-C-801 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Shawnee Cnty.). In the largest recovery ever for corporate takeover class action litigation, the Firm negotiated a settlement fund of \$200 million in 2010.
- *In re Dole Food Co., Inc. S'holder Litig.*, No. 8703-VCL (Del. Ch.). Robbins Geller and co-counsel went to trial in the Delaware Court of Chancery on claims of breach of fiduciary duty on behalf of Dole Food Co., Inc. shareholders. The litigation challenged the 2013 buyout of Dole by its billionaire Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, David H. Murdock. On August 27, 2015, the

court issued a post-trial ruling that Murdock and fellow director C. Michael Carter – who also served as Dole’s General Counsel, Chief Operating Officer, and Murdock’s top lieutenant – had engaged in fraud and other misconduct in connection with the buyout and are liable to Dole’s former stockholders for over \$148 million, the largest trial verdict ever in a class action challenging a merger transaction.

- ***Nieman v. Duke Energy Corp.***, No. 3:12-cv-00456 (W.D.N.C.). Robbins Geller, along with co-counsel, obtained a \$146.25 million settlement on behalf of Duke Energy Corporation investors. The settlement resolves accusations that defendants misled investors regarding Duke’s future leadership following its merger with Progress Energy, Inc., and specifically, their premeditated coup to oust William D. Johnson (CEO of Progress) and replace him with Duke’s then-CEO, John Rogers. This historic settlement represents the largest recovery ever in a North Carolina securities fraud action, and one of the five largest recoveries in the Fourth Circuit.
- ***In re Rural Metro Corp. S’holders Litig.***, No. 6350-VCL (Del. Ch.). Robbins Geller and co-counsel were appointed lead counsel in this case after successfully objecting to an inadequate settlement that did not take into account evidence of defendants’ conflicts of interest. In a post-trial opinion, Delaware Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster found defendant RBC Capital Markets, LLC liable for aiding and abetting Rural/Metro’s board of directors’ fiduciary duty breaches in the \$438 million buyout of Rural/Metro, citing “the magnitude of the conflict between RBC’s claims and the evidence.” RBC was ordered to pay nearly \$110 million as a result of its wrongdoing, the largest damage award ever obtained against a bank over its role as a merger adviser. The Delaware Supreme Court issued a landmark opinion affirming the judgment on November 30, 2015, *RBC Cap. Mkts., LLC v. Jervis*, 129 A.3d 816 (Del. 2015).
- ***In re Del Monte Foods Co. S’holders Litig.***, No. 6027-VCL (Del. Ch.). Robbins Geller exposed the unseemly practice by investment bankers of participating on both sides of large merger and acquisition transactions and ultimately secured an \$89 million settlement for shareholders of Del Monte. For efforts in achieving these results, the Robbins Geller lawyers prosecuting the case were named Attorneys of the Year by *California Lawyer* magazine in 2012.
- ***In re TD Banknorth S’holders Litig.***, No. 2557-VCL (Del. Ch.). After objecting to a modest recovery of just a few cents per share, the Firm took over the litigation and obtained a common fund settlement of \$50 million.
- ***In re Chaparral Res., Inc. S’holders Litig.***, No. 2633-VCL (Del. Ch.). After a full trial and a subsequent mediation before the Delaware Chancellor, the Firm obtained a common fund settlement of \$41 million (or 45% increase above merger price) for both class and appraisal claims.
- ***Laborers’ Local #231 Pension Fund v. Websense, Inc.***, No. 37-2013-00050879-CU-BT-CTL (Cal. Super. Ct., San Diego Cnty.). Robbins Geller successfully obtained a record-breaking \$40 million in *Websense*, which is believed to be the largest post-merger common fund settlement in California state court history. The class action challenged the May 2013 buyout of Websense by Vista Equity Partners (and affiliates) for \$24.75 per share and alleged breach of fiduciary duty against the former Websense board of directors, and aiding and abetting against Websense’s financial advisor, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. Claims were pursued by the plaintiff in both California state court and the Delaware Court of Chancery.
- ***In re Onyx Pharms., Inc. S’holder Litig.***, No. CIV523789 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Mateo Cnty.). Robbins Geller obtained \$30 million in a case against the former Onyx board of directors for

breaching its fiduciary duties in connection with the acquisition of Onyx by Amgen Inc. for \$125 per share at the expense of shareholders. At the time of the settlement, it was believed to set the record for the largest post-merger common fund settlement in California state court history. Over the case's three years, Robbins Geller defeated defendants' motions to dismiss, obtained class certification, took over 20 depositions, and reviewed over one million pages of documents. Further, the settlement was reached just days before a hearing on defendants' motion for summary judgment was set to take place, and the result is now believed to be the second largest post-merger common fund settlement in California state court history.

- ***Harrah's Entertainment***, No. A529183 (Nev. Dist. Ct., Clark Cnty.). The Firm's active prosecution of the case on several fronts, both in federal and state court, assisted Harrah's shareholders in securing an additional \$1.65 billion in merger consideration.
- ***In re Chiron S'holder Deal Litig.***, No. RG 05-230567 (Cal. Super. Ct., Alameda Cnty.). The Firm's efforts helped to obtain an additional \$800 million in increased merger consideration for Chiron shareholders.
- ***In re Dollar Gen. Corp. S'holder Litig.***, No. 07MD-1 (Tenn. Cir. Ct., Davidson Cnty.). As lead counsel, the Firm secured a recovery of up to \$57 million in cash for former Dollar General shareholders on the eve of trial.
- ***In re Prime Hosp., Inc. S'holders Litig.***, No. 652-N (Del. Ch.). The Firm objected to a settlement that was unfair to the class and proceeded to litigate breach of fiduciary duty issues involving a sale of hotels to a private equity firm. The litigation yielded a common fund of \$25 million for shareholders.
- ***In re UnitedGlobalCom, Inc. S'holder Litig.***, No. 1012-VCS (Del. Ch.). The Firm secured a common fund settlement of \$25 million just weeks before trial.
- ***In re eMachines, Inc. Merger Litig.***, No. 01-CC-00156 (Cal. Super. Ct., Orange Cnty.). After four years of litigation, the Firm secured a common fund settlement of \$24 million on the brink of trial.
- ***In re PeopleSoft, Inc. S'holder Litig.***, No. RG-03100291 (Cal. Super. Ct., Alameda Cnty.). The Firm successfully objected to a proposed compromise of class claims arising from takeover defenses by PeopleSoft, Inc. to thwart an acquisition by Oracle Corp., resulting in shareholders receiving an increase of over \$900 million in merger consideration.
- ***ACS S'holder Litig.***, No. CC-09-07377-C (Tex. Cty. Ct., Dallas Cnty.). The Firm forced ACS's acquirer, Xerox, to make significant concessions by which shareholders would not be locked out of receiving more money from another buyer.

Insurance

Fraud and collusion in the insurance industry by executives, agents, brokers, lenders, and others is one of the most costly crimes in the United States. Some experts have estimated the annual cost of white collar crime in the insurance industry to be over \$120 billion nationally. Recent legislative proposals seek to curtail anti-competitive behavior within the industry. However, in the absence of comprehensive regulation, Robbins Geller has played a critical role as private attorney general in protecting the rights of consumers against insurance fraud and other unfair business practices within the insurance industry.

Robbins Geller attorneys have long been at the forefront of litigating race discrimination issues within the life insurance industry. For example, the Firm has fought the practice by certain insurers of charging African-Americans and other people of color more for life insurance than similarly situated Caucasians. The Firm recovered over \$400 million for African-Americans and other minorities as redress for civil rights abuses, including landmark recoveries in *McNeil v. American General Life & Accident Insurance Company*; *Thompson v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company*; and *Williams v. United Insurance Company of America*.

The Firm's attorneys fight on behalf of elderly victims targeted for the sale of deferred annuity products with hidden sales loads and illusory bonus features. Sales agents for life insurance companies such as Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America, Midland National Life Insurance Company, and National Western Life Insurance Company targeted senior citizens for these annuities with lengthy investment horizons and high sales commissions. The Firm recovered millions of dollars for elderly victims and seeks to ensure that senior citizens are afforded full and accurate information regarding deferred annuities.

Robbins Geller attorneys also stopped the fraudulent sale of life insurance policies based on misrepresentations about how the life insurance policy would perform, the costs of the policy, and whether premiums would "vanish." Purchasers were also misled about the financing of a new life insurance policy, falling victim to a "replacement" or "churning" sales scheme where they were convinced to use loans, partial surrenders, or withdrawals of cash values from an existing permanent life insurance policy to purchase a new policy.

- **Brokerage "Pay to Play" Cases.** On behalf of individuals, governmental entities, businesses, and non-profits, Robbins Geller has sued the largest commercial and employee benefit insurance brokers and insurers for unfair and deceptive business practices. While purporting to provide independent, unbiased advice as to the best policy, the brokers failed to adequately disclose that they had entered into separate "pay to play" agreements with certain third-party insurance companies. These agreements provide additional compensation to the brokers based on such factors as profitability, growth, and the volume of insurance that they place with a particular insurer, and are akin to a profit-sharing arrangement between the brokers and the insurance companies. These agreements create a conflict of interest since the brokers have a direct financial interest in selling their customers only the insurance products offered by those insurance companies with which the brokers have such agreements.

Robbins Geller attorneys were among the first to uncover and pursue the allegations of these practices in the insurance industry in both state and federal courts. On behalf of the California Insurance Commissioner, the Firm brought an injunctive case against the biggest employee benefit insurers and local San Diego brokerage, ULR, which resulted in major changes to the way they did business. The Firm also sued on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco to recover losses due to these practices. Finally, Robbins Geller represents a putative nationwide class of individuals, businesses, employers, and governmental entities against the largest brokerage houses and insurers in the nation. To date, the Firm has obtained over \$200 million on behalf of policyholders and enacted landmark business reforms.

- **Discriminatory Credit Scoring and Redlining Cases.** Robbins Geller attorneys have prosecuted cases concerning countrywide schemes of alleged discrimination carried out by Nationwide, Allstate, and other insurance companies against African-American and other persons of color who are purchasers of homeowner and automobile insurance policies. Such discrimination includes alleged redlining and the improper use of "credit scores," which disparately impact minority communities. Plaintiffs in these actions have alleged that the insurance companies' corporate-driven scheme of intentional racial discrimination includes refusing coverage and/or charging

them higher premiums for homeowners and automobile insurance. On behalf of the class of aggrieved policyholders, the Firm has recovered over \$400 million for these predatory and racist policies.

- **Senior Annuities.** Robbins Geller has prosecuted numerous cases against insurance companies and their agents who targeted senior citizens for the sale of deferred annuities. Plaintiffs alleged that the insurers misrepresented or failed to disclose to senior consumers material facts concerning the costs associated with their fixed and equity indexed deferred annuities and enticed seniors to buy the annuities by promising them illusory up-front bonuses. As a result of the Firm's efforts, hundreds of millions of dollars in economic relief has been made available to seniors who have been harmed by these practices. Notable recoveries include:
 - *Negrete v. Allianz Life Ins. Co. of N. Am.*, No. CV-05-6838 (C.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as co-lead counsel on behalf of a nationwide RICO class consisting of over 200,000 senior citizens who had purchased deferred annuities issued by Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America. In March 2015, after nine years of litigation, District Judge Christina A. Snyder granted final approval of a class action settlement that made available in excess of \$250 million in cash payments and other benefits to class members. In approving the settlement, the court praised the effort of the Firm and noted that "counsel has represented their clients with great skill and they are to be complimented."
 - *In re Am. Equity Annuity Practs. & Sales Litig.*, No. CV-05-6735 (C.D. Cal.). As co-lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys secured a settlement that made available \$129 million in economic benefits to a nationwide class of 114,000 senior citizens.
 - *In re Midland Nat'l Life Ins. Co. Annuity Sales Practs. Litig.*, MDL No. 07-1825 (C.D. Cal.). After four years of litigation, the Firm secured a settlement that made available \$79.5 million in economic benefits to a nationwide class of 70,000 senior citizens.
 - *Negrete v. Fidelity & Guar. Life Ins. Co.*, No. CV-05-6837 (C.D. Cal.). The Firm's efforts resulted in a settlement under which Fidelity made available \$52.7 million in benefits to 56,000 class members across the country.
 - *In re Nat'l Western Life Ins. Deferred Annuities Litig.*, No. 05-CV-1018 (S.D. Cal.). The Firm litigated this action for more than eight years. On the eve of trial, the Firm negotiated a settlement providing over \$21 million in value to a nationwide class of 12,000 senior citizens.

Antitrust

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

- *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1720 (E.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys, serving as co-lead counsel on behalf of merchants, obtained a settlement amount of \$5.5 billion. In approving the settlement, the court noted that Robbins Geller and co-counsel "demonstrated the utmost professionalism despite the demands of the extreme perseverance that this case has required, litigating on behalf of a class of over 12 million

for over fourteen years, across a changing legal landscape, significant motion practice, and appeal and remand. Class counsel's pedigree and efforts alone speak to the quality of their representation."

- ***Dahl v. Bain Cap. Partners, LLC***, No. 07-cv-12388 (D. Mass). Robbins Geller attorneys served as co-lead counsel on behalf of shareholders in this antitrust action against the nation's largest private equity firms that colluded to restrain competition and suppress prices paid to shareholders of public companies in connection with leveraged buyouts. Robbins Geller attorneys recovered more than \$590 million for the class from the private equity firm defendants, including Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Carlyle Group LP.
- ***Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Bank of Am. Corp.***, No. 14-cv-07126 (S.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys prosecuted antitrust claims against 14 major banks and broker ICAP plc who were alleged to have conspired to manipulate the ISDAfix rate, the key interest rate for a broad range of interest rate derivatives and other financial instruments in contravention of the competition laws. The class action was brought on behalf of investors and market participants who entered into interest rate derivative transactions between 2006 and 2013. Final approval has been granted to settlements collectively yielding \$504.5 million from all defendants.
- ***In re Currency Conversion Fee Antitrust Litig.***, 01 MDL No. 1409 (S.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel and recovered \$336 million for a class of credit and debit cardholders. The court praised the Firm as "indefatigable," noting that the Firm's lawyers "vigorously litigated every issue against some of the ablest lawyers in the antitrust defense bar."
- ***In re SSA Bonds Antitrust Litig.***, No. 1:16-cv-03711 (S.D.N.Y.). Robbins Geller attorneys are serving as co-lead counsel in a case against several of the world's largest banks and the traders of certain specialized government bonds. They are alleged to have entered into a wide-ranging price-fixing and bid-rigging scheme costing pension funds and other investors hundreds of millions. To date, three of the more than a dozen corporate defendants have settled for \$95.5 million.
- ***In re Aftermarket Auto. Lighting Prods. Antitrust Litig.***, 09 MDL No. 2007 (C.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as co-lead counsel in this multi-district litigation in which plaintiffs allege that defendants conspired to fix prices and allocate markets for automotive lighting products. The last defendants settled just before the scheduled trial, resulting in total settlements of more than \$50 million. Commenting on the quality of representation, the court commended the Firm for "expend[ing] substantial and skilled time and efforts in an efficient manner to bring this action to conclusion."
- ***In re Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litig.***, 02 MDL No. 1486 (N.D. Cal.). Robbins Geller attorneys served on the executive committee in this multi-district class action in which a class of purchasers of dynamic random access memory (or DRAM) chips alleged that the leading manufacturers of semiconductor products fixed the price of DRAM chips from the fall of 2001 through at least the end of June 2002. The case settled for more than \$300 million.
- ***Microsoft I-V Cases***, JCCP No. 4106 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Francisco Cnty.). Robbins Geller attorneys served on the executive committee in these consolidated cases in which California indirect purchasers challenged Microsoft's illegal exercise of monopoly power in the operating system, word processing, and spreadsheet markets. In a settlement approved by the court, class counsel obtained an unprecedented \$1.1 billion worth of relief for the business and consumer class members who purchased the Microsoft products.

Consumer Fraud and Privacy

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

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

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

- ***Yahoo Data Breach Class Action.*** Robbins Geller helped secure final approval of a \$117.5 million settlement in a class action lawsuit against Yahoo, Inc. arising out of Yahoo's reckless disregard for the safety and security of its customers' personal, private information. In September 2016, Yahoo revealed that personal information associated with at least 500 million user accounts, including names, email addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, hashed passwords, and security questions and answers, was stolen from Yahoo's user database in late 2014. The company made another announcement in December 2016 that personal information associated with more than one billion user accounts was extracted in August 2013. Ten months later, Yahoo announced that the breach in 2013 actually affected all three billion existing accounts. This was the largest data breach in history, and caused severe financial and emotional damage to Yahoo account holders. In 2017, Robbins Geller was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee charged with overseeing the litigation.
- ***Trump University.*** After six and a half years of tireless litigation and on the eve of trial, Robbins Geller, serving as co-lead counsel, secured a historic recovery on behalf of Trump University students around the country. The settlement provides \$25 million to approximately 7,000 consumers, including senior citizens who accessed retirement accounts and maxed out credit cards to enroll in Trump University. The extraordinary result means individual class members are eligible for upwards of \$35,000 in restitution. The settlement resolves claims that President Donald J. Trump and Trump University violated federal and state laws by misleadingly marketing "Live Events" seminars and mentorships as teaching Trump's "real-estate techniques" through his "hand-picked" "professors" at his so-called "university." Robbins Geller represented the class on a *pro bono* basis.
- ***In re Morning Song Bird Food Litig.*** Robbins Geller obtained final approval of a settlement in a civil Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act consumer class action against The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company and its CEO James Hagedorn. The settlement of up to \$85 million provides full refunds to consumers around the country and resolves claims that Scotts Miracle-Gro knowingly sold wild bird food treated with pesticides that are hazardous to birds. In approving the settlement, Judge Houston commended Robbins Geller's "skill and quality of work [as] extraordinary" and the case as "aggressively litigated." The Robbins Geller team battled a series of dismissal motions before achieving class certification for the plaintiffs in March 2017, with the court finding that "Plaintiffs would not have purchased the bird food if they knew it was poison." Defendants then appealed the class certification to the Ninth Circuit, which was denied, and then tried to have the claims from non-California class members thrown out, which was also denied.
- ***Bank Overdraft Fees Litigation.*** The banking industry charges consumers exorbitant amounts for "overdraft" of their checking accounts, even if the customer did not authorize a charge beyond the available balance and even if the account would not have been overdrawn had the transactions been ordered chronologically as they occurred – that is, banks reorder transactions to maximize such fees. The Firm brought lawsuits against major banks to stop this practice and recover these false fees. These cases have recovered over \$500 million thus far from a dozen banks and we continue to investigate other banks engaging in this practice.
- ***Visa and MasterCard Fees.*** After years of litigation and a six-month trial, Robbins Geller attorneys won one of the largest consumer-protection verdicts ever awarded in the United States. The Firm's attorneys represented California consumers in an action against Visa and MasterCard for intentionally imposing and concealing a fee from cardholders. The court ordered Visa and MasterCard to return \$800 million in cardholder losses, which represented 100% of the amount illegally taken, plus 2% interest. In addition, the court ordered full disclosure of the hidden fee.

- ***Sony Gaming Networks & Customer Data Security Breach Litigation.*** The Firm served as a member of the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee, helping to obtain a precedential opinion denying in part Sony’s motion to dismiss plaintiffs’ claims involving the breach of Sony’s gaming network, leading to a \$15 million settlement.
- ***Tobacco Litigation.*** Robbins Geller attorneys have led the fight against Big Tobacco since 1991. As an example, Robbins Geller attorneys filed the case that helped get rid of Joe Camel, representing various public and private plaintiffs, including the State of Arkansas, the general public in California, the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Birmingham, 14 counties in California, and the working men and women of this country in the Union Pension and Welfare Fund cases that have been filed in 40 states. In 1992, Robbins Geller attorneys filed the first case in the country that alleged a conspiracy by the Big Tobacco companies.
- ***Garment Workers Sweatshop Litigation.*** Robbins Geller attorneys represented a class of 30,000 garment workers who alleged that they had worked under sweatshop conditions in garment factories in Saipan that produced clothing for top U.S. retailers such as The Gap, Target, and J.C. Penney. In the first action of its kind, Robbins Geller attorneys pursued claims against the factories and the retailers alleging violations of RICO, the Alien Tort Claims Act, and the Law of Nations based on the alleged systemic labor and human rights abuses occurring in Saipan. This case was a companion to two other actions, one which alleged overtime violations by the garment factories under the Fair Labor Standards Act and local labor law, and another which alleged violations of California’s Unfair Practices Law by the U.S. retailers. These actions resulted in a settlement of approximately \$20 million that included a comprehensive monitoring program to address past violations by the factories and prevent future ones. The members of the litigation team were honored as Trial Lawyers of the Year by the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice in recognition of the team’s efforts at bringing about the precedent-setting settlement of the actions.
- ***In re Intel Corp. CPU Mktg., Sales Pracs. & Prods. Liab. Litig.*** Robbins Geller serves on the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee in *Intel*, a massive multidistrict litigation pending in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon. *Intel* concerns serious security vulnerabilities – known as “Spectre” and “Meltdown” – that infect nearly all of Intel’s x86 processors manufactured and sold since 1995, the patching of which results in processing speed degradation of the impacted computer, server or mobile device.
- ***Hauck v. Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.*** An attorney from Robbins Geller serves as co-lead counsel in a case against Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (“AMD”), which alleges that AMD’s processors are incapable of operating as intended and at processing speeds represented by AMD without exposing users to the Spectre vulnerability, which allows hackers to covertly access sensitive information stored within the CPU’s kernel.
- ***West Telemarketing Case.*** Robbins Geller attorneys secured a \$39 million settlement for class members caught up in a telemarketing scheme where consumers were charged for an unwanted membership program after purchasing Tae-Bo exercise videos. Under the settlement, consumers were entitled to claim between one and one-half to three times the amount of all fees they unknowingly paid.
- ***Dannon Activia®.*** Robbins Geller attorneys secured the largest ever settlement for a false advertising case involving a food product. The case alleged that Dannon’s advertising for its Activia® and DanActive® branded products and their benefits from “probiotic” bacteria were overstated. As part of the nationwide settlement, Dannon agreed to modify its advertising and establish a fund of up to \$45 million to compensate consumers for their purchases of Activia® and DanActive®.

- **Mattel Lead Paint Toys.** In 2006-2007, toy manufacturing giant Mattel and its subsidiary Fisher-Price announced the recall of over 14 million toys made in China due to hazardous lead and dangerous magnets. Robbins Geller attorneys filed lawsuits on behalf of millions of parents and other consumers who purchased or received toys for children that were marketed as safe but were later recalled because they were dangerous. The Firm's attorneys reached a landmark settlement for millions of dollars in refunds and lead testing reimbursements, as well as important testing requirements to ensure that Mattel's toys are safe for consumers in the future.
- **Tenet Healthcare Cases.** Robbins Geller attorneys were co-lead counsel in a class action alleging a fraudulent scheme of corporate misconduct, resulting in the overcharging of uninsured patients by the Tenet chain of hospitals. The Firm's attorneys represented uninsured patients of Tenet hospitals nationwide who were overcharged by Tenet's admittedly "aggressive pricing strategy," which resulted in price gouging of the uninsured. The case was settled with Tenet changing its practices and making refunds to patients.
- **Pet Food Products Liability Litigation.** Robbins Geller served as co-lead counsel in this massive, 100+ case products liability MDL in the District of New Jersey concerning the death of and injury to thousands of the nation's cats and dogs due to tainted pet food. The case settled for \$24 million.

Human Rights, Labor Practices, and Public Policy

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

- **Does I v. The Gap, Inc.,** No. 01 0031 (D. N. Mar. I.). In this groundbreaking case, Robbins Geller attorneys represented a class of 30,000 garment workers who alleged that they had worked under sweatshop conditions in garment factories in Saipan that produced clothing for top U.S. retailers such as The Gap, Target, and J.C. Penney. In the first action of its kind, Robbins Geller attorneys pursued claims against the factories and the retailers alleging violations of RICO, the Alien Tort Claims Act, and the Law of Nations based on the alleged systemic labor and human rights abuses occurring in Saipan. This case was a companion to two other actions: **Does I v. Advance Textile Corp.,** No. 99 0002 (D. N. Mar. I.), which alleged overtime violations by the garment factories under the Fair Labor Standards Act and local labor law, and **UNITE v. The Gap, Inc.,** No. 300474 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Francisco Cty.), which alleged violations of California's Unfair Practices Law by the U.S. retailers. These actions resulted in a settlement of approximately \$20 million that included a comprehensive monitoring program to address past violations by the factories and prevent future ones. The members of the litigation team were honored as Trial Lawyers of the Year by the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice in recognition of the team's efforts at bringing about the precedent-setting settlement of the actions.
- **Liberty Mutual Overtime Cases,** No. JCCP 4234 (Cal. Super. Ct., Los Angeles Cnty.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as co-lead counsel on behalf of 1,600 current and former insurance claims adjusters at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and several of its subsidiaries. Plaintiffs brought the case to recover unpaid overtime compensation and associated penalties, alleging that Liberty Mutual had misclassified its claims adjusters as exempt from overtime under California law. After 13 years of complex and exhaustive litigation, Robbins Geller secured a settlement in which Liberty Mutual agreed to pay \$65 million into a fund to compensate the class of claims adjusters for unpaid overtime. The Liberty Mutual action is one of a few claims adjuster overtime actions brought in California or elsewhere to result in a successful outcome for plaintiffs since 2004.

- ***Veliz v. Cintas Corp.***, No. 5:03-cv-01180 (N.D. Cal.). Brought against one of the nation's largest commercial laundries for violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act for misclassifying truck drivers as salesmen to avoid payment of overtime.
- ***Kasky v. Nike, Inc.***, 27 Cal. 4th 939 (2002). The California Supreme Court upheld claims that an apparel manufacturer misled the public regarding its exploitative labor practices, thereby violating California statutes prohibiting unfair competition and false advertising. The court rejected defense contentions that any misconduct was protected by the First Amendment, finding the heightened constitutional protection afforded to noncommercial speech inappropriate in such a circumstance.

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

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

Environment and Public Health

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

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

- ***Public Citizen v. U.S. D.O.T.*** Robbins Geller attorneys represented a coalition of labor, environmental, industry, and public health organizations including Public Citizen, The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, California AFL-CIO, and California Trucking Industry in a challenge to a decision by the Bush administration to lift a Congressionally-imposed "moratorium" on cross-border trucking from Mexico on the basis that such trucks do not conform to emission controls under the Clean Air Act, and further, that the administration did not first complete a comprehensive environmental impact analysis as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. The suit was dismissed by the United States Supreme Court, the court holding that because the D.O.T. lacked discretion to prevent crossborder trucking, an environmental assessment was not required.
- ***Sierra Club v. AK Steel***. Brought on behalf of the Sierra Club for massive emissions of air and water pollution by a steel mill, including homes of workers living in the adjacent communities, in violation of the Federal Clean Air Act, the Resource Conservation Recovery Act, and the Clean Water Act.

- **MTBE Litigation.** Brought on behalf of various water districts for befouling public drinking water with MTBE, a gasoline additive linked to cancer.
- **Exxon Valdez.** Brought on behalf of fisherman and Alaska residents for billions of dollars in damages resulting from the greatest oil spill in U.S. history.
- **Avila Beach.** A citizens' suit against UNOCAL for leakage from the oil company pipeline so severe it literally destroyed the town of Avila Beach, California.

Federal laws such as the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and state laws such as California's Proposition 65 exist to protect the environment and the public from abuses by corporate and government organizations. Companies can be found liable for negligence, trespass, or intentional environmental damage, be forced to pay for reparations, and to come into compliance with existing laws. Prominent cases litigated by Robbins Geller attorneys include representing more than 4,000 individuals suing for personal injury and property damage related to the Stringfellow Dump Site in Southern California, participation in the Exxon Valdez oil spill litigation, and litigation involving the toxic spill arising from a Southern Pacific train derailment near Dunsmuir, California.

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

Pro Bono

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

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

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

- Representing public school children and parents in Tennessee challenging the state's private school voucher law, known as the Education Savings Account (ESA) Pilot Program. Robbins Geller helped achieve favorable rulings enjoining implementation of the ESA for violating the Home Rule provision of the Tennessee Constitution, which prohibits the General Assembly from passing laws that target specific counties without local approval.

- Representing California bus passengers *pro bono* in a landmark consumer and civil rights case against Greyhound for subjecting them to discriminatory immigration raids. Robbins Geller achieved a watershed court ruling that a private company may be held liable under California law for allowing border patrol to harass and racially profile its customers. The case heralds that Greyhound passengers do not check their rights and dignity at the bus door and has had an immediate impact, not only in California but nationwide. Within weeks of Robbins Geller filing the case, Greyhound added “know your rights” information to passengers to its website and on posters in bus stations around the country, along with adopting other business reforms.
- Working with the Homeless Action Center (HAC) to provide no-cost, barrier-free, culturally competent legal representation that makes it possible for people who are homeless (or at risk of becoming homeless) to access social safety net programs that help restore dignity and provide sustainable income, healthcare, mental health treatment, and housing. Based in Oakland and Berkeley, the non-profit is the only program in the Bay Area that specializes in legal services to those who are chronically homeless. In 2016, HAC provided assistance to 1,403 men and 936 women, and 1,691 cases were completed. An additional 1,357 cases were still pending when the year ended. The results include 512 completed SSI cases with a success rate of 87%.
- Representing Trump University students in two class actions against President Donald J. Trump. The historic settlement provides \$25 million to approximately 7,000 consumers. This means individual class members are eligible for upwards of \$35,000 in restitution – an extraordinary result.
- Representing children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, as well as children with significant disabilities, in New York to remedy flawed educational policies and practices that cause substantial harm to these and other similar children year after year.
- Representing 19 San Diego County children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder in their appeal of the San Diego Regional Center’s termination of funding for a crucial therapy. The victory resulted in a complete reinstatement of funding and set a precedent that allows other children to obtain the treatments they need.
- Serving as Northern California and Hawaii District Coordinator for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit’s Pro Bono program since 1993.
- Representing the Sierra Club and the National Economic Development and Law Center as *amici curiae* before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Obtaining political asylum, after an initial application had been denied, for an impoverished Somali family whose ethnic minority faced systematic persecution and genocidal violence in Somalia, as well as forced female mutilation.
- Working with the ACLU in a class action filed on behalf of welfare applicants subject to San Diego County’s “Project 100%” program. Relief was had when the County admitted that food-stamp eligibility could not hinge upon the Project 100% “home visits,” and again when the district court ruled that unconsented “collateral contacts” violated state regulations. The decision was noted by the *Harvard Law Review*, *The New York Times*, and *The Colbert Report*.

- Filing numerous *amicus curiae* briefs on behalf of religious organizations and clergy that support civil rights, oppose government-backed religious-viewpoint discrimination, and uphold the American traditions of religious freedom and church-state separation.
- Serving as *amicus* counsel in a Ninth Circuit appeal from a Board of Immigration Appeals deportation decision. In addition to obtaining a reversal of the BIA's deportation order, the Firm consulted with the Federal Defenders' Office on cases presenting similar fact patterns, which resulted in a precedent-setting *en banc* decision from the Ninth Circuit resolving a question of state and federal law that had been contested and conflicted for decades.

E-Discovery

Robbins Geller has successfully litigated some of the largest and most complex shareholder and antitrust actions in history and has become the vanguard of a rapidly evolving world of e-discovery in complex litigation. The Firm has 200 attorneys supported by a large staff of forensic and e-discovery specialists and has a level of technological sophistication that is unmatched by any other firm. As the size and stakes of complex litigation continue to increase, it is more important than ever to retain counsel with a successful track record of results. Robbins Geller has consistently proven to be the right choice for anyone seeking representation in actions against the largest corporations in the world.

Led by 20-year litigation veteran Tor Gronborg, and advised by Lea Bays, e-discovery counsel, and Christine Milliron, Director of E-Discovery and Litigation Support, the Robbins Geller e-discovery practice group is a multi-disciplinary team of attorneys, forensic analysts, and database professionals. No plaintiff's firm is better equipped to develop the type of comprehensive and case specific e-discovery strategy that is necessary for today's complex litigation. The attorneys have extensive knowledge and experience in drafting and negotiating sophisticated e-discovery protocols, including those involving the use of predictive coding. High quality document review services are performed by a consistent group of staff attorneys who are experienced in the Firm's litigation practice areas and specialize in document review and analysis. A team of forensic and technology professionals work closely with the attorneys to ensure an effective and efficient e-discovery strategy. The litigation support team includes six Relativity Certified Administrators. Collectively, the Robbins Geller forensic and technology professionals have more than 75 years of e-discovery experience.

Members of the practice group are also leaders in shaping the broader dialogue on e-discovery issues. They regularly contribute to industry publications, speak at conferences organized by leading e-discovery think tanks such as The Sedona Conference and Georgetown University Law Center's Advanced eDiscovery Institute, and play prominent roles in the local chapters of Women in eDiscovery and the Relativity Users Steering Committee. The e-discovery practice group also offers regular in-house training and education, ensuring that members of the Firm are always up-to-date on the evolving world of e-discovery law and technology.

Robbins Geller has always been a leader in document-intensive litigation. Boasting high-performing infrastructure resources, state-of-the-art technology, and a deep bench of some of the most highly trained Relativity Certified Administrators and network engineers, the Firm's capabilities rival, if not outshine, those of the top e-discovery vendors in the industry. Additionally, the Firm's implementation of advanced analytic technologies and custom workflows makes its work fast, smart, and efficient. Combined with Robbins Geller's decision to manage and host its litigation support in-house, these technologies reduce the Firm's reliance on third-party vendors, enabling it to offer top-notch e-discovery services to clients at a fair and reasonable cost.

Security is a top priority at Robbins Geller. The Firm's hosted e-discovery is secured using bank-level 128 encryption and is protected behind state-of-the-art Cisco firewalls. All e-discovery data is hosted on Firm-owned equipment at an SSAE 16-compliant, SOC 1, 2, and 3 audited facility that features 9.1 megawatts of power, N+1 or better redundancy on all data center systems, and security protocols required by leading businesses in the most stringent verticals. Originally designed to support a large defense contractor, it is built to rigorous standards, complete with redundant power and cooling systems, plus multiple generators.

PROMINENT CASES, PRECEDENT-SETTING DECISIONS, AND JUDICIAL COMMENDATIONS

Prominent Cases

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

damages. The parties reached an agreement to settle the case just hours before the retrial was scheduled to begin on June 6, 2016. *The \$1.575 billion settlement, approved in October 2016, is the largest ever following a securities fraud class action trial, the largest securities fraud settlement in the Seventh Circuit and the seventh-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 preliminary approval of 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." Pending court approval, *Valeant* is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest ever.
- ***In re Am. Realty Cap. Props., Inc. Litig.***, No. 1:15-mc-00040 (S.D.N.Y.). As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys zealously litigated the case arising out of ARCP's manipulative accounting practices and obtained a \$1.025 billion settlement. For five years, the litigation team prosecuted nine different claims for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Securities Act of 1933, involving seven different stock or debt offerings and two mergers. The recovery represents the highest percentage of damages of any major PSLRA case prior to trial and includes the largest personal contributions by individual defendants in history.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ***Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank v. Morgan Stanley & Co.***, No. 1:08-cv-07508-SAS-DCF (S.D.N.Y.), and ***King County, Washington v. IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG***, No. 1:09-cv-08387-SAS (S.D.N.Y.). The Firm represented multiple institutional investors in successfully pursuing recoveries from two failed structured investment vehicles, each of which had been rated “AAA” by Standard & Poors and Moody’s, but which failed fantastically in 2007. The matter settled just prior to trial in 2013. This result was only made possible after Robbins Geller lawyers beat back the rating agencies’ longtime argument that ratings were opinions protected by the First Amendment.
- ***In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig.***, No. CV-03-BE-1500-S (N.D. Ala.). As court-appointed co-lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a combined recovery of \$671 million from HealthSouth, its auditor Ernst & Young, and its investment banker, UBS, for the benefit of stockholder plaintiffs. The settlement against HealthSouth represents one of the larger settlements in securities class action history and is considered among the top 15 settlements achieved after passage of the PSLRA. Likewise, the settlement against Ernst & Young is one of the largest securities class action settlements entered into by an accounting firm since the passage of the PSLRA. HealthSouth and its financial advisors perpetrated one of the largest and most pervasive frauds in the history of U.S. healthcare, prompting Congressional and law enforcement inquiry and resulting in guilty pleas of 16 former HealthSouth executives in related federal criminal prosecutions. In March 2009, Judge Karon Bowdre commented in the *HealthSouth* class certification opinion: “The court has had many opportunities since November 2001 to examine the work of class counsel and the supervision by the Class Representatives. The court finds both to be far more than adequate.” *In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 257 F.R.D. 260, 275 (N.D. Ala. 2009).
- ***In re Dynege 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 Dynege investors, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a combined settlement of \$474 million from Dynege, Citigroup, Inc., and Arthur Andersen LLP for their involvement in a clandestine financing scheme known as Project Alpha. Given Dynege’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 Dynege will appoint two board members to be nominated by The Regents, which Robbins Geller and The Regents believe will benefit all of Dynege’s stockholders.
- ***Jones v. Pfizer Inc.***, No. 1:10-cv-03864 (S.D.N.Y.). Lead plaintiff Stichting Philips Pensioenfond obtained a \$400 million settlement on behalf of class members who purchased Pfizer common stock during the January 19, 2006 to January 23, 2009 class period. The settlement against Pfizer resolves accusations that it misled investors about an alleged off-label drug marketing scheme. As sole lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys helped achieve this exceptional result after five years of hard-fought litigation against the toughest and the brightest members of the securities defense bar by litigating this case all the way to trial.

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

- ***In re Qwest Commc’ns Int’l, Inc. Sec. Litig.***, No. 01-cv-1451 (D. Colo.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel for a class of investors that purchased Qwest securities. In July 2001, the Firm filed the initial complaint in this action on behalf of its clients, long before any investigation into Qwest’s financial statements was initiated by the SEC or Department of Justice. After five years of litigation, lead plaintiffs entered into a settlement with Qwest and certain individual defendants that provided a \$400 million recovery for the class and created a mechanism that

allowed the vast majority of class members to share in an additional \$250 million recovered by the SEC. In 2008, Robbins Geller attorneys recovered an additional \$45 million for the class in a settlement with defendants Joseph P. Nacchio and Robert S. Woodruff, the CEO and CFO, respectively, of Qwest during large portions of the class period.

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

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

Counsel, thank you for your papers. They were, by the way, extraordinary papers in support of the settlement, and I will particularly note Professor Miller’s declaration in which he details the procedural aspects of the case and then speaks of plaintiffs’ counsel’s success in the Second Circuit essentially changing the law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ***In re Dollar Gen. Corp. Sec. Litig.***, No. 01-CV-00388 (M.D. Tenn.). Robbins Geller attorneys served as lead counsel in this case in which the Firm recovered \$172.5 million for investors. The *Dollar General* settlement was the largest shareholder class action recovery ever in Tennessee.
- ***Carpenters Health & Welfare Fund v. Coca-Cola Co.***, No. 00-CV-2838 (N.D. Ga.). As co-lead counsel representing Coca-Cola shareholders, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a recovery of \$137.5 million after nearly eight years of litigation. Robbins Geller attorneys traveled to three continents to uncover the evidence that ultimately resulted in the settlement of this hard-fought litigation. The case concerned Coca-Cola's shipping of excess concentrate at the end of financial reporting periods for the sole purpose of meeting analyst earnings expectations, as well as the company's failure to properly account for certain impaired foreign bottling assets.
- ***Schwartz v. TXU Corp.***, No. 02-CV-2243 (N.D. Tex.). As co-lead counsel, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a recovery of over \$149 million for a class of purchasers of TXU securities. The recovery compensated class members for damages they incurred as a result of their purchases of TXU securities at inflated prices. Defendants had inflated the price of these securities by concealing the fact that TXU's operating earnings were declining due to a deteriorating gas pipeline and the failure of the company's European operations.
- ***In re Doral Fin. Corp. Sec. Litig.***, 05 MDL No. 1706 (S.D.N.Y.). In July 2007, the Honorable Richard Owen of the Southern District of New York approved the \$129 million settlement, finding in his order:

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

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

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

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

- ***In re Exxon Valdez***, No. A89 095 Civ. (D. Alaska), and ***In re Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litig.***, No. 3 AN 89 2533 (Alaska Super. Ct., 3d Jud. Dist.). Robbins Geller attorneys served on the Plaintiffs' Coordinating Committee and Plaintiffs' Law Committee in this massive litigation resulting from the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska in March 1989. The jury awarded hundreds of millions in compensatory damages, as well as \$5 billion in punitive damages (the latter were later reduced by the U.S. Supreme Court to \$507 million).
- ***Mangini v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.***, No. 939359 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Francisco Cnty.). In this case, R.J. Reynolds admitted that "the *Mangini* action, and the way that it was vigorously litigated, was an early, significant and unique driver of the overall legal and social controversy regarding underage smoking that led to the decision to phase out the Joe Camel Campaign."

- ***Does I v. The Gap, Inc.***, No. 01 0031 (D. N. Mar. I.). In this groundbreaking case, Robbins Geller attorneys represented a class of 30,000 garment workers who alleged that they had worked under sweatshop conditions in garment factories in Saipan that produced clothing for top U.S. retailers such as The Gap, Target, and J.C. Penney. In the first action of its kind, Robbins Geller attorneys pursued claims against the factories and the retailers alleging violations of RICO, the Alien Tort Claims Act, and the Law of Nations based on the alleged systemic labor and human rights abuses occurring in Saipan. This case was a companion to two other actions: ***Does I v. Advance Textile Corp.***, No. 99 0002 (D. N. Mar. I.), which alleged overtime violations by the garment factories under the Fair Labor Standards Act and local labor law, and ***UNITE v. The Gap, Inc.***, No. 300474 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Francisco 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 Practs. Litig.***, MDL No. 1061 (D.N.J.). In one of the first cases of its kind, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained a settlement of \$4 billion for deceptive sales practices in connection with the sale of life insurance involving the “vanishing premium” sales scheme.

Precedent-Setting Decisions

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

- ***Stoyas v. Toshiba Corp.***, 896 F.3d 933 (9th Cir. 2018), *cert. denied*, 588 U.S. __ (2019). In July 2018, the Ninth Circuit ruled in plaintiffs' favor in the *Toshiba* securities class action. Following appellate briefing and oral argument by Robbins Geller attorneys, a three-judge Ninth Circuit panel reversed the district court's prior dismissal in a unanimous, 36-page opinion, holding that Toshiba ADRs are a "security" and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 could apply to those ADRs that were purchased in a domestic transaction. *Id.* at 939, 949. The court adopted the Second and Third Circuits' "irrevocable liability" test for determining whether the transactions were domestic and held that plaintiffs must be allowed to amend their complaint to allege that the purchase of Toshiba ADRs on the over-the-counter market was a domestic purchase and that the alleged fraud was in connection with the purchase.
- ***Cyan, Inc. v. Beaver Cnty. Emps. Ret. Fund***, No. 15-1439 (U.S.). In March 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of investors represented by Robbins Geller, holding that state courts continue to have jurisdiction over class actions asserting violations of the Securities Act of 1933. The court's ruling secures investors' ability to bring Securities Act actions when companies fail to make full and fair disclosure of relevant information in offering documents. The court confirmed that the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of 1998 was designed to preclude securities class actions asserting violations of state law – not to preclude securities actions asserting federal law violations brought in state courts.
- ***Mineworkers' Pension Scheme v. First Solar Inc.***, 881 F.3d 750 (9th Cir. 2018), *cert. denied*, 588 U.S. __ (2019). In January 2018, the Ninth Circuit upheld the district court's denial of defendants' motion for summary judgment, agreeing with plaintiffs that the test for loss causation in the Ninth Circuit is a general "proximate cause test," and rejecting the more stringent revelation of the fraudulent practices standard advocated by the defendants. The opinion is a significant victory for investors, as it forecloses defendants' ability to immunize themselves from liability simply by refusing to publicly acknowledge their fraudulent conduct.
- ***In re Quality Sys., Inc. Sec. Litig.***, No. 15-55173 (9th Cir.). In July 2017, Robbins Geller's Appellate Practice Group scored a significant win in the Ninth Circuit in the *Quality Systems* securities class action. On appeal, a three-judge Ninth Circuit panel unanimously reversed the district court's prior dismissal of the action against Quality Systems and remanded the case to the district court for further proceedings. The decision addressed an issue of first impression concerning "mixed" future and present-tense misstatements. The appellate panel explained that "non-forward-looking portions of mixed statements are not eligible for the safe harbor provisions of the PSLRA Defendants made a number of mixed statements that included projections of growth in revenue and earnings based on the state of QSI's sales pipeline." The panel then held *both* the non-forward-looking and forward-looking statements false and misleading and made with scienter, deeming them actionable. Later, although defendants sought rehearing by the Ninth Circuit sitting *en banc*, the circuit court denied their petition.
- ***Local 703, I.B. of T. Grocery & Food Emps. Welfare Fund v. Regions Fin. Corp.***, No. CV-10-J-2847-S (N.D. Ala.). In the *Regions Financial* securities class action, Robbins Geller represented Local 703, I.B. of T. Grocery and Food Employees Welfare Fund and obtained a \$90 million settlement in September 2015 on behalf of purchasers of Regions Financial common stock during the class period. In August 2014, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the district court's

decision to certify a class action based upon alleged misrepresentations about Regions Financial's financial health before and during the recent economic recession, and in November 2014, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama denied defendants' third attempt to avoid plaintiffs' motion for class certification.

- ***Omnicare, Inc. v. Laborers Dist. Council Constr. Indus. Pension Fund***, No. 13-435 (U.S.). In March 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of investors represented by Robbins Geller that investors asserting a claim under §11 of the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to a misleading statement of opinion do not, as defendant Omnicare had contended, have to prove that the statement was subjectively disbelieved when made. Rather, the court held that a statement of opinion may be actionable either because it was not believed, or because it lacked a reasonable basis in fact. This decision is significant in that it resolved a conflict among the federal circuit courts and expressly overruled the Second Circuit's widely followed, more stringent pleading standard for §11 claims involving statements of opinion. The Supreme Court remanded the case back to the district court for determination under the newly articulated standard. In August of 2016, upon remand, the district court applied the Supreme Court's new test and denied defendants' motion to dismiss in full.
- ***NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co.***, 693 F.3d 145 (2d Cir. 2012). In a securities fraud action involving mortgage-backed securities, the Second Circuit rejected the concept of "tranche" standing and found that a lead plaintiff has class standing to pursue claims on behalf of purchasers of securities that were backed by pools of mortgages originated by the same lenders who had originated mortgages backing the lead plaintiff's securities. The court noted that, given those common lenders, the lead plaintiff's claims as to its purchases implicated "the same set of concerns" that purchasers in several of the other offerings possessed. The court also rejected the notion that the lead plaintiff lacked standing to represent investors in different tranches.
- ***In re VeriFone Holdings, Inc. Sec. Litig.***, 704 F.3d 694 (9th Cir. 2012). The panel reversed in part and affirmed in part the dismissal of investors' securities fraud class action alleging violations of §§10(b), 20(a), and 20A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and SEC Rule 10b-5 in connection with a restatement of financial results of the company in which the investors had purchased stock.

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

- ***Fox v. JAMDAT Mobile, Inc.***, 185 Cal. App. 4th 1068 (2010). Concluding that Delaware's shareholder ratification doctrine did not bar the claims, the California Court of Appeal reversed dismissal of a shareholder class action alleging breach of fiduciary duty in a corporate merger.
- ***In re Constar Int'l Inc. Sec. Litig.***, 585 F.3d 774 (3d Cir. 2009). The Third Circuit flatly rejected defense contentions that where relief is sought under §11 of the Securities Act of 1933, which imposes liability when securities are issued pursuant to an incomplete or misleading registration statement, class certification should depend upon findings concerning market efficiency and loss causation.
- ***Matrixx Initiatives, Inc. v. Siracusano***, 563 U.S 27 (2011), *aff'g* 585 F.3d 1167 (9th Cir. 2009). In a

securities fraud action involving the defendants' failure to disclose a possible link between the company's popular cold remedy and a life-altering side effect observed in some users, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously affirmed the Ninth Circuit's (a) rejection of a bright-line "statistical significance" materiality standard, and (b) holding that plaintiffs had successfully pleaded a strong inference of the defendants' scienter.

- ***Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Flowserve Corp.***, 572 F.3d 221 (5th Cir. 2009). Aided by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice O'Connor's presence on the panel, the Fifth Circuit reversed a district court order denying class certification and also reversed an order granting summary judgment to defendants. The court held that the district court applied an incorrect fact-for-fact standard of loss causation, and that genuine issues of fact on loss causation precluded summary judgment.
- ***In re F5 Networks, Inc., Derivative Litig.***, 207 P.3d 433 (Wash. 2009). In a derivative action alleging unlawful stock option backdating, the Supreme Court of Washington ruled that shareholders need not make a pre-suit demand on the board of directors where this step would be futile, agreeing with plaintiffs that favorable Delaware case law should be followed as persuasive authority.
- ***Lormand v. US Unwired, Inc.***, 565 F.3d 228 (5th Cir. 2009). In a rare win for investors in the Fifth Circuit, the court reversed an order of dismissal, holding that safe harbor warnings were not meaningful when the facts alleged established a strong inference that defendants knew their forecasts were false. The court also held that plaintiffs sufficiently alleged loss causation.
- ***Institutional Inv'rs Grp. v. Avaya, Inc.***, 564 F.3d 242 (3d Cir. 2009). In a victory for investors in the Third Circuit, the court reversed an order of dismissal, holding that shareholders pled with particularity why the company's repeated denials of price discounts on products were false and misleading when the totality of facts alleged established a strong inference that defendants knew their denials were false.
- ***Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Pharmacia Corp.***, 554 F.3d 342 (3d Cir. 2009). The Third Circuit held that claims filed for violation of §10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 were timely, adopting investors' argument that because scienter is a critical element of the claims, the time for filing them cannot begin to run until the defendants' fraudulent state of mind should be apparent.
- ***Rael v. Page***, 222 P.3d 678 (N.M. Ct. App. 2009). In this shareholder class and derivative action, Robbins Geller attorneys obtained an appellate decision reversing the trial court's dismissal of the complaint alleging serious director misconduct in connection with the merger of SunCal Companies and Westland Development Co., Inc., a New Mexico company with large and historic landholdings and other assets in the Albuquerque area. The appellate court held that plaintiff's claims for breach of fiduciary duty were direct, not derivative, because they constituted an attack on the validity or fairness of the merger and the conduct of the directors. Although New Mexico law had not addressed this question directly, at the urging of the Firm's attorneys, the court relied on Delaware law for guidance, rejecting the "special injury" test for determining the direct versus derivative inquiry and instead applying more recent Delaware case law.
- ***Lane v. Page***, No. 06-cv-1071 (D.N.M. 2012). In May 2012, while granting final approval of the settlement in the federal component of the Westland cases, Judge Browning in the District of New Mexico commented:

Class Counsel are highly skilled and specialized attorneys who use their substantial

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

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

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

- *Luther v. Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP*, 533 F.3d 1031 (9th Cir. 2008). In a case of first impression, the Ninth Circuit held that the Securities Act of 1933’s specific non-removal features had not been trumped by the general removal provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005.
- *In re Gilead Scis. Sec. Litig.*, 536 F.3d 1049 (9th Cir. 2008). The Ninth Circuit upheld defrauded investors’ loss causation theory as plausible, ruling that a limited temporal gap between the time defendants’ misrepresentation was publicly revealed and the subsequent decline in stock value was reasonable where the public had not immediately understood the impact of defendants’ fraud.
- *In re WorldCom Sec. Litig.*, 496 F.3d 245 (2d Cir. 2007). The Second Circuit held that the filing of a class action complaint tolls the limitations period for all members of the class, including those who choose to opt out of the class action and file their own individual actions without waiting to see whether the district court certifies a class – reversing the decision below and effectively overruling multiple district court rulings that *American Pipe* tolling did not apply under these circumstances.
- *In re Merck & Co. Sec., Derivative & ERISA Litig.*, 493 F.3d 393 (3d Cir. 2007). In a shareholder derivative suit appeal, the Third Circuit held that the general rule that discovery may not be used to supplement demand-futility allegations does not apply where the defendants enter a voluntary stipulation to produce materials relevant to demand futility without providing for any limitation as to their use. In April 2007, the Honorable D. Brooks Smith praised Robbins Geller partner Joe Daley’s efforts in this litigation:

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

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

- *Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Brown*, 941 A.2d 1011 (Del. 2007). The Supreme Court of Delaware held that the Alaska Electrical Pension Fund, for purposes of the “corporate benefit” attorney-fee doctrine, was presumed to have caused a substantial increase in the tender offer price paid in a “going private” buyout transaction. The Court of Chancery originally ruled that Alaska’s counsel, Robbins Geller, was not entitled to an award of attorney fees, but Delaware’s high court, in its published opinion, reversed and remanded for further proceedings.
- *Crandon Cap. Partners v. Shelk*, 157 P.3d 176 (Or. 2007). Oregon’s Supreme Court ruled that a shareholder plaintiff in a derivative action may still seek attorney fees even if the defendants took actions to moot the underlying claims. The Firm’s attorneys convinced Oregon’s highest court to take the case, and reverse, despite the contrary position articulated by both the trial court and the Oregon Court of Appeals.
- *In re Qwest Commc’ns Int’l*, 450 F.3d 1179 (10th Cir. 2006). In a case of first impression, the Tenth Circuit held that a corporation’s deliberate release of purportedly privileged materials to governmental agencies was not a “selective waiver” of the privileges such that the corporation could refuse to produce the same materials to non-governmental plaintiffs in private securities fraud litigation.
- *In re Guidant S’holders Derivative Litig.*, 841 N.E.2d 571 (Ind. 2006). Answering a certified question from a federal court, the Supreme Court of Indiana unanimously held that a pre-suit demand in a derivative action is excused if the demand would be a futile gesture. The court adopted a “demand futility” standard and rejected defendants’ call for a “universal demand” standard that might have immediately ended the case.
- *Denver Area Meat Cutters v. Clayton*, 209 S.W.3d 584 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2006). The Tennessee Court of Appeals rejected an objector’s challenge to a class action settlement arising out of Warren Buffet’s 2003 acquisition of Tennessee-based Clayton Homes. In their effort to secure relief for Clayton Homes stockholders, the Firm’s attorneys obtained a temporary injunction of the Buffet acquisition for six weeks in 2003 while the matter was litigated in the courts. The temporary halt to Buffet’s acquisition received national press attention.
- *DeJulius v. New Eng. Health Care Emps. Pension Fund*, 429 F.3d 935 (10th Cir. 2005). The Tenth Circuit held that the multi-faceted notice of a \$50 million settlement in a securities fraud class action had been the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and thus satisfied both constitutional due process and Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- *In re Daou Sys.*, 411 F.3d 1006 (9th Cir. 2005). The Ninth Circuit sustained investors’ allegations of accounting fraud and ruled that loss causation was adequately alleged by pleading that the value of the stock they purchased declined when the issuer’s true financial condition was revealed.
- *Barrie v. Intervoice-Brite, Inc.*, 397 F.3d 249 (5th Cir.), *reh’g denied and opinion modified*, 409 F.3d 653 (5th Cir. 2005). The Fifth Circuit upheld investors’ accounting-fraud claims, holding that fraud is pled as to both defendants when one knowingly utters a false statement and the other knowingly fails to correct it, even if the complaint does not specify who spoke and who listened.
- *City of Monroe Emps. Ret. Sys. v. Bridgestone Corp.*, 399 F.3d 651 (6th Cir. 2005). The Sixth Circuit held that a statement regarding objective data supposedly supporting a corporation’s belief that its tires were safe was actionable where jurors could have found a reasonable basis to believe the corporation was aware of undisclosed facts seriously undermining the statement’s accuracy.

- ***Ill. Mun. Ret. Fund v. Citigroup, Inc.***, 391 F.3d 844 (7th Cir. 2004). The Seventh Circuit upheld a district court’s decision that the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund was entitled to litigate its claims under the Securities Act of 1933 against WorldCom’s underwriters before a state court rather than before the federal forum sought by the defendants.
- ***Nursing Home Pension Fund, Local 144 v. Oracle Corp.***, 380 F.3d 1226 (9th Cir. 2004). The Ninth Circuit ruled that defendants’ fraudulent intent could be inferred from allegations concerning their false representations, insider stock sales and improper accounting methods.
- ***Southland Sec. Corp. v. INSpire Ins. Sols. Inc.***, 365 F.3d 353 (5th Cir. 2004). The Fifth Circuit sustained allegations that an issuer’s CEO made fraudulent statements in connection with a contract announcement.
- ***Smith v. Am. Family Mut. Ins. Co.***, 289 S.W.3d 675 (Mo. Ct. App. 2009). Capping nearly a decade of hotly contested litigation, the Missouri Court of Appeals reversed the trial court’s judgment notwithstanding the verdict for auto insurer American Family and reinstated a unanimous jury verdict for the plaintiff class.
- ***Troyk v. Farmers Grp., Inc.***, 171 Cal. App. 4th 1305 (2009). The California Court of Appeal held that Farmers Insurance’s practice of levying a “service charge” on one-month auto insurance policies, without specifying the charge in the policy, violated California’s Insurance Code.
- ***Lebrilla v. Farmers Grp., Inc.***, 119 Cal. App. 4th 1070 (2004). Reversing the trial court, the California Court of Appeal ordered class certification of a suit against Farmers, one of the largest automobile insurers in California, and ruled that Farmers’ standard automobile policy requires it to provide parts that are as good as those made by vehicle’s manufacturer. The case involved Farmers’ practice of using inferior imitation parts when repairing insureds’ vehicles.
- ***In re Monumental Life Ins. Co.***, 365 F.3d 408, 416 (5th Cir. 2004). The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a district court’s denial of class certification in a case filed by African-Americans seeking to remedy racially discriminatory insurance practices. The Fifth Circuit held that a monetary relief claim is viable in a Rule 23(b)(2) class if it flows directly from liability to the class as a whole and is capable of classwide “computation by means of objective standards and not dependent in any significant way on the intangible, subjective differences of each class member’s circumstances.”
- ***Dent v. National Football League***, No. 15-15143 (9th Cir.). In September 2018, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit issued an important decision reversing the district court’s previous dismissal of the *Dent v. National Football League* litigation, concluding that the complaint brought by NFL Hall of Famer Richard Dent and others should not be dismissed on labor-law preemption grounds. The case was remanded to the district court for further proceedings.
- ***Kwikset Corp. v. Superior Court***, 51 Cal. 4th 310 (2011). In a leading decision interpreting the scope of Proposition 64’s new standing requirements under California’s Unfair Competition Law (UCL), the California Supreme Court held that consumers alleging that a manufacturer has misrepresented its product have “lost money or property” within the meaning of the initiative, and thus have standing to sue under the UCL, if they “can truthfully allege that they were deceived by a product’s label into spending money to purchase the product, and would not have purchased it otherwise.” *Id.* at 317. *Kwikset* involved allegations, proven at trial, that defendants violated California’s “Made in the U.S.A.” statute by representing on their labels that their products were “Made in U.S.A.” or “All-American Made” when, in fact, the products were substantially made with foreign parts and labor.

- ***Safeco Ins. Co. of Am. v. Superior Court***, 173 Cal. App. 4th 814 (2009). In a class action against auto insurer Safeco, the California Court of Appeal agreed that the plaintiff should have access to discovery to identify a new class representative after her standing to sue was challenged.
- ***Consumer Privacy Cases***, 175 Cal. App. 4th 545 (2009). The California Court of Appeal rejected objections to a nationwide class action settlement benefiting Bank of America customers.
- ***Koponen v. Pac. Gas & Elec. Co.***, 165 Cal. App. 4th 345 (2008). The Firm’s attorneys obtained a published decision reversing the trial court’s dismissal of the action, and holding that the plaintiff’s claims for damages arising from the utility’s unauthorized use of rights-of-way or easements obtained from the plaintiff and other landowners were not barred by a statute limiting the authority of California courts to review or correct decisions of the California Public Utilities Commission.
- ***Sanford v. MemberWorks, Inc.***, 483 F.3d 956 (9th Cir. 2007). In a telemarketing-fraud case, where the plaintiff consumer insisted she had never entered the contractual arrangement that defendants said bound her to arbitrate individual claims to the exclusion of pursuing class claims, the Ninth Circuit reversed an order compelling arbitration – allowing the plaintiff to litigate on behalf of a class.
- ***Ritt v. Billy Blanks Enters.***, 870 N.E.2d 212 (Ohio Ct. App. 2007). In the Ohio analog to the *West* case, the Ohio Court of Appeals approved certification of a class of Ohio residents seeking relief under Ohio’s consumer protection laws for the same telemarketing fraud.
- ***Haw. Med. Ass’n v. Haw. Med. Serv. Ass’n***, 148 P.3d 1179 (Haw. 2006). The Supreme Court of Hawaii ruled that claims of unfair competition were not subject to arbitration and that claims of tortious interference with prospective economic advantage were adequately alleged.
- ***Branick v. Downey Sav. & Loan Ass’n***, 39 Cal. 4th 235 (2006). Robbins Geller attorneys were part of a team of lawyers that briefed this case before the Supreme Court of California. The court issued a unanimous decision holding that new plaintiffs may be substituted, if necessary, to preserve actions pending when Proposition 64 was passed by California voters in 2004. Proposition 64 amended California’s Unfair Competition Law and was aggressively cited by defense lawyers in an effort to dismiss cases after the initiative was adopted.
- ***McKell v. Wash. Mut., Inc.***, 142 Cal. App. 4th 1457 (2006). The California Court of Appeal reversed the trial court, holding that plaintiff’s theories attacking a variety of allegedly inflated mortgage-related fees were actionable.
- ***West Corp. v. Superior Court***, 116 Cal. App. 4th 1167 (2004). The California Court of Appeal upheld the trial court’s finding that jurisdiction in California was appropriate over the out-of-state corporate defendant whose telemarketing was aimed at California residents. Exercise of jurisdiction was found to be in keeping with considerations of fair play and substantial justice.
- ***Kruse v. Wells Fargo Home Mortg., Inc.***, 383 F.3d 49 (2d Cir. 2004), and ***Santiago v. GMAC Mortg. Grp., Inc.***, 417 F.3d 384 (3d Cir. 2005). In two groundbreaking federal appellate decisions, the Second and Third Circuits each ruled that the Real Estate Settlement Practices Act prohibits marking up home loan-related fees and charges.

Additional Judicial Commendations

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

- On October 23, 2020, at the final approval hearing of the settlement, the Honorable P. Kevin Castel of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York praised the firm, “[Robbins Geller] has been sophisticated and experienced.” He also noted that: “[T]he quality of the representation . . . was excellent. The experience of counsel is also a factor. Robbins Geller certainly has the extensive experience and they were litigating against national powerhouses” *City of Birmingham Ret. & Relief Sys. v. BRF S.A.*, No. 18 Civ. 2213 (PKC), Transcript at 12-13, 18 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 23, 2020).
- In May 2020, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Mark L. Wolf praised Robbins Geller: “[T]he class has been represented by excellent honorable counsel [T]he fund was represented by experienced, energetic, able counsel, the fund was engaged and informed, and the fund followed advice of experienced counsel. Counsel for the class have been excellent, and I would say honorable.” Additionally, Judge Wolf noted, “I find that the work that's been done primarily by Robbins Geller has been excellent and honorable and efficient. . . . [T]his has been a challenging case, and they've done an excellent job.” *McGee v. Constant Contact, Inc.*, No. 1:15-cv-13114-MLW, Transcript at 21, 31, 61 (D. Mass. May 27, 2020).
- In December 2019, the Honorable Margo K. Brodie noted in granting final approval of the settlement that “[Robbins Geller and co-counsel] have also demonstrated the utmost professionalism despite the demands of the extreme perseverance that this case has required, litigating on behalf of a class of over 12 million for over fourteen years, across a changing legal landscape, significant motion practice, and appeal and remand. Class counsel's pedigree and efforts alone speak to the quality of their representation.” *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee & Merch. Disc. Antitrust Litig.*, No. 1:05-md-01720-MKB-JO, Memorandum & Order (E.D.N.Y. Dec. 16, 2019).
- In October 2019, the Honorable Claire C. Cecchi noted that Robbins Geller is “capable of adequately representing the class, both based on their prior experience in class action lawsuits and based on their capable advocacy on behalf of the class in this action.” The court further commended the Firm and co-counsel for “conduct[ing] the [l]itigation . . . with skill, perseverance, and diligent advocacy.” *Lincoln Adventures, LLC v. Those Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London Members*, No. 2:08-cv-00235-CCC-JAD, Order at 4 (D.N.J. Oct. 3, 2019); *Lincoln Adventures, LLC v. Those Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London Members of Syndicates*, No. 2:08-cv-00235-CCC-JAD, Order Awarding Attorneys' Fees and Expenses/Charges and Service Awards at 3 (D.N.J. Oct. 3, 2019).
- In June 2019, the Honorable T.S. Ellis, III noted that Robbins Geller “achieved the [\$108 million] [s]ettlement with skill, perseverance, and diligent advocacy.” At the final approval hearing, the court further commended Robbins Geller by stating, “I think the case was fully and appropriately litigated [and] you all did a very good job. . . . [T]hank you for your service in the court. . . . [You're] first-class lawyers” *Knurr v. Orbital ATK, Inc.*, No. 1:16-cv-01031, Order Awarding Attorneys' Fees and Expenses at 3 (E.D. Va. June 7, 2019); *Knurr v. Orbital ATK, Inc.*, No. 1:16-cv-01031, Transcript at 28-29 (E.D. Va. June 7, 2019).

- In June 2019, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable John A. Houston stated: Robbins Geller’s “skill and quality of work was extraordinary I’ll note from the top that this has been an aggressively litigated action.” *In re Morning Song Bird Food Litig.*, No. 3:12-cv-01592-JAH-AGS, Transcript at 4, 9 (S.D. Cal. June 3, 2019).
- In May 2019, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Richard H. DuBois stated: Robbins Geller is “highly experienced and skilled” for obtaining a “fair, reasonable, and adequate” settlement in the “interest of the [c]lass [m]embers” after “extensive investigation.” *Chicago Laborers Pension Fund v. Alibaba Grp. Holding Ltd.*, No. CIV535692, Judgment and Order Granting Final Approval of Class Action Settlement at 3 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Mateo Cnty. May 17, 2019).
- In April 2019, the Honorable Kathaleen St. J. McCormick noted: “[S]ince the inception of this litigation, plaintiffs and their counsel have vigorously prosecuted the claims brought on behalf of the class. . . . When Vice Chancellor Laster appointed lead counsel, he effectively said: Go get a good result. And counsel took that to heart and did it. . . . The proposed settlement was the product of intense litigation and complex mediation. . . . [Robbins Geller has] only built a considerable track record, never burned it, which gave them the credibility necessary to extract the benefits achieved.” *In re Calamos Asset Mgmt., Inc. S’holder Litig.*, No. 2017-0058-JTL, Transcript at 87, 93, 95, 98 (Del. Ch. Apr. 25, 2019).
- In April 2019, the Honorable Susan O. Hickey noted that Robbins Geller “achieved an exceptional [s]ettlement with skill, perseverance, and diligent advocacy.” *City of Pontiac Gen. Emps.’ Ret. Sys. v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, No. 5:12-cv-5162, Order Awarding Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses at 3 (W.D. Ark. Apr. 8, 2019).
- In January 2019, the Honorable Margo K. Brodie noted that Robbins Geller “has arduously represented a variety of plaintiffs’ groups in this action[,] . . . [has] extensive antitrust class action litigation experience . . . [and] negotiated what [may be] the largest antitrust settlement in history.” *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee & Merch. Disc. Antitrust Litig.*, 330 F.R.D. 11, 34 (E.D.N.Y. 2019).
- On December 20, 2018, at the final approval hearing for the settlement, the court lauded Robbins Geller’s attorneys and their work: “[T]his is a pretty extraordinary settlement, recovery on behalf of the members of the class. . . . I’ve been very impressed with the level of lawyering in the case . . . and with the level of briefing . . . and I wanted to express my appreciation for that and for the work that everyone has done here.” The court concluded, “your clients were all blessed to have you, [and] not just because of the outcome.” *Duncan v. Joy Global, Inc.*, No. 16-CV-1229, Transcript at 12, 20-21 (E.D. Wis. Dec. 20, 2018).
- In October 2017, the Honorable William Alsup noted that Robbins Geller and lead plaintiff “vigorously prosecuted this action.” *In re LendingClub Sec. Litig.*, No. 3:16-cv-02627-WHA, Order at 13 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 20, 2017).
- On November 9, 2018, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Jesse M. Furman commented: “[Robbins Geller] did an extraordinary job here. . . . [I]t is fair to say [this was] probably the most complicated case I have had since I have been on the bench. . . . I cannot really imagine how complicated it would have been if I didn’t have counsel who had done as admirable [a] job in briefing it and arguing as you have done. You have in my view done an extraordinary service to the class. . . . I think you have done an extraordinary job and deserve thanks and commendation for that.” *Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Bank of Am. Corp.*, No. 1:14-cv-07126-JMF-OTW, Transcript at 27-28 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 9, 2018).

- On September 12, 2018, at the final approval hearing of the settlement, the Honorable William H. Orrick of the Northern District of California praised Robbins Geller’s “high-quality lawyering” in a case that “involved complicated discovery and complicated and novel legal issues,” resulting in an “excellent” settlement for the class. The “lawyering . . . was excellent” and the case was “very well litigated.” *In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litig.*, No. 14-MDL-02521-WHO, Transcript at 11, 14, 22 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 12, 2018).
- On March 31, 2017, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Gonzalo P. Curiel hailed the settlement as “extraordinary” and “all the more exceptional when viewed in light of the risk” of continued litigation. The court further commended Robbins Geller for prosecuting the case on a *pro bono* basis: “Class Counsel’s exceptional decision to provide nearly seven years of legal services to Class Members on a *pro bono* basis evidences not only a lack of collusion, but also that Class Counsel are in fact representing the best interests of Plaintiffs and the Class Members in this Settlement. Instead of seeking compensation for fees and costs that they would otherwise be entitled to, Class Counsel have acted to allow maximum recovery to Plaintiffs and Class Members. Indeed, that Eligible Class Members may receive recovery of 90% or greater is a testament to Class Counsel’s representation and dedication to act in their clients’ best interest.” In addition, at the final approval hearing, the court commented that “this is a case that has been litigated – if not fiercely, zealously throughout.” *Low v. Trump Univ., LLC*, 246 F. Supp. 3d 1295, 1302, 1312 (S.D. Cal. 2017), *aff’d*, 881 F.3d 1111 (9th Cir. 2018); *Low v. Trump University LLC and Donald J. Trump*, No. 10-cv-0940 GPC-WVG, and *Cohen v. Donald J. Trump*, No. 13-cv-2519-GPC-WVG, Transcript at 7 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 30, 2017).
- In January 2017, at the final approval hearing, the Honorable Kevin H. Sharp of the Middle District of Tennessee commended Robbins Geller attorneys, stating: “It was complicated, it was drawn out, and a lot of work clearly went into this [case] I think there is some benefit to the shareholders that are above and beyond money, a benefit to the company above and beyond money that changed hands.” *In re Community Health Sys., Inc. S’holder Derivative Litig.*, No. 3:11-cv-00489, Transcript at 10 (M.D. Tenn. Jan. 17, 2017).
- In November 2016, at the final approval hearing, the Honorable James G. Carr stated: “I kept throwing the case out, and you kept coming back. . . . And it’s both remarkable and noteworthy and a credit to you and your firm that you did so. . . . [Y]ou persuaded the Sixth Circuit. As we know, that’s no mean feat at all.” Judge Carr further complimented the Firm, noting that it “goes without question or even saying” that Robbins Geller is very well-known nationally and that the settlement is an excellent result for the class. He succinctly concluded that “given the tenacity and the time and the effort that [Robbins Geller] lawyers put into [the case]” makes the class “a lot better off.” *Plumbers & Pipefitters Nat’l Pension Fund v. Burns*, No. 3:05-cv-07393-JGC, Transcript at 4, 10, 14, 17 (N.D. Ohio Nov. 18, 2016).
- In September 2016, in granting final approval of the settlement, Judge Arleo commended the “vigorous and skilled efforts” of Robbins Geller attorneys for obtaining “an excellent recovery.” Judge Arleo added that the settlement was reached after “contentious, hard-fought litigation” that ended with “a very, very good result for the class” in a “risky case.” *City of Sterling Heights Gen. Emps.’ Ret. Sys. v. Prudential Fin., Inc.*, No. 2:12-cv-05275-MCA-LDW, Transcript of Hearing at 18-20 (D.N.J. Sept. 28, 2016).

- In August 2015, at the final approval hearing for the settlement, the Honorable Karen M. Humphreys praised Robbins Geller’s “extraordinary efforts” and “excellent lawyering,” noting that the settlement “really does signal that the best is yet to come for your clients and for your prodigious labor as professionals. . . . I wish more citizens in our country could have an appreciation of what this [settlement] truly represents.” *Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corp.*, No. 2:09-cv-02122-EFM-KMH, Transcript at 8, 25 (D. Kan. Aug. 12, 2015).
- In August 2015, the Honorable Judge Max O. Cogburn, Jr. noted that “plaintiffs’ attorneys were able [to] achieve the big success early” in the case and obtained an “excellent result.” The “extraordinary” settlement was because of “good lawyers . . . doing their good work.” *Nieman v. Duke Energy Corp.*, No. 3:12-cv-456, Transcript at 21, 23, 30 (W.D.N.C. Aug. 12, 2015).
- In July 2015, in approving the settlement, the Honorable Douglas L. Rayes of the District of Arizona stated: “Settlement of the case during pendency of appeal for more than an insignificant amount is rare. The settlement here is substantial and provides favorable recovery for the settlement class under these circumstances.” He continued, noting, “[a]s against the objective measures of . . . settlements [in] other similar cases, [the recovery] is on the high end.” *Teamsters Local 617 Pension & Welfare Funds v. Apollo Grp., Inc.*, No. 2:06-cv-02674-DLR, Transcript at 8, 11 (D. Ariz. July 28, 2015).
- In June 2015, at the conclusion of the hearing for final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Susan Richard Nelson of the District of Minnesota noted that it was “a pleasure to be able to preside over a case like this,” praising Robbins Geller in achieving “an outstanding [result] for [its] clients,” as she was “very impressed with the work done on th[e] case.” *In re St. Jude Med., Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 0:10-cv-00851-SRN-TNL, Transcript at 7 (D. Minn. June 12, 2015).
- In May 2015, at the fairness hearing on the settlement, the Honorable William G. Young noted that the case was “very well litigated” by Robbins Geller attorneys, adding that “I don’t just say that as a matter of form. . . . I thank you for the vigorous litigation that I’ve been permitted to be a part of.” *Courtney v. Avid Tech., Inc.*, No. 1:13-cv-10686-WGY, Transcript at 8-9 (D. Mass. May 12, 2015).
- In January 2015, the Honorable William J. Haynes, Jr. of the Middle District of Tennessee described the settlement as a “highly favorable result achieved for the Class” through Robbins Geller’s “diligent prosecution . . . [and] quality of legal services.” The settlement represents the fourth-largest securities recovery ever in the Middle District of Tennessee and one of the largest in more than a decade. *Garden City Emps.’ Ret. Sys. v. Psychiatric Sols., Inc.*, No. 3:09-cv-00882, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 181943, at *6-*7 (M.D. Tenn. Jan. 16, 2015).
- In September 2014, in approving the settlement for shareholders, Vice Chancellor John W. Noble noted “[t]he litigation caused a substantial benefit for the class. It is unusual to see a \$29 million recovery.” Vice Chancellor Noble characterized the litigation as “novel” and “not easy,” but “[t]he lawyers took a case and made something of it.” The court commended Robbins Geller’s efforts in obtaining this result: “The standing and ability of counsel cannot be questioned” and “the benefits achieved by plaintiffs’ counsel in this case cannot be ignored.” *In re Gardner Denver, Inc. S’holder Litig.*, No. 8505-VCN, Transcript at 26-28 (Del. Ch. Sept. 3, 2014).
- In May 2014, at the conclusion of the hearing for final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Elihu M. Berle stated: “I would finally like to congratulate counsel on their efforts to resolve this case, on excellent work – it was the best interest of the class – and to the exhibition of professionalism. So I do thank you for all your efforts.” *Liberty Mutual Overtime Cases*, No. JCCP 4234, Transcript at 20:1-5 (Cal. Super. Ct., Los Angeles Cnty. May 29, 2014).

- In March 2014, Ninth Circuit Judge J. Clifford Wallace (presiding) expressed the gratitude of the court: “Thank you. I want to especially thank counsel for this argument. This is a very complicated case and I think we were assisted no matter how we come out by competent counsel coming well prepared. . . . It was a model of the type of an exercise that we appreciate. Thank you very much for your work . . . you were of service to the court.” *Eclectic Properties East, LLC v. The Marcus & Millichap Co.*, No. 12-16526, Transcript (9th Cir. Mar. 14, 2014).
- In February 2014, in approving a settlement, Judge Edward M. Chen noted the “very substantial risks” in the case and recognized Robbins Geller had performed “extensive work on the case.” *In re VeriFone Holdings, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. C-07-6140, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 20044, at *5, *11-*12 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 18, 2014).
- In August 2013, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Richard J. Sullivan stated: “Lead Counsel is to be commended for this result: it expended considerable effort and resources over the course of the action researching, investigating, and prosecuting the claims, at significant risk to itself, and in a skillful and efficient manner, to achieve an outstanding recovery for class members. Indeed, the result – and the class’s embrace of it – is a testament to the experience and tenacity Lead Counsel brought to bear.” *City of Livonia Emps. Ret. Sys. v. Wyeth*, No. 07 Civ. 10329, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 113658, at *13 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 7, 2013).
- In July 2013, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable William H. Alsup stated that Robbins Geller did “excellent work in this case,” and continued, “I look forward to seeing you on the next case.” *Fraser v. Asus Comput. Int’l*, No. C 12-0652, Transcript at 12:2-3 (N.D. Cal. July 11, 2013).
- In June 2013, in certifying the class, U.S. District Judge James G. Carr recognized Robbins Geller’s steadfast commitment to the class, noting that “plaintiffs, with the help of Robbins Geller, have twice successfully appealed this court’s orders granting defendants’ motion to dismiss.” *Plumbers & Pipefitters Nat’l Pension Fund v. Burns*, 292 F.R.D. 515, 524 (N.D. Ohio 2013).
- In November 2012, in granting appointment of lead plaintiff, Chief Judge James F. Holderman commended Robbins Geller for its “substantial experience in securities class action litigation” and commented that the Firm “is recognized as ‘one of the most successful law firms in securities class actions, if not the preeminent one, in the country.’” *In re Enron Corp. Sec.*, 586 F. Supp. 2d 732, 797 (S.D. Tex. 2008) (Harmon, J.).” He continued further that, “‘Robbins Geller attorneys are responsible for obtaining the largest securities fraud class action recovery ever [\$7.2 billion in *Enron*], as well as the largest recoveries in the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits.’” *Bristol Cnty. Ret. Sys. v. Allscripts Healthcare Sols., Inc.*, No. 12 C 3297, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 161441, at *21 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 9, 2012).
- In June 2012, in granting plaintiffs’ motion for class certification, the Honorable Inge Prytz Johnson noted that other courts have referred to Robbins Geller as “‘one of the most successful law firms in securities class actions . . . in the country.’” *Local 703, I.B. v. Regions Fin. Corp.*, 282 F.R.D. 607, 616 (N.D. Ala. 2012) (quoting *In re Enron Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 586 F. Supp. 2d 732, 797 (S.D. Tex. 2008)), *aff’d in part and vacated in part on other grounds*, 762 F.3d 1248 (11th Cir. 2014).
- In June 2012, in granting final approval of the settlement, the Honorable Barbara S. Jones commented that “class counsel’s representation, from the work that I saw, appeared to me to be of the highest quality.” *In re CIT Grp. Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 08 Civ. 6613, Transcript at 9:16-18 (S.D.N.Y. June 13, 2012).

- In March 2012, in granting certification for the class, Judge Robert W. Sweet referenced the *Enron* case, agreeing that Robbins Geller’s “clearly superlative litigating and negotiating skills” give the Firm an “outstanding reputation, experience, and success in securities litigation nationwide,” thus, “[t]he experience, ability, and reputation of the attorneys of [Robbins Geller] is not disputed; it is one of the most successful law firms in securities class actions, if not the preeminent one, in the country.” *Billhofer v. Flamel Techs., S.A.*, 281 F.R.D. 150, 158 (S.D.N.Y. 2012).
- In March 2011, in denying defendants’ motion to dismiss, Judge Richard Sullivan commented: “Let me thank you all. . . . [The motion] was well argued . . . and . . . well briefed I certainly appreciate having good lawyers who put the time in to be prepared” *Anegada Master Fund Ltd. v. PxRE Grp. Ltd.*, No. 08-cv-10584, Transcript at 83 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 16, 2011).
- In January 2011, the court praised Robbins Geller attorneys: “They have gotten very good results for stockholders. . . . [Robbins Geller has] such a good track record.” *In re Compellent Techs., Inc. S’holder Litig.*, No. 6084-VCL, Transcript at 20-21 (Del. Ch. Jan. 13, 2011).
- In August 2010, in reviewing the settlement papers submitted by the Firm, Judge Carlos Murguia stated that Robbins Geller performed “a commendable job of addressing the relevant issues with great detail and in a comprehensive manner The court respects the [Firm’s] experience in the field of derivative [litigation].” *Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Olofson*, No. 08-cv-02344-CM-JPO (D. Kan.) (Aug. 20, 2010 e-mail from court re: settlement papers).
- In June 2009, Judge Ira Warshawsky praised the Firm’s efforts in *In re Aeroflex, Inc. S’holder Litig.*: “There is no doubt that the law firms involved in this matter represented in my opinion the cream of the crop of class action business law and mergers and acquisition litigators, and from a judicial point of view it was a pleasure working with them.” *In re Aeroflex, Inc. S’holder Litig.*, No. 003943/07, Transcript at 25:14-18 (N.Y. Sup. Ct., Nassau Cnty. June 30, 2009).
- In March 2009, in granting class certification, the Honorable Robert Sweet of the Southern District of New York commented in *In re NYSE Specialists Sec. Litig.*, 260 F.R.D. 55, 74 (S.D.N.Y. 2009): “As to the second prong, the Specialist Firms have not challenged, in this motion, the qualifications, experience, or ability of counsel for Lead Plaintiff, [Robbins Geller], to conduct this litigation. Given [Robbins Geller’s] substantial experience in securities class action litigation and the extensive discovery already conducted in this case, this element of adequacy has also been satisfied.”
- In June 2008, the court commented, “Plaintiffs’ lead counsel in this litigation, [Robbins Geller], has demonstrated its considerable expertise in shareholder litigation, diligently advocating the rights of Home Depot shareholders in this Litigation. [Robbins Geller] has acted with substantial skill and professionalism in representing the plaintiffs and the interests of Home Depot and its shareholders in prosecuting this case.” *City of Pontiac Gen. Emps.’ Ret. Sys. v. Langone*, No. 2006-122302, Findings of Fact in Support of Order and Final Judgment at 2 (Ga. Super. Ct., Fulton Cnty. June 10, 2008).
- In a December 2006 hearing on the \$50 million consumer privacy class action settlement in *Kehoe v. Fidelity Fed. Bank & Tr.*, No. 03-80593-CIV (S.D. Fla.), United States District Court Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley said the following:

First, I thank counsel. As I said repeatedly on both sides, we have been very, very fortunate. We have had fine lawyers on both sides. The issues in the case are significant issues. We are talking about issues dealing with consumer protection

and privacy. Something that is increasingly important today in our society. . . . I want you to know I thought long and hard about this. I am absolutely satisfied that the settlement is a fair and reasonable settlement. . . . I thank the lawyers on both sides for the extraordinary effort that has been brought to bear here

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

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

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

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

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

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2020; 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

Jason H. Alperstein | Partner

Jason Alperstein is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office. His practice focuses on consumer fraud, securities fraud, mass torts, and data breach litigation. Alperstein was an integral member of the *In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Pracs., & Prods. Liab. Litig.*, No. 15-md-2672 (N.D. Cal.), litigation team, prosecuting claims on behalf of almost 600,000 consumers who were duped into purchasing and leasing Volkswagen, Audi, and Porsche vehicles that were marketed as environmentally friendly, yet spewed toxic pollutants up to 40 times the legal limit permitted by the EPA. Working closely with Plaintiffs' Steering Committee ("PSC") member Paul J. Geller, Alperstein was involved in almost all aspects of the litigation. The PSC and government agencies ultimately reached a series of settlements on behalf of purchasers, lessees, and dealers that totaled well over \$17 billion, the largest consumer automotive settlement in history. Alperstein is actively involved in a number of other class actions and MDLs pending throughout the country, including: *In re Yahoo! Inc. Customer Data Sec. Breach Litig.*, No. 16-md-02752 (N.D. Cal.), regarding the largest data breach in history; *In re FieldTurf Artificial Turf Mktg. & Sales Pracs. Litig.*, No. 17-md-02779 (D.N.J.), concerning the sale of defective synthetic turf for use in athletic fields; *In re Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep Ecodiesel Mktg., Sales Pracs. & Prods. Liab. Litig.*, No. 17-md-02777 (N.D. Cal.), pertaining to Fiat Chrysler's use of defeat devices to hide emission levels on its Jeep and Dodge "EcoDiesel" vehicles; *Benkle v. Ford Motor Co.*, No. 16-cv-01569 (C.D. Cal.), involving defective electronic throttle body units in Ford vehicles; and *Zimmerman v. The 3M Company*, No. 17-cv-01062 (W.D. Mich.), relating to the dumping of toxic waste and polluting of groundwater in Kent County, Michigan.

Before joining Robbins Geller, Alperstein served on lead and co-lead litigation teams in nationwide and statewide class action lawsuits against dozens of the largest banking institutions in connection with the unlawful assessment of checking account overdraft fees. His efforts resulted in over \$250 million in settlements for his clients and significant changes in the way banks charge overdraft fees to their customers. In addition, he led consumer class actions against product manufacturers for false and deceptive labeling, and some of the world's largest clothing retailers for their use of false and deceptive comparative pricing in their outlet stores.

Education

B.A., Brown University, 2004; M.B.A., University of Miami School of Business, 2008, J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 2008

Honors / Awards

40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2017-2020; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2019; Rising Star, Consumer Protection, *Law360*, 2017; J.D., *Cum Laude*, University of Miami School of Law, 2008; B.A., with Honors, Brown University, 2004

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 preliminary approval of a \$1.21 billion settlement in *In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (D.N.J.), a case that *Vanity Fair* reported as "the corporate scandal of its era" that had raised "fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations." Subject to court approval, 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.

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 key 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 hard-fought litigation and an interlocutory appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, is the fifth-largest PSLRA recovery ever obtained in the Ninth Circuit. Alvarado also helped secure \$388 million for investors in J.P. Morgan RMBS in *Fort Worth Emps.' Ret. 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 Mortg. Pass-Through Certificates Litig.* In addition, 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.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

40 & Under Hot List, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2018-2020; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2020; "Outstanding Young Attorneys," *San Diego Daily Transcript*, 2011

X. Jay Alvarez | Partner

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

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

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

Dory P. Antullis | Partner

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

Prior to joining the Firm, Antullis worked as an associate in the Miami office of Greenberg Traurig, P.A., where she practiced in the area of commercial defense litigation and international arbitration, and as General Counsel for a medical and defense industry manufacture and supply company in Coral Gables, Florida.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

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

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; 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 other Robbins Geller attorneys, is currently leading the effort on behalf of cities and counties around the country in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*. Additionally, she prosecuted an action against Wells Fargo's directors and officers accusing the giant of engaging in the robo-signing of foreclosure papers so as to mass-process home foreclosures, a practice which contributed significantly to the 2008-2009 financial crisis. The resulting settlement was worth more than \$67 million in cash, corporate preventative measures, and new lending initiatives for residents of cities devastated by Wells Fargo's alleged unlawful foreclosure practices. Baig was 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; Best Lawyer in Northern California: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2021; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Featured in "Lawyer Limelight" series, *Lawdragon*, 2020; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2020; Litigation Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2019; California Trailblazer, *The Recorder*, 2019; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2012-2013; J.D., *Cum Laude*, Washington College of Law at American University, 1998; Senior Editor, *Administrative Law Review*, Washington College of Law at American University

Randall J. Baron | Partner

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

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

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

James E. Barz | Partner

James Barz is a partner with the Firm and manages the Firm's Chicago office. He has tried 18 cases to verdict and he is a registered CPA, former federal prosecutor, and has been an adjunct professor at Northwestern University School of Law from 2008 to 2019, 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." Subject to court approval, this is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest securities class action settlement ever.

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.); and *LJM Funds Management, Ltd.* (\$12.85 million, N.D. Ill.). 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 a successful settlement in *United States v. Signature Healthcare LLC* (M.D. Tenn.) (\$30 million), and 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

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2018-2020; 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

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*, 2019-2020; 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

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*, 2019-2020; 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*®, 2018-2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers*®, 2018-2021; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2020; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2016, 2020; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2018-2020; 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; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2020; 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

Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2020; J.D., *Cum Laude*, Hofstra University School of Law, 2010

Brian E. Cochran | Partner

Brian Cochran is a partner in the Firm's San Diego and Chicago offices. He focuses his practice on complex securities, shareholder, consumer protection, and ERISA litigation. In particular, 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.

Most recently, Cochran was a member of the litigation team that achieved a \$1.21 billion settlement (subject to court approval) in the *Valeant Pharmaceuticals* securities litigation. Cochran was also part of the team that secured a historic recovery on behalf of Trump University students in two class actions against President Donald J. Trump one week before trial. The settlement provided \$25 million to approximately 7,000 consumers, entitling individual class members for upwards of \$35,000 in restitution. Cochran prosecuted the case on a *pro bono* basis. Other notable recoveries include: *Scotts Miracle-Gro* (up to \$85 million); *Psychiatric Solutions* (\$65 million); *Big Lots* (\$38 million); *Fifth Street Finance* (\$14 million); and *Third Avenue Management* (\$14 million). Several of Cochran's pending cases have secured class certification and/or successfully opposed a motion to dismiss against prominent corporate defendants, such as Goldman Sachs, General Electric, JP Morgan, Johnson & Johnson, and Walgreens.

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; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2020; 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

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*, __ F. App'x __, 2020 WL 1189621 (2d Cir. 2020); *City of Providence v. Bats Glob. Mkts., Inc.*, 878 F.3d 36 (2d Cir. 2017); *DeJulius v. New Eng. Health Care Emps. Pension Fund*, 429 F.3d 935 (10th Cir. 2005); *Frank v. Dana Corp.* ("Dana I"), 547 F.3d 564 (6th Cir. 2008); *Frank v. Dana Corp.* ("Dana II"), 646 F.3d 954 (6th Cir. 2011); *Freidus v. Barclays Bank Plc*, 734 F.3d 132 (2d Cir. 2013); *In re HealthSouth Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 334 F. App'x 248 (11th Cir. 2009); *In re Merck & Co. Sec., Derivative & ERISA Litig.*, 493 F.3d 393 (3d Cir. 2007); *In re Quality Sys., Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 865 F.3d 1130 (9th Cir. 2017); *In re Qwest Commc'ns Int'l*, 450 F.3d 1179 (10th Cir. 2006); *Luther v. Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP*, 533 F.3d 1031 (9th Cir. 2008); *NECA-IBEW Health & Welfare Fund v. Goldman Sachs & Co.*, 693 F.3d 145 (2d Cir. 2012); *Rosenbloom v. Pyott* ("Allergan"), 765 F.3d 1137 (9th Cir. 2014); *Silverman v. Motorola Solutions, Inc.*, 739 F.3d 956 (7th Cir. 2013); *Siracusano v. Matrixx Initiatives, Inc.*, 585 F.3d 1167 (9th Cir. 2009), *aff'd*, 563 U.S. 27 (2011); and *Southland Sec. Corp. v. INSpire Ins. Solutions Inc.*, 365 F.3d 353 (5th Cir. 2004). Daley is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as before 12 U.S. Courts of Appeals around the nation.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2011-2012, 2014-2018; 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 most significant shareholder actions, including *Enron*, *WorldCom*, *AOL Time 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*, 2019-2020; 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 Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP'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. Davidson has served as class counsel in some of the nation's most significant privacy cases, including: *In re Facebook Biometric Info. Priv. Litig.*, No. 3:15-cv-03747 (N.D. Cal.) (\$650 million recovery (pending approval), 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 Am. Med. Collection Agency, Inc. Customer Data Sec. Breach Litig.*, No. 2:19-md-02904 (D.N.J.) (representing class of LabCorp customers), on Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Intel Corp. CPU Mktg., Sales Pracs. & Prods. Liab. Litig.*, No. 3:18-md-02828 (D. Or.) (representing class of Intel CPU purchasers based on serious security

vulnerabilities – including those known as “Spectre” and “Meltdown” – that infect nearly all of Intel’s x86 processors manufactured and sold since 1995), and spearheads several aspects of *In re EpiPen (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Mktg., Sales Pracs. & Antitrust Litig.*, No. 2:17-md-02785 (D. Kan.) (representing certified class for RICO and antitrust claims involving the illegal monopolization of the epinephrine auto-injector market, which allowed the prices of the life-saving EpiPen to rise over 600% in 9 years).

Davidson also served as Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel in *In re NHL Players’ Concussion Injury Litig.*, No. 0:14-md-02551 (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 Prods. Liab. Litig.*, No. 1:07-cv-02867 (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. S’holder Litig.*, C.A. No. 1012-VCS (Del. Ch.) (\$25 million recovery weeks before trial); *In re Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. S’holder Litig.*, 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. S’holder Litig.*, 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

One of “Florida’s Most Effective Lawyers” in the Privacy category, American Law Media, 2020; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 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 also recently appointed as the Chair of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in *In re Apple Inc. Device Performance Litig.* and was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in *In re FieldTurf Artificial Turf Mktg. Pracs. Litig.*, which alleges that FieldTurf USA Inc. and its related companies sold defective synthetic turf for use in athletic fields. His other recent representative cases include: *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.J.); *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; 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 preliminary approval of 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.” Subject to court approval, this is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest ever.

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2012-2017; B.S., *Cum Laude*, Georgetown University, 2004

Travis E. Downs III | Partner

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

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2018-2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers*®, 2018-2021; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2019; 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*, *Coca-Cola*, *Petco*, *PMI*, and *America West*. Drosman served as one of the lead trial attorneys in *Jaffe v. Household Int'l, Inc.* 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. He also led a group of attorneys prosecuting fraud claims against the credit rating agencies, where he was distinguished as one of the few plaintiffs' counsel to overcome the credit rating agencies' motions to dismiss. Most recently, Drosman 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.

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*®, 2019-2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers*®, 2019-2021; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2017-2020; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2018-2020; 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, 2003

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2017-2020; 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.* Most recently, Forge was a member of the Firm's trial team in *Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, Inc.*, a securities fraud class action that resulted in a verdict in favor of investors after a two-week jury trial.

After the trial victory over Puma Biotechnology and Alan Auerbach, Forge joined a Robbins Geller litigation team that had defeated 12 motions for summary judgment against 40 defendants and was about to depose 17 experts in the home stretch to trial. Forge and the team used these depositions to disprove a truth-on-the-market argument that nine defense experts had embraced. Soon after the last of these expert depositions, the Robbins Geller team secured a \$1.025 billion settlement from American Realty Capital Properties and other defendants that included a record \$237 million contribution from individual defendants and represented more than twice the recovery rate obtained by several funds that had had

opted out of the class.

Forge was a key member of the litigation team that secured a historic recovery on behalf of Trump University students in two class actions against President Donald J. Trump. The settlement refunds over 90% of the money thousands of students paid to “enroll” in Trump University. He represented the class on a *pro bono* basis. Forge has also successfully defeated motions to dismiss and obtained class certification against several prominent defendants, including the first federal RICO case against Scotts Miracle-Gro, which recently settled for up to \$85 million. He was a member of the litigation team that obtained a \$125 million settlement in *In re LendingClub Securities Litigation*, a settlement that ranks 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*®, 2019-2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers*®, 2019-2021; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; 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

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 27 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 litigation, providing him an invaluable perspective. Geller has tried bench and jury trials on both the plaintiffs' and defendants' sides, and has argued before numerous state, federal, and appellate courts throughout the country.

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

Geller is also currently serving as Co-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 anticompetitive and unfair business conduct in its sale and marketing of the EpiPen Auto-Injector device.

Some of Geller's other recent noteworthy successes include a \$265 million recovery against Massey Energy 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. Geller also secured a \$146.25 million recovery against Duke Energy in *Nieman v. Duke Energy Corp.*, the largest recovery in North Carolina for a case involving securities fraud, and one of the five largest recoveries in the Fourth Circuit.

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*®, 2017-2021; 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; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2007-2020; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2006-2007, 2009-2020; 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

Christopher C. Gold | Partner

Christopher Gold is a partner in Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP's Boca Raton office. His practice focuses on mass tort and class action litigation involving consumer fraud, privacy and data breach issues, and securities fraud. He has successfully recovered millions of dollars on behalf of clients. Gold currently serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Allergan Biocell Textured Breast Implant Prods, Liab. Litig.* (D.N.J.). Gold also serves on the Law and Briefing and Government Entity Committees in *In re Juul Labs, Inc. Mktg., Sales Pracs., & Prods. Liab. Litig.* multidistrict litigation, where he represents the School Boards of Broward County and Miami-Dade County, Montgomery County, Maryland, and other government entities seeking damages caused by the public nuisance of youth e-cigarette use in those communities. He also currently serves on the Class and Discovery committees in *In re Zantac (Ranitidine) Prods. Liab. Litig.* (S.D. Fla.).

Gold was part of the trial team in *In re Facebook Biometric Info. Priv. Litig.* (N.D. Cal.), a landmark case under the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA) that obtained a \$650 million settlement, subject to court approval, on behalf of Facebook users in Illinois whose biometric information was collected without written consent. Gold was also part of the team that achieved a settlement valued at \$15 million in *In re Sony Gaming Networks & Customer Data Sec. Breach Litig.* (S.D. Cal.), a case that arose from a massive data breach of Sony's PlayStation Network.

In the securities fraud space, Gold currently represents institutional investors who are claimants in arbitration proceedings pending in the Market Arbitration Chamber of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Brazil (CVM). Previously, Gold helped achieve a \$15 million settlement in *Boland v. Gerdau S.A.* (S.D.N.Y.) on behalf of investors in a Brazilian steel conglomerate that failed to disclose its alleged bribery of Brazilian tax authorities. In *In re Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. S'holder Litig.* (Fla. 4th Cir. Ct.), Gold helped to achieve a \$9 million settlement for former Winn-Dixie shareholders whose stock was undervalued in a buyout of the company. And in *In re AuthenTec, Inc. S'holder Litig.* (Fla. 18th Cir. Ct.), he helped to achieve a \$10 million settlement on behalf of the former shareholders of AuthenTec following its buyout by Apple, which incorporated AuthenTec's fingerprint technology into the Apple iPhone. Gold is fluent in Brazilian Portuguese.

Education

B.S., Lynn University, 2006; J.D., DePaul University College of Law, 2010

Honors / Awards

One of "Florida's Most Effective Lawyers" in the Privacy category, American Law Media, 2020; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2019-2020

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*, 2019-2020; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2018-2020; 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*, 2019-2020; 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 nearly \$2 billion for investors. Most recently, Gronborg and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys obtained preliminary approval of 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." Subject to court approval, this is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest ever.

In addition to *Valeant*, Gronborg's work has included significant recoveries against corporations such as Cardinal Health (\$600 million), Motorola (\$200 million), Duke Energy (\$146.25 million), Sprint Nextel Corp. (\$131 million), Prison Realty (\$104 million), CIT Group (\$75 million), Wyeth (\$67.5 million), and Intercept Pharmaceuticals (\$55 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. 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)). He has also been responsible for a number of significant rulings, including *In re Sanofi-Aventis Sec. Litig.*, 293 F.R.D. 449 (S.D.N.Y. 2013); *Silverman v. Motorola, Inc.*, 798 F. Supp. 2d 954 (N.D. Ill. 2011); *Roth v. Aon Corp.*, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18471 (N.D. Ill. 2008); *In re Cardinal Health, Inc. Sec. Litigs.*, 426 F. Supp. 2d 688 (S.D. Ohio 2006); and *In re Dura Pharms., Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 452 F. Supp. 2d 1005 (S.D. Cal. 2006).

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

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2013-2020; 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: *KBC Asset Management v. 3D Systems Corp.* (D.S.C. 2018) (\$50 million); *Luna v. Marvell Tech. Grp.* (N.D. Cal. 2018) (\$72.5 million); *Garden City Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Psychiatric Solutions, Inc.* (M.D. Tenn. 2015) (\$65 million); and *City of Sterling Heights Gen. Emps.' Ret. Sys v. Hospira, Inc.* (N.D. Ill. 2014) (\$60 million).

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Rated Distinguished by Martindale-Hubbell

Robert Henssler | Partner

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

Most recently, Henssler and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys obtained preliminary approval of 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." Subject to court approval, this is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest ever.

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2020; 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; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2007-2009, 2019-2020; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2014-2020; 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 both institutional and individual shareholders in securities class action litigation in the context of mergers and acquisitions. Huffman was part 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 \$148 million, 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 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., 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*, 2019-2020; 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 in two class actions against President Donald J. Trump, which provided \$25 million and nearly 100% refunds to class members. Jensen 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. Additionally, Jensen serves as lead counsel for investors in Grupo Televisa ADRs who lost millions when it was revealed that the Mexican media giant obtained broadcasting rights to FIFA World Cup tournaments not by fair play but bribery. 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 ranks 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).

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; Best Lawyer in Southern California: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2021; Top Woman Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2017, 2020; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016-2020; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 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 a partner in the Firm's Manhattan office. Johnson has more than 25 years' experience handling complex securities cases and breach of fiduciary duty actions, which includes significant time as a plaintiffs' lawyer, a securities-fraud prosecutor, and a defense lawyer. Johnson previously served as the head of New York's securities fraud unit referred to as the Investor Protection Bureau. In that role, he prosecuted cases that resulted in billions of dollars of recoveries for New Yorkers and made new law in the area of securities enforcement for the benefit of investors. Among the cases that Johnson handled in that role included prosecuting dark pool operators for making false statements to the investing public.

In the private sector, Johnson represents institutional and other investors in securities and breach of fiduciary duty cases, including representing investors in direct or "opt-out" actions and also 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.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

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

Evan J. Kaufman | Partner

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2013-2015, 2017-20120; 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; Next Generation Partner, *The Legal 500*, 2019-2020; 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*, 2019-2020; Board Member, San Diego County Bar Foundation, 2013-2017; Board Member, San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, 2014-2017

Angel P. Lau | Partner

Angel Lau is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office, where her practice focuses on complex securities litigation. She is a member of the litigation team prosecuting actions against investment banks and the leading national credit rating agencies for their role in structuring and rating structured investment vehicles. These cases are among the first to successfully allege fraud against the rating agencies, whose ratings have historically been protected by the First Amendment.

As part of the Firm's litigation team, Lau helped secure a \$388 million recovery for investors in J.P. Morgan residential mortgage-backed securities in *Fort Worth Emps.' Ret. Fund v. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.* The resulting settlement is, on a percentage basis, the largest recovery ever achieved in a class action brought on behalf of purchasers of RMBS. She was part of the litigation team that obtained a landmark \$272 million recovery 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. Additionally, Lau also 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.* Before joining the Firm, Lau worked at an investment bank in New York, with experience in arbitrage trading and securitized products.

Education

B.A., Stanford University, 1994; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2012

Honors / Awards

Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2020

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*, 2019-2020; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2020; 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

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*, 2015-2020

Matthew S. Melamed | Partner

Matthew Melamed is a partner in the Firm's San Francisco office, where he focuses on securities litigation whistleblower representation. Since joining the Firm, he has been a member of litigation teams responsible for substantial investor recoveries, including *Jones v. Pfizer Inc.* (S.D.N.Y.), *In re St. Jude Med., Inc. Sec. Litig.* (D. Minn.), *Oklahoma Police Pension & Ret. Sys. v. Sientra, Inc.* (Cal. Super. Ct., San Mateo Cnty.), and *In re Willbros Grp., Inc. Sec. Litig.* (S.D. Tex.). He has also contributed to the Firm's appellate work, including in *Mineworkers' Pension Scheme, British Coal Staff Superannuation v. First Solar, Inc.* (9th Cir.), and *China Development Industrial Bank v. Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated* (N.Y. App. Div.). Along with other Robbins Geller attorneys, Melamed is currently leading the effort on behalf of cities, counties, and states in a nationwide litigation concerning the marketing and distribution of prescription opioids.

Education

B.A., Wesleyan University, 1996; J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2008

Honors / Awards

Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2018; J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 2008; Tony Patiño Fellow, University of California, Hastings College of the Law; Order of the Coif, University of California, Hastings College of the Law; Senior Articles Editor, *Hastings Law Journal*, University of California, Hastings College of the Law; Student Director, General Assistance Advocacy Project, University of California, Hastings College of the Law

Mark T. Millkey | Partner

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

During his career, Millkey has worked on a major consumer litigation against MetLife that resulted in a benefit to the class of approximately \$1.7 billion, as well as a securities class action against Royal Dutch/Shell that settled for a minimum cash benefit to the class of \$130 million and a contingent value of more than \$180 million. Since joining Robbins Geller, he has worked on securities class actions that have resulted in approximately \$300 million 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*, 2013-2020

David W. Mitchell | Partner

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

Additionally, Mitchell served as co-lead counsel in the ISDAfix Benchmark action against 14 major banks and broker ICAP plc, obtaining \$504.5 million for plaintiffs. Currently, Mitchell serves as court-appointed lead counsel in *In re Aluminum Warehousing Antitrust Litig.*, *City of Providence, Rhode Island v. BATS Global Markets Inc.*, *In re SSA Bonds Antitrust Litig.*, *In re Remicade Antitrust Litig.*, and *In re 1-800 Contacts Antitrust Litig.*

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Member, Enright Inn of Court; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers®*, 2018-2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers®*, 2018-2021; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016-2020; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2020; 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

Maureen E. Mueller | Partner

Maureen Mueller is a partner in the Firm's Boca Raton office, where her practice focuses on complex securities litigation. Mueller has helped recover more than \$3 billion for investors. She was a member of the Firm's trial team in *Jaffe v. Household Int'l, Inc.*, No. 02-C-05893 (N.D. Ill.), a securities class action that obtained a record-breaking \$1.575 billion settlement after 14 years of litigation, including a six-week jury trial in 2009 that resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs. She was also a member of the team of attorneys responsible for recovering a record-breaking \$925 million for investors in the *UnitedHealth* litigation, *In re UnitedHealth Grp. Inc. PSLRA Litig.*, No. 06-CV-1216 (JMR/FLN) (D. Minn.), and served as co-lead counsel in *In re Wachovia Preferred Securities and Bond/Notes Litig.*, No. 09 Civ. 6351 (RJS) (S.D.N.Y.), which recovered \$627 million. More recently, Mueller was part of the litigation team that secured a \$64 million recovery for shareholders of Dana Corp. in *Plumbers & Pipefitters National Pension Fund v. Burns*, No. 3:05-cv-07393-JGC (N.D. Ohio), 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. She was also a member of the team of attorneys that recovered \$13 million in *Burges v. BancorpSouth, Inc.*, No. 3:14-cv-01564 (M.D. Tenn.), and represented investors in *Knurr v. Orbital ATK, Inc.*, No. 1:16-cv-01031-TSE-MSN (E.D. Va.), 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.

Education

B.S., Trinity University, 2002; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2007

Honors / Awards

Next Generation Partner, *The Legal 500*, 2018-2020; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2017, 2019; Top Litigator Under 40, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2017; Top Women Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2017; Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015-2017; "Outstanding Young Attorneys," *San Diego Daily Transcript*, 2010; Lead Articles Editor, *San Diego Law Review*, University of San Diego School of Law

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.

In addition, Myers advises the Firm's clients in connection with lead plaintiff applications and has secured appointment of the Firm's clients as lead plaintiff and the Firm's appointment as lead counsel in over 160 securities class actions, which cases have yielded more than \$3.5 billion for investors, including 2018-2020 recoveries in *In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 3:15-cv-07658 (D.N.J.) (\$1.2 billion, pending final approval); *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 lecturer 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; Best Lawyer in Southern California: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2021; Leading Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2020; 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 NYSE Specialists Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.); *In re Novatel Wireless Sec. Litig.* (S.D. Cal.); *Batwin v. Occam Networks, Inc.* (C.D. Cal.); *Comm'ns Workers of Am. Plan for 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. Since 2003, O'Mara has served as lead or co-lead counsel in numerous 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 served as class counsel in the ISDAfix Benchmark action 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: *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. 2013); *In re Constar Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16966 (E.D. Pa. 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. 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

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016-2020; Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice, American Antitrust Institute, 2018; 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 has recently 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. Before joining the Firm, Olts served as a Deputy District Attorney for the County of Sacramento, where he tried numerous cases to verdict, including crimes of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

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

Steven W. Pepich | Partner

Steve Pepich is a partner in the Firm's San Diego office. His practice has focused primarily on securities class action litigation, but has also included a wide variety of complex civil cases, including representing plaintiffs in mass tort, royalty, civil rights, human rights, ERISA, and employment law actions. Pepich has participated in the successful prosecution of numerous securities class actions, including: *Carpenters Health & Welfare Fund v. Coca-Cola Co.* (\$137.5 million recovery); *In re Fleming Cos. Inc. Sec. & Derivative Litig.* (\$95 million recovered); *In re Boeing Sec. Litig.* (\$92 million recovery); *In re Louisiana-Pacific Corp. Sec. Litig.* (\$65 million recovery); *Haw. Structural Ironworkers Pension Trust Fund v. Calpine Corp.* (\$43 million recovery); *In re Advanced Micro Devices Sec. Litig.* (\$34 million recovery); and *Gohler v. Wood*, (\$17.2 million recovery). Pepich was a member of the plaintiffs' trial team in *Mynaf v. Taco Bell Corp.*, which settled after two months of trial on terms favorable to two plaintiff classes of restaurant workers for recovery of unpaid wages. He was also a member of the plaintiffs' trial team in *Newman v. Stringfellow* where, after a nine-month trial in Riverside, California, all claims for exposure to toxic chemicals were ultimately resolved for \$109 million.

Education

B.S., Utah State University, 1980; J.D., DePaul University, 1983

Daniel J. Pfefferbaum | Partner

Daniel Pfefferbaum is a partner in the Firm's San Francisco office, where his practice focuses on complex securities litigation. He has been a member of litigation teams that have recovered more than \$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. Pintaer | Partner

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2020; 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

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), Flowserve Corp. (\$55 million recovery), 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; Best Lawyer in Northern California: One to Watch, *Best Lawyers*®, 2021; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; 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

Mark S. Reich | Partner

Mark Reich is a partner in the Firm's Melville office. Reich focuses his practice on challenging unfair mergers and acquisitions in courts throughout the country. Reich's notable cases include: *In re Aramark Corp. S'holders Litig.*, where he achieved a \$222 million increase in consideration paid to shareholders of Aramark and a substantial reduction to management's voting power – from 37% to 3.5% – in connection with the approval of the going-private transaction; *In re Delphi Fin. Grp. S'holders Litig.*, resulting in a \$49 million post-merger settlement for Class A Delphi shareholders; and *In re TD Banknorth S'holders Litig.*, where Reich played a significant role in raising the inadequacy of the \$3 million initial settlement, which the court rejected as wholly inadequate, and later resulted in a vastly increased \$50 million recovery.

Reich has also played a central role in other shareholder-related litigation. His cases include *In re Gen. Elec. Co. ERISA Litig.*, resulting in structural changes to company's 401(k) plan valued at over \$100 million, benefiting current and future plan participants, and *In re Doral Fin. Corp. Sec. Litig.*, obtaining a \$129 million recovery for shareholders in a securities fraud litigation.

Education

B.A., Queens College, 1997; J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 2000

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2013-2020; Member, *The Journal of Law and Policy*, Brooklyn Law School; Member, Moot Court Honor Society, Brooklyn Law School

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 preliminary approval of a \$1.21 billion settlement in *In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (D.N.J.), a case that *Vanity Fair* reported as “the corporate scandal of its era” that had raised “fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations.” Subject to court approval, 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 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*, 2019-2020; 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

Darren J. Robbins | Partner

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

Robbins also led Robbins Geller's prosecution of wrongdoing related to the sale of residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) prior to the global financial crisis, including an RMBS securities class action against Goldman Sachs that yielded a \$272 million recovery for investors. Robbins served as co-lead counsel in connection with a \$627 million recovery for investors in *In re Wachovia Preferred Securities & Bond/Notes Litig.*, one of the largest securities class action settlements ever involving claims brought solely under the Securities Act of 1933.

One of the hallmarks of Robbins' practice has been his focus on corporate governance reform. In *UnitedHealth*, a securities fraud class action arising out of an options backdating scandal, Robbins represented lead plaintiff CalPERS and obtained the cancellation of more than 3.6 million stock options held by the company's former CEO and secured a record \$925 million cash recovery for shareholders. He also negotiated sweeping corporate governance reforms, including the election of a shareholder-nominated director to the company's board of directors, a mandatory holding period for shares acquired via option exercise, and compensation reforms that tied executive pay to performance. Recently, Robbins led a shareholder derivative action brought by several pension funds on behalf of Community Health Systems, Inc. that yielded a \$60 million payment to Community Health as well as corporate governance reforms that included two shareholder-nominated directors, the creation and appointment of a Healthcare Law Compliance Coordinator, the implementation of an executive compensation clawback in the event of a restatement, the establishment of an insider trading controls committee, and the adoption of a political expenditure disclosure policy.

Education

B.S., University of Southern California, 1990; M.A., University of Southern California, 1990; J.D., Vanderbilt Law School, 1993

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2010-2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers*®, 2012-2021; Leading Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2020; Local Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2013-2018, 2020; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2011, 2017, 2019; Leading Lawyer, *Chambers USA*, 2014-2019; 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; Top 50 Lawyers in San Diego, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2015; 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 preliminary approval of 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." Subject to court approval, 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*, 2019-2020; 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

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 is a partner in the Firm's Melville office. He has focused his practice of law for more than 15 years in the areas of securities litigation and corporate takeover litigation. He has been appointed as 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 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.

Additionally, Rosenfeld 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. Rosenfeld has also achieved remarkable recoveries against companies in the financial industry. In addition to recovering \$70 million for investors in Credit Suisse Group, and having been appointed lead counsel in the securities fraud lawsuit against First BanCorp (which provided shareholders with a \$74.25 million recovery), he recently settled claims against Barclays for \$14 million, or 20% of investors' damages, for statements made about its LIBOR practices.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2020; 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 Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP's Melville office and a member of the Firm's Management Committee. He has recovered well in excess of \$1 billion on behalf of victims of investment fraud, consumer fraud, and antitrust violations.

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

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2011, 2013-2020; 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. 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 \$50 million recovery in *TD Banknorth*, a \$48 million recovery in *CVS Caremark*, and a \$34.5 million recovery in *L-3 Communications Holdings*.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2007-2020; New York Trailblazer, *New York Law Journal*, 2020; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2020; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2016-2020; National Practice Area Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019-2020; Local Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2013-2020; Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2018-2019; Leading Lawyer, *Chambers USA*, 2014-2019; 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 principally prosecutes violations of the federal securities laws and breaches of fiduciary duty on behalf of individual and institutional investors. During his tenure at the Firm, Russello has achieved significant results in complex and challenging cases.

Currently, Russello is leading the Firm's efforts in litigating securities claims against several companies in the Commercial Division of the New York State Supreme Court, New York County, in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Cyan, Inc. v. Beaver Cnty. Emps.' Ret. Fund*, _ U.S. ___, 138 S. Ct. 1061 (2018), which confirmed that state courts have concurrent jurisdiction of claims under the Securities Act of 1933. He is also prosecuting federal securities fraud cases against Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (known as Ericsson) and former executives and directors of Allied Nevada Gold Corporation, the latter of which was the subject of a favorable decision from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversing dismissal and reinstating the claims in their entirety (*In re Allied Nev. Gold Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 743 F. App'x 887 (9th Cir. 2018) (summary order)).

Recently, Russello led the team responsible for recovering \$50 million in litigation against BHP Billiton, an Australian-based mining company accused of failing to disclose significant safety problems at the Fundão iron-ore dam, in Brazil. Together with Brazilian mining company Vale S.A., BHP owned Samarco Mineração S.A., which operated the mining complex at which the Fundão dam was located. On November 5, 2015, the dam collapsed and unleashed a torrent of mining waste, resulting in the death of 19 people, the destruction of the town of Bento Rodrigues, and the decimation of the surrounding environment. Even today, this event is regarded as the worst environmental disaster in Brazil's history. Russello and a team from Robbins Geller represented two institutional investors and an individual in defeating BHP's motion to dismiss (*In re BHP Billiton Ltd. Sec. Litig.*, 276 F. Supp. 3d 65 (S.D.N.Y. 2017)), and prosecuted and ultimately resolved the case on behalf of two sets of purchasers of American Depositary Shares (ADSs) trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2020; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; *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 ranks among the top ten largest securities recoveries ever in the Northern District of California. He was also part of the litigation teams in *Schuh v. HCA Holdings, Inc.*, which resulted in a \$215 million recovery for shareholders, the largest securities class action recovery ever in Tennessee, and *Luna v. Marvell Tech. Grp., Ltd.*, which resulted in a \$72.5 million settlement that represents approximately 24% to 50% of the best estimate of classwide damages suffered by investors. He also served as lead counsel prosecuting the *Pharmacia* securities litigation in the District of New Jersey, which resulted in a \$164 million recovery. Additionally, Saham was lead counsel in the *In re Coca-Cola Sec. Litig.* in the Northern District of Georgia, which resulted in a \$137.5 million recovery after nearly eight years of litigation. He also obtained reversal from the California Court of Appeal of the trial court's initial dismissal of the landmark *Countrywide* mortgage-backed securities action. This decision is reported as *Luther v. Countrywide Fin. Corp.*, 195 Cal. App. 4th 789 (2011), and following this ruling that revived the action the case settled for \$500 million.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

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

Jessica T. Shinnfield | Partner

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

Shinnfield was also a member of the litigation team prosecuting actions against investment banks and leading national credit rating agencies for their roles in structuring and rating structured investment vehicles backed by toxic assets in *Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank v. Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated* and *King County, Washington v. IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG*. These cases were among the first to successfully allege fraud against the rating agencies, whose ratings have traditionally been protected by the First Amendment. Shinnfield also litigated individual opt-out actions against AOL Time Warner – *Regents of the Univ. of Cal. v. Parsons* and *Ohio Pub. Emps. Ret. Sys. v. Parsons* (recovery more than \$600 million). Additionally, she litigated an action against Omnicare, in which she helped obtain a favorable ruling for plaintiffs from the United States Supreme Court. Shinnfield has also successfully appealed lower court decisions in the Second, Seventh, and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; 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); *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 partner in the Firm's San Diego office and leads its international litigation practice. Over the last 27 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 has been admitted to the Bars of England and Wales (Barrister), Ohio, and California, but now practices exclusively in California, as well as in various United States federal district and appellate courts.

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. He litigated, through the rare event of trial, the securities class action against Helionetics Inc. and its executives, where he won a \$15.4 million federal jury verdict. 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 as co-lead counsel in *In re Informix Corp. Sec. Litig.* (N.D. Cal.) and recovering \$131 million for Informix investors; and serving as co-lead counsel in *Schwartz v. TXU Corp.* (N.D. Tex.), where he helped obtain a recovery of over \$149 million for a class of purchasers of TXU securities. Solomon is currently counsel to a number of pension funds serving as lead plaintiffs in cases throughout the United States. For instance, Solomon represented the Norfolk County Council, as Administering Authority of the Norfolk Pension Fund, in *Hsu v. Puma Biotechnology, Inc.* where, after three weeks of trial, the Fund obtained a jury verdict in favor of the class against the company and its CEO. He also represented the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme and the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme in *Smilovits v. First Solar, Inc.* in which the class recently recovered \$350 million on the eve of trial. The settlement is fifth-largest PSLRA settlement ever recovered in the Ninth Circuit.

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*, 2019-2020; 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

Jeffrey J. Stein | Partner

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

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

Education

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

Christopher D. Stewart | Partner

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

He was also part of the litigation team that obtained a \$67 million settlement in *City of Westland Police & Fire Ret. Sys. v. Stumpf*, a shareholder derivative action alleging that Wells Fargo participated in the mass-processing of home foreclosure documents by engaging in widespread robo-signing.

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*

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 is the managing partner of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP's San Francisco office and a member of the Firm's Management Committee. His practice focuses on securities class actions. Williams has served as lead counsel in securities class actions that have yielded hundreds of millions of dollars, including in: *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 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.*; and *The Home Depot, Inc. Derivative Litig.* More recently, in a shareholder derivative action, *City of Westland Police and Fire Ret. Sys. v. Stumpf (Wells Fargo & Co.)*, Williams and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys secured significant governance reforms and corporate initiatives, including \$36.5 million in funding for homeownership down-payment assistance in communities affected by the financial crisis and high foreclosure rates.

Before joining the Firm, 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 and led white-collar fraud grand jury investigations.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014-2017, 2020; Board Member, Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2018-2020; Top 100 Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2019; California Trailblazer, *The Recorder*, 2019; Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar, *Law360*, 2019; Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2019; 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; 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); *In re Micron Tech., Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$42 million recovery); and *Winslow v. BancorpSouth, Inc.* (\$29.5 million recovery).

Wood has provided pro bono legal services through the San Francisco Bar Association's Volunteer Legal Services Program, the Ninth Circuit's Pro Bono Program, Volunteer Lawyers & Professionals for the Arts, and Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

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 \$1 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.

Wyman was 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

Top Woman Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2017, 2020; MVP, *Law360*, 2020; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 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

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

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

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

Randi D. Bandman | Of Counsel

Randi Bandman is Of Counsel in the Firm's Boca Raton 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), and *In re WorldCom Sec. Litig.* (\$657 million).

Bandman is currently representing plaintiffs in the Foreign Exchange Litigation pending in the Southern District of New York which alleges collusive conduct by the world's largest banks to fix prices in the \$5.3 trillion a day foreign exchange market and in which billions of dollars have been recovered to date for injured plaintiffs. Bandman is part of the Robbins Geller Co-Lead Counsel team representing the class in the "High Frequency Trading" case, which accuses stock exchanges of giving unfair advantages to high-speed traders versus all other investors, resulting in billions of dollars being diverted. Bandman is also currently a member of the trial team in *In re Facebook Biometric Info. Priv. Litig.*, concerning Facebook's alleged privacy violations through its collection of user's biometric identifiers without informed consent. 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

Lea Malani Bays | Of Counsel

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

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Leading Lawyer, *Chambers USA*, 2019; 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

Mary K. Blasy | Of Counsel

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

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

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

William K. Cavanagh, Jr. | Of Counsel

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

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell

Christopher Collins | Of Counsel

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

Education

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

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.). Most recently, 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. 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; Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2006-2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers*®, 2012-2021; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2004-2020; Hall of Fame, *Lawdragon*, 2020; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2020; 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

Desiree Cummings | Of Counsel

Desiree Cummings is Of Counsel in the Firm's Manhattan office. Desiree focuses her practice on complex securities litigation.

Before joining Robbins Geller, Desiree 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, Desiree 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. Desiree 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 regulatory investigations.

Education

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

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*®, 2015-2021; Southern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers*®, 2015-2021; Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, *Lawdragon*, 2019-2020; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2010-2020; Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers*®, 2020; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2020; 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

John K. Grant | Of Counsel

John Grant is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Francisco office where he devotes his practice to representing investors in securities fraud class actions. Grant has been lead or co-lead counsel in numerous securities actions and recovered tens of millions of dollars for shareholders. His cases include: *In re Micron Tech, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$42 million recovery); *Perera v. Chiron Corp.* (\$40 million recovery); *King v. CBT Grp., PLC* (\$32 million recovery); and *In re Exodus Commc'ns, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$5 million recovery).

Education

B.A., Brigham Young University, 1988; J.D., University of Texas at Austin, 1990

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), Stellant (\$12 million), and Threshold Pharmaceuticals (\$10 million).

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2018-2021; Northern California Best Lawyer, *Best Lawyers*®, 2018-2021; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2017-2018; Order of the Coif, Stanford Law School; Urban A. Sontheimer Award (graduating second in his class), Stanford Law School; Award-winning Investigative Newspaper Reporter and Editor in California and Connecticut

Helen J. Hodges | Of Counsel

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell; Philanthropist of the Year, Women for OSU at Oklahoma State University, 2020; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2013-2019; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2007; Oklahoma State University Foundation Board of Trustees, 2013

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

Hutton is the founder of Hutton Law Group, a plaintiffs' litigation practice currently representing retirees, individual investors, and businesses, and is also the founder of Hutton Investigative Accounting, a financial forensics and investigation firm. 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

Frank J. Janecek, Jr. | Of Counsel

Frank Janecek is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office and practices in the areas of consumer/antitrust, Proposition 65, taxpayer, and tobacco litigation. He served as co-lead counsel, as well as court-appointed liaison 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. In conjunction with the Governor of the State of California, the California State Attorney General, the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Electricity Oversight Board, a number of other state and local governmental entities and agencies, and California's large, investor-owned electric utilities, plaintiffs secured a global settlement for California consumers, businesses, and local governments valued at more than \$1.1 billion. Janecek also chaired several of the litigation committees in California's tobacco litigation, which resulted in the \$25.5 billion recovery for California and its local entities, and also handled a constitutional challenge to the State of California's Smog Impact Fee in *Ramos v. Dep't of Motor Vehicles*, which resulted in more than a million California residents receiving full refunds and interest, totaling \$665 million.

Education

B.S., University of California, Davis, 1987; J.D., Loyola Law School, 1991

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2013-2018

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*, 2019-2020; "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, e-commerce, and technology industries. In addition to being an attorney, she is a Certified Public Accountant. Kelly was an important member of the litigation team that obtained a \$500 million settlement on behalf of investors in *Luther v. Countrywide Fin. Corp.*, which was the largest residential mortgage-backed securities purchaser class action recovery in history.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016, 2018-2020

Noam Mandel | Of Counsel

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

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

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

Jerry E. Martin | Of Counsel

Jerry Martin is Of Counsel in the Firm's Nashville office. He specializes in representing individuals who wish to blow the whistle to expose fraud and abuse committed by federal contractors, health care providers, tax cheats, or those who violate the securities laws. Martin was a member of the litigation team that obtained a \$65 million recovery in *Garden City Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Psychiatric Solutions, Inc.*, the fourth-largest securities recovery ever in the Middle District of Tennessee and one of the largest in more than a decade.

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2016-2019

Ruby Menon | Of Counsel

Ruby Menon is Of Counsel to the Firm and 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 multi-employer retirement plans, developing her expertise in many areas of employee benefits and pension administration, including legislative initiatives and regulatory affairs, investments, tax, fiduciary compliance, and plan administration.

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 the Firm's Washington D.C. office. She is an international lawyer whose practice focuses on securities litigation, arbitration, negotiations, contracts, international trade, real estate transactions, and project development. She has represented clients in over 75 countries, 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, international banks, asset managers, foreign governments, multi-national corporations, sovereign wealth funds, and high net worth individuals.

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.

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

Svenna Prado | Of Counsel

Svenna Prado is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office, where she focuses on various aspects of international securities and consumer litigation. She was part of the litigation teams that secured settlements against German defendant IKB, as well as Deutsche Bank and Deutsche Bank/West LB for their role in structuring residential mortgage-backed securities and their subsequent collapse. Before joining the Firm, Prado was Head of the Legal Department for a leading international staffing agency in Germany where she focused on all aspects of employment litigation and corporate governance. After she moved to the United States, Prado worked with an internationally oriented German law firm as Counsel to corporate clients establishing subsidiaries in the United States and Germany. As a law student, Prado worked directly for several years for one of the appointed Trustees winding up Eastern German operations under receivership in the aftermath of the German reunification. Utilizing her experience in this area of law, Prado later helped many clients secure successful outcomes in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

Education

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

Stephanie Schroder | Of Counsel

Stephanie Schroder is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Diego office and focuses her practice on advising 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 17 years of securities litigation experience.

Schroder has obtained millions of dollars on behalf of defrauded investors. 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 also represented clients that suffered losses from the Madoff fraud in the *Austin Capital* and *Meridian Capital* litigations, which were 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

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 Practising Law Institute, and ALI-ABA, and at the UCLA Law School, the University of San Diego Law School, and the Stanford Business School. He is an Editor of *California Federal Court Practice* and has authored a law review article on the PSLRA.

Education

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

Honors / Awards

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell; Top Lawyer in San Diego, *San Diego Magazine*, 2016-2020; Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2008-2016; J.D., Order of the Coif and with Distinction, Duke University School of Law, 1973

Laura S. Stein | Of Counsel

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

Education

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

John J. Stoia, Jr. | Of Counsel

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

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

Education

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

Honors / Awards

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

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

TAB 3

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

DEKA INVESTMENT GMBH, Individually
and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SANTANDER CONSUMER USA
HOLDINGS INC., et al.,

Defendants.

§ Civil Action No. 3:15-cv-02129-K

§ CLASS ACTION

§ Hon. Ed Kinkeade

**DECLARATION OF DANIEL L. BERGER ON BEHALF OF GRANT & EISENHOFER
P.A. IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES**

I, DANIEL L. BERGER declare as follows:

1. I am a director of Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. (“Grant & Eisenhofer”), counsel for lead plaintiffs Deka Investment GmbH (“Deka”) and City of Dearborn Heights Act 345 Police & Fire Retirement System, and the court-appointed counsel for the Class.

2. With other directors at Grant & Eisenhofer, I oversaw and/or conducted the day-to-day activities in the litigation.

3. The information in this declaration regarding Grant & Eisenhofer’s time and expenses is taken from time and expense printouts and supporting documentation prepared and/or maintained by the firm in the ordinary course of business. I reviewed these printouts (and backup documentation where necessary or appropriate) in connection with preparing this declaration.

4. The review I conducted of the time and expense reports undertook to confirm that the reports were accurate, and also to evaluate whether the time and expenses committed to the litigation was necessary and reasonable. As a result of this review, I can confirm that the time reflected in the firm’s lodestar calculation and expenses for which payment is sought as set forth in this declaration are reasonable in amount and were necessary for the effective and efficient prosecution and resolution of the litigation. In addition, I believe that the expenses are all of a type that would normally be charged to a fee-paying client in the private marketplace.

5. Attorneys and paralegals at Grant & Eisenhofer spent 5,155 hours working on this litigation. A breakdown of the lodestar is provided in Exhibit A. The lodestar amount for time based on Grant & Eisenhofer’s current rates is \$3,700,312.5. The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A are the usual and customary rates set by the firm for each individual. Grant & Eisenhofer’s firm resume, which includes a description of certain of the attorneys who worked on this action, is attached as Exhibit C.

6. Grant & Eisenhofer also seeks an award of \$366,305.40 in unreimbursed expenses and charges in connection with the prosecution of the litigation. Those expenses and charges are summarized by category in Exhibit B.

7. The expenses are reasonable and were necessary to carry out the prosecution of the claims on behalf of the Class. From the beginning of the case, Lead Counsel were aware that they might not recover any of their expenses, and, at the very least, would not recover any of their out-of-pocket expenses until the Action was successfully resolved. Thus, counsel were motivated to, and did, take significant steps to minimize expenses whenever practicable without jeopardizing the vigorous and efficient prosecution of the case.

8. These expenses include a contribution of \$276,068.65 to a litigation fund maintained together with co-lead counsel, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP. As set forth in Exhibit E to the Joint Declaration of Willow E. Radcliffe and Daniel L. Berger, these funds were used to pay vendors, including Forensic Economics, Inc., which performed damages and market efficiency analyses, and which provided, through its expert Frank Torchio, expert testimony in the form of two expert reports, a deposition, and testimony before the Court in connection with the May 31, 2017 evidentiary hearing on class certification. In addition, the funds from the litigation fund were used to pay Granite Intelligence, which provided investigative services related to the action.

9. The expenses include \$23,058.73 of travel expenses. These expenses included (i) travel by my colleagues Charles Caliendo, Esq. and Caitlin M. Moyna, Esq. to Dallas, Texas in January 2017 to prepare for and defend the deposition of Ms. Carla Zinkand, a representative of Dek; (ii) travel by Mr. Caliendo and Ms. Moyna to Dallas, Texas, to prepare for and participate in the in-person hearing regarding Lead Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification, which was held by the Court on May 31, 2017; (iii) travel by Ms. Moyna to Atlanta, Georgia, in February 2017 to

participate in a deposition of a representative of the investment manager of co-lead plaintiff City of Dearborn Heights Act 345 Police & Fire Retirement; and (iv) travel by myself and Ms. Moyna to Los Angeles, California to participate in an all-day, in-person mediation which was facilitated by Mr. Robert A. Meyer, Esq., who is associated with JAMS.

10. Case-related research expenses of \$23,427.30 were necessary to achieve the result in the Settlement. This research was conducted to respond to Defendants' motion to dismiss the class action complaint and to prepare Lead Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification, which included an opening memorandum as well as a lengthy reply memorandum to respond to Defendants' many, complicated arguments opposing the motion.

11. The other expenses for which Grant & Eisenhofer seeks reimbursement are the types of expenses that are necessarily incurred in litigation and routinely billed to clients who are otherwise billed by the hour. These expenses include, among other things, court fees, mediators' costs, copying costs, transcriptions services, meeting expenses, and electronic-discovery processing and hosting services.

12. 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.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge. Executed this 8th day of December 2020, at East Hampton, New York.


DANIEL L. BERGER

EXHIBIT A

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Deka Investment GmbH v. Santander Consumer USA Holdings, Inc. et al., No. 3:15-cv-02129-K
 Grant & Eisenhofer P.A.
 Inception through July 31, 2020

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>HOURS</i>	<i>RATE</i>	<i>LODESTAR</i>
Daniel L. Berger	Partner	111.70	1,000.00	\$111,700.00
Charles Caliendo	Partner	3,137.10	800.00	\$2,509,680.00
James J. Sabella	Partner	139.40	1,000.00	\$139,400.00
Caitlin Moyna	Sr. Counsel	823.4	750.00	\$617,550.00
Viola Vetter	Sr. Counsel	29.60	575.00	\$22,200.00
Jeremy Cole	Associate	95.10	425.00	\$40,417.50
Robert Gerson	Associate	352.80	450.00	\$158,760.00
Cathy Aldinger	Paralegal	3.50	210.00	\$735.00
Valisity Beal	Paralegal	6.20	220.00	\$1,364.00
Max Brandy	Paralegal	13.00	210.00	\$2,730.00
Robyn Finnimore-Pierce	Paralegal	314.40	220.00	\$69,168.00
Roger Jones	Paralegal	3.80	200.00	\$760.00
Meghan Leyh	Paralegal	1.20	220.00	\$264.00
Toby Saviano	Paralegal	27.80	220.00	\$6,116.00
Trineka Schuster	Paralegal	1.20	220.00	\$264.00
Larry Silvestro	Paralegal	90.30	200.00	\$18,060.00
Ronald E. Wittman	Paralegal	1.30	240.00	\$312.00
Carolynn A. Nevers	Paralegal Mgr	3.20	\$260.00	\$832.00
	<i>TOTAL</i>	5,155		\$3,700,312.5

EXHIBIT B

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<i>CATEGORY</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
Arbitration Mediation Exp	\$6,016.4
Filing Fee	\$150.59
Litigation Fund Contribution	\$276,068.65
Meeting Expense	\$716.67
Travel	\$23,058.73
Case-Related Publication	\$39.95
Duplication Services	\$20,971.99
Postage & Delivery	\$1,564.94
Service Fees	\$250.12
Transcription Services	\$1,082.06
Case-Related Research	\$23,427.30
E-Discovery Data Processing Services	\$3,993.00
E-Discovery Data Hosting Services	\$8,965.00
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$366,305.40

EXHIBIT C

**GRANT & EISENHOFER P.A.
FIRM BIOGRAPHY**

Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. (“G&E”) concentrates on federal securities and corporate governance litigation and other complex class litigation. With over 60 attorneys, G&E primarily represents domestic and foreign institutional investors, both public and private, who have been damaged by corporate fraud, greed and mismanagement. The Firm was named to The National Law Journal’s “Plaintiffs’ Hot List” for more than a decade and is listed as one of America’s Leading Business Law Firms by Chambers & Partners, who reported that G&E “commanded respect for its representation of institutional investors in shareholder and derivative actions, and in federal securities fraud litigation.” Based in Delaware, New York, Chicago, Birmingham, and San Francisco, G&E routinely represents clients in federal and state courts throughout the country. G&E’s clients include the California Public Employees’ Retirement System, New York State Common Retirement Fund, Ohio Public Employees’ Retirement System, State of Wisconsin Investment Board, Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana, PIMCO, Trust Company of the West, The Capital Guardian Group and many other public and private U.S. and international institutions.

G&E was founded in 1997 by Jay W. Eisenhofer and Stuart M. Grant, former litigators in the Wilmington office of the nationally prominent firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. Over the years, the Firm’s directors have gained national reputations in securities and corporate litigation. In fact, G&E was the first law firm in the country to argue the provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act (“PSLRA”) allowing an institutional investor to be appointed as lead plaintiff in a securities class action. The Firm has gone on to build a national and international reputation as a leader in securities litigation. In both class action and “opt-out” cases, G&E has attracted widespread recognition for protecting investors’ rights and recovering their damages. RiskMetrics Group has twice recognized G&E for securing the highest average investor recovery in securities class actions.

G&E has served as lead counsel in many of the largest securities class action and derivative recoveries, including:

- \$3.2 billion settlement from Tyco International Ltd. and related defendants
- \$922 million from UnitedHealth Group
- \$486 million settlement from Pfizer
- \$448 million settlement in Global Crossing Ltd. securities litigation
- \$422 million total class recovery for investors in the stock and bonds of Refco
- \$400 million recovery from Marsh & McLennan
- \$325 million from Delphi Corp.
- \$303 million settlement from General Motors
- \$300 million settlement from DaimlerChrysler Corporation
- \$300 million recovery from Oxford Health Plans
- \$276 million judgment & settlement for Safety-Kleen bond investors

G&E has also achieved landmark results in corporate governance litigation, including:

In re UnitedHealth Group Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation: G&E represented the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, State

Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, and Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds as lead plaintiffs in a derivative and class action suit in which G&E successfully challenged \$1.2 billion in back-dated options granted to William McGuire, then-CEO of health care provider UnitedHealth Group (“UHG”). This was among the first – and most egregious – examples of options backdating. G&E’s case against UHG produced a settlement of \$922 million, the largest settlement in the history of derivative litigation in any jurisdiction.

In re Digex, Inc. Shareholders Litigation – G&E initiated litigation alleging that the directors and majority stockholder of Digex, Inc. breached fiduciary duties to the company and its public shareholders by permitting the majority shareholder to usurp a corporate opportunity that belonged to Digex. G&E’s efforts in this litigation resulted in an unprecedented settlement of \$420 million, the largest settlement in the history of the Delaware Chancery Court.

Caremark / CVS Merger - G&E represented two institutional shareholders in this derivative litigation challenging the conduct of the board of directors of Caremark Rx Inc. in connection with the negotiation and execution of a merger agreement with CVS, Inc., as well as the board’s decision to reject a competing proposal from a different suitor. Through the litigation, Caremark’s board was forced to renegotiate the terms of the merger agreement with CVS. The settlement ensured statutory rights of Caremark shareholders, providing an additional \$3.19 billion in cash consideration.

Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana v. Greenberg, et al. and American International Group, Inc.: In what was, at the time, the largest settlement of shareholder derivative litigation in the history of the Delaware Chancery Court, G&E reached a \$115 million settlement in a lawsuit against former executives of AIG for breach of fiduciary duty. The case challenged hundreds of millions of dollars in commissions paid by AIG to C.V. Starr & Co., a privately held affiliate controlled by former AIG Chairman Maurice “Hank” Greenberg and other AIG directors. The suit alleged that AIG could have done the work for which it paid Starr, and that the commissions were simply a mechanism for Greenberg and other Starr directors to line their pockets.

AFSCME v. AIG – This historic federal appeals court ruling in favor of G&E’s client established the right, under the then-existing proxy rules, for shareholders to place the names of director candidates nominated by shareholders on corporate proxy materials – reversing over 20 years of adverse rulings from the SEC’s Division of Corporate Finance and achieving what had long been considered the “holy grail” for investor activists. Although the SEC took nearly immediate action to reverse the decision, the ruling renewed and intensified the dialogue regarding proxy access before the SEC, ultimately resulting in a new rule currently being

considered by the SEC that, if implemented, will make proxy access mandatory for every publicly traded corporation.

Unisuper Ltd. v. News Corp., et al. – G&E forced News Corp. to rescind the extension of its poison pill on the grounds that it was obtained without proper shareholder approval.

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana v. HealthSouth – G&E negotiated a settlement which ousted holdover board members loyal to indicted CEO Richard Scrushy and created mechanisms whereby shareholders would nominate their replacements.

Carmody v. Toll Brothers – This action initiated by G&E resulted in the seminal ruling that “dead-hand” poison pills are illegal.

In addition, the Firm’s lawyers are often called upon to testify on behalf of institutional investors before the SEC and various judicial commissions, and they frequently write and speak on securities and corporate governance issues. G&E managing director Jay Eisenhofer and director Michael Barry are co-authors of the *Shareholder Activism Handbook*, and in 2008, Jay Eisenhofer was named by *Directorship Magazine* as one of the “100 Most Influential People in Corporate Governance and the Boardroom.”

G&E is proud of its success in fighting for institutional investors in courts and other forums across the country and throughout the world.

G&E's ATTORNEYS

Jay W. Eisenhofer

Jay Eisenhofer, co-founder and managing director of Grant & Eisenhofer P.A., has been counsel in more multi-hundred million dollar cases than any other securities litigator, including the \$3.2 billion settlement in the Tyco case, the \$922 million UnitedHealth Group settlement, the \$486 million settlement with Pfizer, the \$450 million settlement in the Global Crossing case, a \$400 million settlement with Marsh & McLennan, a \$303 million settlement with General Motors and a \$300 million settlement with DaimlerChrysler. Internationally, Mr. Eisenhofer has organized cases on behalf of investors leading to substantial recoveries, including the \$1.5 billion settlement with Fortis in the Netherlands, the \$1 billion recovery against Royal Bank of Scotland in the United Kingdom, and the historic \$450 million pan-European settlement in the Royal Dutch Shell case in the Netherlands. Mr. Eisenhofer was also the lead attorney in the seminal cases of *American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, Employees Pension Plan v. American International Group, Inc.*, where the U.S. Court of Appeals required shareholder proxy access reversing years of SEC no-action letters, and *Carmody v. Toll Brothers*, wherein the Delaware Court of Chancery first ruled that so-called “dead-hand” poison pills violated Delaware law.

Mr. Eisenhofer has served as litigation counsel to many public and private institutional investors, including, among others, Amalgamated Bank, APG Asset Management, California Public Employees Retirement System, California State Teachers Retirement System, Colorado Public Employees Retirement Association, the Florida State Board of Administration, John Hancock, Louisiana State Employees Retirement System, New York City Retirement Funds, Inc., and Service Employees International Union.

Mr. Eisenhofer is consistently ranked as a leading securities and corporate governance litigator and he has been named by Lawdragon to its annual list of the top 500 lawyers in America for several consecutive years. He is also recognized by Benchmark Litigation as one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers. *The National Law Journal* has selected Grant & Eisenhofer to its “Plaintiffs’ Hot List” as one of the top plaintiffs’ law firms in the country since the List’s inception, earning the firm a place in *The National Law Journal’s* “Plaintiffs’ Hot List Hall Of Fame” in 2008, as well as to its list of “Elite Trial Lawyers: The 50 Leading Plaintiffs Firms in America” since commencement of the list. The firm has been selected as a “Most Feared Plaintiffs Firm” by *Law360* as “one of the most high-profile shareholder and whistleblower advocates in the country, securing record-high cash settlements.” *U.S. News & World Report* has also repeatedly named Grant & Eisenhofer to its list of “Best Law Firms” in the fields of Securities Litigation, Commercial Litigation, and Corporate Law. Mr. Eisenhofer is rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell.

Mr. Eisenhofer has written and lectured widely on securities fraud and insurance coverage litigation, business and employment torts, directors' and officers' liability coverage, and the Delaware law of shareholder rights and directorial responsibilities. Among the publications he has authored: “The Shareholders Activism Handbook” Aspen Publishers; “Proxy Access Takes Center Stage – The Second Circuit’s Decision in *AFSCME Employees Pension Plan v. American International Group, Inc.*” *Bloomberg Law Reports*, Vol. 1, No. 5; “Investor Litigation in the U.S. - The System is Working” *Securities Reform Act Litigation Reporter*, Vol. 22, #5; “*In re Walt Disney Co. Deriv. Litig.* and the Duty of Good Faith Under Delaware Corporate Law” *Bank*

& *Corporate Governance Law Reporter*, Vol. 37, #1; “Institutional Investors As Trend-Setters In Post-PSLRA Securities Litigation” *Practising Law Institute*; “*In re Cox Communications, Inc.: A Suggested Step in the Wrong Direction*,” *Bank and Corporate Governance Law Reporter*, Vol. 35, #1; “Does Corporate Governance Matter to Investment Returns?” *Corporate Accountability Report*, Vol. 3, No. 37; “Loss Causation in Light of Dura: Who is Getting it Wrong?” *Securities Reform Act Litigation Reporter*, Vol. 20, #1; “Giving Substance to the Right to Vote: An Initiative to Amend Delaware Law to Require a Majority Vote in Director Elections,” *Corporate Governance Advisor*, Vol. 13, #1; “An Invaluable Tool in Corporate Reform: Pension Fund Leadership Improves Securities Litigation Process,” *Pensions & Investments*; and “Securities Fraud, Stock Price Valuation, and Loss Causation: Toward a Corporate Finance-Based Theory of Loss Causation,” *Business Lawyer*. Mr. Eisenhofer has also authored a number of articles on illiquid and rouge hedge funds, including “Time for Hedge Funds to Become Accountable to Fiduciary Investors,” *Pensions & Investments*; and “Hedge Funds of the Living Dead,” *New York Times Dealbook*.

Mr. Eisenhofer serves as a member of the NYU Law School Advisory Board for the Center on Civil Justice. He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, and a 1986 *magna cum laude* graduate of Villanova University School of Law, Order of the Coif. He was a law clerk to the Honorable Vincent A. Cirillo, President Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court and thereafter joined the Wilmington office of Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom. Mr. Eisenhofer was a partner in the Wilmington office of Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley until forming Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. in 1997.

Jeff A. Almeida

Jeff Almeida is a director at Grant & Eisenhofer practicing in the areas of Delaware corporate litigation and both domestic and international securities litigation.

Mr. Almeida has a wide breadth of complex commercial litigation experience, with over 22 years of practice. He has primarily represented domestic and foreign institutional investors in prominent securities fraud class actions and opt-out cases, including *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation (London Whale)* (S.D.N.Y.); *In re Medtronic Securities Litigation* (D. Minn.); *In re Refco Inc. Securities Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.); *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Vytarin/Zetia Securities Litigation* (D.N.J.); *In re Bank of America/Merrill Lynch Securities Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.); *In re Pfizer Inc. Securities Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.); *In re Global Cash Access Holdings Securities Litigation* (D. Nev.); and *In re Career Education Corp. Securities Litigation* (S.D. Ill.). In addition, Mr. Almeida has played prominent roles in international securities cases involving RBS (U.K.), Volkswagen (Germany), and Danske Bank (Denmark).

Mr. Almeida has also been actively engaged in derivative, class, and appraisal litigation in the Delaware Court of Chancery, including the matters *In re Tyson Foods, Inc. Consolidated Shareholder Litigation*, which resulted in historic rulings clarifying the fiduciary duties of corporate directors in connection with the administration of stock option plans; *Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System v. Crawford (Caremark)*, a well-publicized derivative action challenging the terms of the Caremark and CVS merger that resulted in a \$3.2 billion settlement; and *In re Genentech Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, where he successfully represented Genentech minority stockholders in controlling stockholder Roche's attempt to squeeze out the minority to seize full control of Genentech.

Grant & Eisenhofer currently leverages Mr. Almeida's broad experience and success in stockholder litigation to manage the firm's investigation and development of new cases. In this role, Mr. Almeida conducts in-depth investigations into dozens of potential securities fraud claims, and other derivative and corporate governance matters, in order to develop the legal theories that support Grant & Eisenhofer's litigation efforts.

Prior to joining Grant & Eisenhofer in August 2004, Mr. Almeida was affiliated for six years as an attorney with a major Philadelphia defense firm, where he practiced in the areas of complex commercial litigation and class action defense.

Mr. Almeida is a 1994 graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, where he captained the varsity basketball team and achieved election to Phi Beta Kappa, and a 1997 graduate of William and Mary Law School in Williamsburg, Virginia. Mr. Almeida is admitted to practice in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, along with several federal courts.

Michael J. Barry

Michael Barry is a director at Grant & Eisenhofer focusing on corporate governance and securities litigation. For over thirteen years, he has represented institutional investors in litigation relating to securities fraud, corporate fiduciary responsibilities, shareholder proposals under SEC Rule 14a-8, and corporate governance generally. As a foremost practitioner in these areas, Mr. Barry has been significantly involved in groundbreaking class action recoveries, corporate governance reforms and shareholders rights litigation.

He has been instrumental in landmark corporate governance cases, including *AFSCME v. AIG*, which recognized shareholders' right to introduce proxy access proposals; *Bebchuk v. CA, Inc.*, which allowed shareholders to introduce proposals restricting a board's ability to enact poison pills; and *CA, Inc. v. AFSCME*, a historic decision of the Delaware Supreme Court regarding the authority of shareholders to adopt corporate bylaws. His casework includes the Genentech Shareholder Litigation, resulting in an increase of \$3 billion in value for shareholders arising from a corporate merger; a \$922 million settlement in the UnitedHealth Group derivative litigation, resolving one of the most egregious examples of options backdating; an \$89.4 million recovery for stockholders of Del Monte Foods Co. in a case that exposed significant conflicts of interest in staple financing in corporate mergers; and a \$153.75 million recovery in a derivative action on behalf of Freeport-McMoRan Corporation shareholders, which included, for the first time in derivative litigation, a provision that the entire cash portion of the recovery—\$147.5 million—be distributed to shareholders in the form of a special dividend.

Mr. Barry has spoken widely on corporate governance and related matters. In addition to having served as a guest lecturer at Harvard Law School, he speaks at numerous conferences each year. Mr. Barry has authored several published writings, including the *Shareholder Activism Handbook*, a comprehensive guide for shareholders regarding their legal rights as owners of corporations, which he co-authored. In 2015, Mr. Barry was selected to the Markets Advisory Council for the Council of Institutional Investors.

Prior to joining Grant & Eisenhofer, Mr. Barry practiced at a large Philadelphia-based firm, where he defended the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Senate and Pennsylvania state court judges in a variety of trial and appellate matters. He is a 1990 graduate

of Carnegie Mellon University and graduated *summa cum laude* in 1993 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where he was an Executive Editor of the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review* and a member of the Order of the Coif.

Daniel L. Berger

Daniel Berger is a director at Grant & Eisenhofer. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Berger had been a partner at two major plaintiffs' class action firms in New York, where he litigated complex securities and discrimination class actions for twenty-two years.

Mr. Berger's experience includes trying three 10b-5 securities class actions to jury verdicts, which are among very few such cases ever tried, as well as conducting trials in Delaware Chancery Court and other state courts. Mr. Berger served as principal lead counsel in many of the largest securities class action cases in history, achieving successful recoveries for classes of investors in *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation* (\$150 million); *In re Merck Vytarin/Zetia Securities Litigation* (\$215 million); *In re Cendant Corp. Securities Litigation* (\$3.3 billion); *In re Lucent Technologies, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$675 million); *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Securities Litigation* (\$300 million); *In re Daimler Chrysler A.G. Securities Litigation* (\$300 million); *In re Conseco, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$120 million); *In re Symbol Technologies Securities Litigation* (\$139 million); and *In re OM Group Securities Litigation* (\$92 million).

Mr. Berger has successfully argued several appeals that made new law favorable to investors, including *In re Suprema Specialties, Inc. Securities Litigation*, 438 F.3d 256 (3d Cir. 2005); *McCall v. Scott*, 250 F.3d 997 (6th Cir. 2001) and *Fine v. American Solar King Corp.*, 919 F.2d 290 (5th Cir. 1990.) In addition, Mr. Berger was lead class counsel in many important discrimination class actions, in particular *Roberts v. Texaco, Inc.*, where he represented African-American employees of Texaco and achieved the then largest settlement (\$175 million) of a race discrimination class action.

Mr. Berger is a member of the faculty of Columbia University School of Law, where he is a Lecturer in Law. He also serves on the Board of Visitors of the Law School. Previously, Mr. Berger was a member of the Board of Managers of Haverford College from 2000-2003. He is a member of the Board of Directors (and was Board co-Chair) of the GO Project, a not-for profit organization that provides academic support for New York City public school students. He also serves on the Board of the Madison Square Park Conservancy, a public-private partnership that operates and preserves one of New York City's great parks.

Mr. Berger is a 1976 graduate of Haverford College, and graduated in 1979 from Columbia University School of Law.

Charles T. Caliendo

Charles Caliendo was a director at Grant & Eisenhofer until he left the firm in January 2019. He has more than twenty years of experience in complex litigation, including class and derivative actions, SEC enforcement proceedings, regulatory and corporate internal investigations, and White Collar criminal matters.

At G&E, Mr. Caliendo represented institutional investors in securities fraud, accounting fraud and other corporate litigation. He was a member of the G&E teams that won a \$3.2 billion recovery for shareholders in the *Tyco* case and a \$486 million recovery in the *Pfizer* action. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Caliendo was an Assistant Attorney General in the New York Attorney General's Office where he prosecuted cases and led investigations related to mutual fund market timing and late trading. Mr. Caliendo started his career at Thacher Proffitt & Wood where he litigated securities fraud, M&A and corporate governance cases, and other commercial disputes.

Among other matters, Mr. Caliendo's casework includes:

- Represented victims of tax shelter scheme in fraud/accountants' malpractice action against tax shelter promoters and accounting firm in New York Supreme Court.
- Prosecuted/investigated numerous matters involving criminal and civil securities fraud, insider trading, violations of New York's Martin Act, money laundering, tax fraud, perjury, obstruction of justice and other White Collar crimes.
- Defended SEC enforcement proceeding against directors and officers in federal court.
- Represented bank and its board of directors in federal court in defeating motion to enjoin merger in one of the first cases to lift the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act's automatic stay of discovery.
- Represented bank and its board of directors in Delaware Court of Chancery and Delaware Supreme Court in defeating class action alleging breach of fiduciary duty for rejecting above-market merger proposal in favor of pursuing board's strategy of remaining independent.
- Represented bank against insurgent shareholder's motion in Delaware Court of Chancery to sterilize voting rights associated with voting stock issued during proxy contest.
- Represented foreign shipping company in federal court in securities fraud and breach of indenture action involving \$100 million private placement of high-yield notes.

Mr. Caliendo has written, spoken and been interviewed by the financial press on issues relating to regulatory enforcement, corporate internal investigations and/or securities and shareholder litigation. Select examples include:

- Speaker at financial industry seminar sponsored by The Association of the Bar of the City of New York (authored related article "*Thompson Memo Under A Microscope*") (June 2006).
- Speaker before delegation of Chinese mutual fund CEOs during Penn-China Mutual Fund CEO Leadership Program, University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education (June 2005).
- Speaker at financial industry seminar sponsored by The Association of the Bar of the City of New York (authored related article "*The Investment Protection Bureau: An Overview of Financial Markets Regulation and Enforcement in New York*") (Nov. 2004).
- Co-Author, "Who Says the Business Judgment Rule Does Not Apply to Directors of New York Banks?," 118 *Banking Law Journal* 493 (June 2001).
- Co-Author, "Board of Directors' 'Revlon Duties' Come Into Focus," *New York Law Journal*, Vol. 222, No. 86, Col. 1 (Nov. 1, 1999).
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Mr. Caliendo is a member of the New York City Bar Association, and a past member of the Committee on Professional Ethics. He received his B.S. from Cornell University and J.D. from St. John’s University School of Law where he was Articles & Notes editor of the *St. John’s Law Review* and a St. Thomas More Scholar.

Mr. Caliendo left Grant & Eisenhofer in January 2019.

Sindhu S. Daniel

Sindhu Daniel is a director at Grant & Eisenhofer where she focuses on complex pharmaceutical and medical device litigation. Ms. Daniel has been handling pharmaceutical drug and device cases for over 20 years.

Prior to G&E, Ms. Daniel was a shareholder at a national plaintiffs’ law firm managing the Pharmaceutical Litigation Group. She has served in leadership on multiple MDLs and currently serves on the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee for the 3M Combat Arms Earplug Products Liability Litigation, the Talc and Proton Pump Inhibitor MDLs, the Gilead Tenofovir JCCP, and the Essure JCCP, which resulted in a \$1.6 billion settlement in overall compensation to injured women.

Ms. Daniel previously served as co-lead negotiator on behalf of a large group of plaintiffs in a case involving severe and permanent injuries caused by transvaginal mesh implants. Additionally, Ms. Daniel played roles in the settlements for Vioxx, Fresenius Granuflo/Naturalyte dialysis products, DePuy Orthopaedics, and was previously appointed to the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee in the Xarelto MDL.

Ms. Daniel earned her J.D. from Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law, and her B.A. from Temple University. Ms. Daniel is a member of the American Association for Justice and Women En Masse.

Diandra “Fu” Debrosse Zimmermann

Diandra (“Fu”) Debrosse Zimmermann is a director at Grant & Eisenhofer focusing her practice on the representation of public entities and on complex litigation, including pharmaceutical, medical device, data breach, environmental contamination and civil rights litigation. Among other matters currently she represents victims of civil rights violations, businesses wrongfully denied business interruption and civil authority coverage after being devastated by government shut-down orders due to COVID-19, and jurisdictions impacted by PFAS water contamination.

Prior to joining G&E, Ms. Debrosse was a principal at an Alabama-based law firm where she represented over fifty cities and counties against pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors

in the Opiate MDL. Over her career, she has successfully litigated mass tort, class action, product liability, discrimination, and civil sexual assault claims. Ms. Debrosse currently works with a number of public entity clients across the country. She is also serving on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for the *In re Smith & Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing (BHR) Hip Implant Liability Litigation* (MDL No. 2775).

Among her many accolades, Ms. Debrosse, was selected by the National Trial Lawyers in the "Top 40 Under 40," as well as the "Top 10 Under 40" for the State of Alabama by the National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys, Inc. She was named to The National Trial Lawyers: Top 100, recognized in the list of America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators®, selected for inclusion to *Alabama Super Lawyers* for several years, and named as a Top Woman Attorney by *B-Metro* magazine. Ms. Debrosse is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Ms. Debrosse serves on the Board of Governors for the American Association for Justice, the Board of Governors of the Southern Trial Lawyer Association, and is a current member of the Board of Bar Commissioners for the Alabama State Bar. Ms. Debrosse has the distinction of serving as a Disciplinary Hearing Officer for the Alabama State Bar General Counsel's Office. Ms. Debrosse served four terms as a member of the Executive Committee of the Birmingham Bar Association, is a former President of the Magic City Bar Association, and is a past Vice President of the Alabama State Bar.

Ms. Debrosse earned her B.A., *summa cum laude*, in English Literature from the City College of the City University of New York, where she was an Isaacs Fellow. She received her J.D. from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where she received a leadership grant and many other awards. She is fluent in French, Haitian Creole, and Spanish.

Robert G. Eisler

Robert Eisler is a director at Grant & Eisenhofer and leads the firm's antitrust practice. Mr. Eisler has been involved in many significant antitrust class action cases in recent years. He is experienced in numerous industries, including pharmaceuticals, paper products, construction materials, industrial chemicals, processed foods, municipal securities, and consumer goods.

Mr. Eisler is currently serving as co-lead counsel in several cases, including *Gordon et al. v. Amadeus et al.*, *In re London Silver Fixing, Ltd. Antitrust Litigation* and *In re Keurig Green Mountain Single-Serve Coffee Antitrust Litigation*. He has served as lead or co-lead counsel in many other significant antitrust cases, including *In re Buspirone Antitrust Litigation* (which led to a \$90 million settlement in which presiding Judge Koeltl stated that the plaintiffs' attorneys had done "a stupendous job"), *In re Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride Antitrust Litigation*, *In re Flat Glass Antitrust Litigation*, and *In re Municipal Derivatives Antitrust Litigation*.

Mr. Eisler has played major roles in a number of other significant antitrust cases, including *In re Polyurethane Foam Antitrust Litigation*, *In re Blue Cross/Blue Shield Antitrust Litigation*, and *In re Linerboard Antitrust Litigation*. He also has significant experience litigating antitrust matters in the UK, including cases concerning cartels in a number of industries, such as air cargo services, air passenger services, automotive glass, and pharmaceuticals, among others.

In addition to his antitrust work, Mr. Eisler has extensive experience in securities, derivative, complex commercial and class action litigation at the trial and appellate levels. He has been involved in numerous securities and derivative litigation matters on behalf of public pension funds, municipalities, mutual fund companies and individual investors in state and federal courts.

Mr. Eisler graduated from LaSalle University in 1986, and in 1989, from Villanova University School of Law.

Deborah A. Elman

Deborah Elman is a director at Grant & Eisenhofer, where she has nearly two decades' experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in high-profile antitrust and securities litigation, with a particular focus litigating claims in the pharmaceutical and financial services industries. She has represented institutional clients and individuals in an array of complex civil litigation cases, including class actions, opt-outs, derivative actions, and arbitrations. Ms. Elman is also Co-Director of the Grant & Eisenhofer ESG Institute.

Currently, Ms. Elman serves as co-lead counsel in several cases, including *In re: Seroquel XR (Extended Release Quetiapine Fumarate) Litigation*, *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee & Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation*, *In re London Silver Fixing, Ltd. Antitrust Litigation*, and *In re Keurig Green Mountain Single-Serve Coffee Antitrust Litigation*. She is a member of the Executive Committee in *In Re: Humira (Adalimumab) Antitrust Litigation*, and class counsel in *In re Novartis and Par [Exforge] Antitrust Litigation*, among others.

Ms. Elman litigated and settled numerous cases related to the financial crisis, including more than fifteen actions arising out of wrongdoing involving the issuance of residential mortgage-backed securities ("RMBS") and other complex financial products, and was class counsel in *Alaska Electrical Pension Fund v. Bank of America Corporation et al. ("ISDAFix")* and *In re Foreign Exchange Benchmark Rates Antitrust Litigation ("FOREX")*. Additionally, Ms. Elman was a member of the litigation teams that successfully represented the lead plaintiff in a case dubbed "The Enron of India," *In re Satyam Computer Services Ltd. Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$150.5 million, and *In re Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. Derivative Litigation*, which settled for \$27.5 million. She represented institutional investors in *In re Merck and Co., Inc. Securities, Derivative & ERISA Litigation* and *In re Petrobras Securities Litigation*, resulting in substantial investor recoveries.

Prior to joining Grant & Eisenhofer, Ms. Elman represented clients before the SEC, DOJ, and state regulators, and participated in numerous appearances before federal and state courts as an associate at a leading New York law firm.

Ms. Elman served as a law clerk for the Honorable William L. Standish in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Elman graduated *cum laude* in 2001 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where she was Lead Executive Editor of the *Journal of Law and Commerce*. She received a Masters of Public Health degree in 1997 from Columbia University, where she also graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1995.

Kimberly A. Evans

Kimberly Evans is a director within the firm's civil rights practice group and a dynamic advocate for victims of discrimination, wrongful incarceration, sexual assault, and other forms of harassment. Her current representations include, among others:

- *Aguirre-Jarquin v. Hemmert et al.* (M.D. Fla.), an action alleging Section 1983 and related claims against defendants relating to the investigation leading to plaintiff's death row sentence and 14 years of wrongful incarceration for two murders that he did not commit.
- *Sterling et al. v. Evanston Township High School District 202 et al.* (N.D. Ill.), an action alleging Section 1983, Title IX, and related claims in connection with the sexual assault and inappropriate grooming of plaintiff and other female students by the school's safety officers.
- *Youngers v. MTC et al.* (D.N.M.), an action alleging Section 504, negligence, and other state law claims against government contractors for their role in the wrongful death of Roxsana Hernadez, a transgender Honduran immigrant who died while in ICE custody.
- *Pambakian v. Blatt et al.* (C.D. Cal.), an action alleging that the plaintiff, a former senior executive of the dating app Tinder, was sexually assaulted by her boss, that her employer attempted to cover up the incident by offering her compensation, and that she was later terminated for reporting the incident. This case is currently on appeal before the Ninth Circuit, where the court is being asked to consider the important issue of forced arbitration in sexual assault cases.

Ms. Evans is an experienced trial lawyer who has litigated a number of complex corporate matters, including *In re Dole Food Co. Stockholder Litigation* and *In re Dole Food Co. Appraisal Litigation*, a stockholder class and appraisal litigation resulting in a damages award of \$148 million, plus interest, following a nine-day trial in Delaware Chancery Court. The *Dole* litigation represents one of the largest recoveries in a non-derivative action in the history of the Delaware Chancery Court. Ms. Evans has tried a number of cases before the Delaware Court of Chancery, including *In re Appraisal of DFC Global, Corp.*, *In re Appraisal of PetSmart, Inc.*, and *In re Appraisal of Jarden Corporation*, and has litigated foreign appraisal actions in the Cayman Islands, including *In the matter of Nord Anglia Education*.

Ms. Evans is a member of the Pennsylvania and Delaware State Bar Associations, the American Association for Justice Civil Rights and Sexual Assault Litigation Committees, serves as co-Chair of Mentoring for the Delaware Chapter of the Rodney Inn of Court, and is the current Diversity Liaison for the PBA Civil and Equal Rights Committee. In 2017, Ms. Evans was selected as one of the Legal 500 Next Generation Lawyers in the area of Plaintiff M&A Litigation. In 2019, she was again selected by Legal 500 as a Rising Star. In 2020, Ms. Evans was selected for membership by the National Trial Lawyers as one of the "Civil Rights – Top 10" and "Women's Rights – Top 10."

Adam J. Gomez

Adam Gomez is a director at Grant & Eisenhofer where he focuses on complex pharmaceutical, medical device litigation and environmental litigation. Prior to joining G&E, Mr. Gomez was an

associate at a national defense litigation firm where he defended clients in catastrophic personal injury, products liability, professional liability, and civil rights litigation.

Mr. Gomez currently serves as Chair of the Insurance Committee representing residents and businesses harmed by the catastrophic gas explosions in Merrimack Valley of Massachusetts caused by the negligence of Columbia Gas and NiSource. He also serves as a Chair of the Discovery Committee in the *Gilead Tenofovir* Cases, California Judicial Council Coordinated Proceeding (JCCP) No. 5043, representing members of the HIV community injured by Gilead Sciences, Inc.'s negligent design of tenofovir-based antiretroviral medications. He is the Co-Chair of the American Association for Justice Tenofovir Litigation Group. Additionally, Mr. Gomez represents victims of the Paradise, California Camp Fire—the deadliest in the state's history—where plaintiffs allege that fires were sparked by aging, unsafe electrical infrastructure maintained by Pacific Gas & Electric.

Mr. Gomez earned his J.D. from Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law in 2013, where he was a Beasley Scholar and received awards for excellence in Constitutional Law and Outstanding Oral Advocacy in the Integrated Trial Advocacy Program. He received his B.A. in Government from Wesleyan University in 2010 where he served as Chair of the Student Judicial Board and President of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Mr. Gomez is a member of the American Association for Justice, Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association. He was selected for inclusion in the 2018 list of “Rising Stars” in Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers*.

Elizabeth (Beth) Graham

Elizabeth (“Beth”) Graham is a director at Grant & Eisenhofer. She leads the firm's complex pharmaceutical and medical device litigation practice and serves as a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Ms. Graham has spent most of her career as a plaintiffs' lawyer advocating for the rights of individuals, families and small businesses harmed by large corporations.

Ms. Graham's expertise spans the practice areas of mass tort, consumer fraud, product liability, environmental, business torts and gender rights claims. She has served as Lead Counsel in multi-million dollar cases, has acted as a member of various Plaintiffs' Executive Committees in complex actions, and has prior experience as national defense coordination counsel in product liability and environmental litigation.

Ms. Graham is actively representing thousands of injured victims in various cases against corporations, including pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, public utility and tech companies. Ms. Graham is Liaison Counsel, a member of the Executive Committee, Chair of the Law & Briefing Committee, and was a lead negotiator in the *In re Essure Product Cases* (JCCP 4887) settlement, which provided \$1.6 billion in overall compensation to injured women. She was also Co-Lead class counsel in the *In re Columbia Gas Explosion Cases* (Mass. Sup. Ct.) where she was a principal negotiator of the recent \$143 million class action settlement.

Currently, she serves as Co-Lead on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee and as Chair of the Law & Briefing Committee in *In re Zofran (Ondansetron) Products Liability Litigation* (MDL No. 2657). Ms. Graham serves in leadership in *Gilead Tenofovir Cases and Coordinated Actions, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 5043* representing hundreds of people harmed by certain HIV drugs manufactured by California biotech giant Gilead Sciences. She has served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Power Morcellator Products Liability Litigation* (MDL No. 2652); and is serving as a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Stryker LFIT V40 Femoral Head Products Liability Litigation* (MDL No. 2768); and in *In re Smith & Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing (BHR) Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation* (MDL No. 2775). Ms. Graham also served as co-chair of the Law & Briefing Committee for *In re Xarelto Products Liability Litigation* (MDL No. 2592). Additionally, Ms. Graham represents victims of the Paradise, California Wildfires (2018).

Prior to joining G&E, Ms. Graham served on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee and represented victims in the *In re Sulzer Hip Prosthesis and Knee Prosthesis Liability Litigation* (California JCCP 4165). She has served as Lead Counsel on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in high profile class actions such as *Borman Automotive v. American Honda Motor Corp.* (MDL No. 1069), which resulted in a \$435 million settlement; and litigation against Chrysler based on its Minivan Doorlatch failures and ABS brake defects. She has also represented hundreds of families injured by environmental contaminants, including radon, arsenic and rocket fuel, resulting in confidential settlements in excess of \$25 million. Ms. Graham also has vast experience as a consultant to other mass tort firms that seek her advice in structuring their cases.

Ms. Graham is an accomplished speaker, often presenting at educational programs sponsored by the American Association for Justice (AAJ); Mass Torts Made Perfect; Harris Martin; and Masters of Mass Tort. Additionally, Ms. Graham is Co-Chair of the AAJ Zofran Litigation Group, and is a member of AAJ's Publications Committee. She is a co-author of "Overcoming the Clear Evidence Defense," published in the July 2016 issue of *Trial* magazine, as well as "Medical Monitoring," published in the July 2018 issue of *Trial*.

In 2018, Ms. Graham was selected to receive the Lifetime Achievement award by America's Top 100 Attorneys®.

Prior to her representation of injured individuals, Ms. Graham worked for large product liability defense firms as national defense counsel and was a partner at prominent San Francisco Bay area law firms.

Olav A. Haazen

Olav Haazen, PhD, is a director at Grant & Eisenhofer. His areas of practice include cross-border securities fraud and antitrust litigation.

Mr. Haazen has significant experience representing foreign and domestic plaintiffs in a variety of antitrust and fraud actions. Most recently, he successfully represented a class of Fortis investors for whom he helped negotiate a record-high \$1.5 billion settlement of all investment fraud claims in the Netherlands and Belgium. Other representations, past and present, include:

- nearly 300 institutional investors from around the world seeking recovery from Volkswagen in German court in connection with its well-publicized manipulation of emissions controls;
- a large group of Laiki and Bank of Cyprus bondholders and depositors with ICSID arbitration claims against Cyprus, whose interests were wiped as part of the 2013 Cyprus bank bail-out;
- foreign Madoff investors on fraud and negligence claims against feeder fund defendants and their auditors, custodians, and administrators;
- a French *qui tam* plaintiff in litigation arising out of the sale of Executive Life Insurance Company; and
- a large regional bakery in its successful monopolization suit against a competitor.

Mr. Haazen has also represented two classes of professional fashion models in price-fixing and consumer fraud actions, which resulted in a virtually unprecedented 100% recovery of all claimants' losses, as well as substantial injunctive relief, which Justice Ramos of the New York Supreme Court lauded as a model for legislative reform.

Prior to joining G&E, Mr. Haazen was counsel at a prominent national law firm, where he successfully represented major corporate clients and individuals in several high-profile RICO, securities, and government investigation matters and commercial disputes, including a well-known playwright against a civil forfeiture claim arising out of Kenneth Starr's "Ponzi" scheme; a utilities company in a significant contract dispute with Enron; and one of the largest franchisors in professional sports in a \$1.2 billion monopolization suit. He has also represented several government entities and officials, including a Westchester County municipality in a \$600 million lawsuit by Donald Trump's Seven Springs LLC, as well as the City and Mayor of Amsterdam, and a foreign country's former Secretary of State.

From 2010-2011, Mr. Haazen served on the American Bar Association's seven-member Standing Committee for Amicus Curiae briefs and the Third-Party Litigation Funding Study Group. From 1996-2001, he served as a Country Reporter for the Netherlands for the European Restatement of Torts, and recently as a Netherlands Reporter to the 17th International Congress of Comparative Law. Mr. Haazen teaches comparative civil procedure and cross-border litigation at Leiden University in the Netherlands, and previously taught at Harvard, Stanford, and Oxford. He has written several books and over 40 articles and case notes. He is admitted as solicitor in England and Wales, and as arbitrator at the Netherlands Arbitration Institute and at the Center for Dispute Resolution (CEDIRES) in Belgium.

Christine M. Mackintosh

Christine Mackintosh is a director at Grant & Eisenhofer, practicing in the areas of corporate and securities litigation. She has represented institutional investors, both public and private, in corporate cases in the Delaware Court of Chancery and in securities fraud class actions in federal courts throughout the country.

Ms. Mackintosh's practice primarily focuses on litigation in the Delaware Court of Chancery, where she has played significant roles in several landmark actions challenging mergers and acquisitions (including *In re Del Monte Foods Company Shareholder Litigation*, which resulted

in an \$89.4 million recovery for the class, and *In re El Paso Corporation Shareholder Litigation*, which resulted in a \$110 million recovery for the class) and in several successful shareholder derivative actions (including *In re American International Group, Inc. Consolidated Derivative Litigation*, which resulted in a \$90 million recovery, one of the largest recoveries in a shareholder derivative action in the history of the Delaware Court of Chancery). Ms. Mackintosh recently secured a \$175 million settlement of a derivative action brought on behalf of McKesson Corporation relating to the company's failure to adequately oversee its sales of opioid drugs in an action in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, and a \$60 million partial settlement of a derivative and class action challenging the acquisition of SolarCity Corporation by Tesla Motors, Inc.

Ms. Mackintosh is a leading member of G&E's appraisal litigation practice and has tried numerous appraisal cases in the Court of Chancery, including *In re Appraisal of Dell, Inc.*, *In re Appraisal of Solera Holdings, Inc.*, and *Verition Partners Master Fund Ltd. v. Aruba Networks, Inc.* Following a closely watched Delaware Supreme Court argument in the *Aruba* appraisal, Ms. Mackintosh obtained a reversal of the Chancery Court's decision that Aruba's fair value equaled its unaffected stock price. Ms. Mackintosh recently represented a number of institutional investors pursuing their appraisal rights against Nord Anglia Education in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands; following a three-week trial, the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands, Financial Services Division ruled in favor of G&E's client, finding that Nord Anglia's fair value was nearly 16% higher than the deal price.

In addition to her Chancery Court practice, Ms. Mackintosh has played a significant role in a number of securities fraud class actions that have achieved substantial recoveries for classes of investors, including *In re JP Morgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation* (\$150 million recovery), *In re Refco Securities Litigation* (\$400 million recovery), and *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Vytarin/Zetia Securities Litigation* (\$215 million recovery), and on behalf of individual and institutional investors who have opted out of class actions to pursue individual suits, including representation of investors who opted out of *In re Bank of America Corporation Securities, Derivative & ERISA Litigation*. Outside of the United States, Ms. Mackintosh was a member of the team that secured the historic \$450 million pan-European settlement in the *Royal Dutch Shell* case in the Netherlands and the \$1 billion settlement in the *Royal Bank of Scotland* case in the United Kingdom. She is currently representing institutional investors in connection with litigation against Volkswagen AG in Germany.

A *magna cum laude* graduate of St. Joseph's University, Ms. Mackintosh earned her law degree at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She is the co-author of two articles published by the Practising Law Institute's *Corporate Law & Practice Course Handbook Series*. "Ethical Issues and Their Impact on Securities Litigation," published in September-October, 2003, was co-authored with Marc J. Sonnenfeld, Viveca D. Parker and Marisel Acosta. "Lessons From Sarbanes-Oxley: The Importance of Independence In Internal Corporate Investigations," published in July, 2003, was co-authored with Alfred J. Lechner, Jr.

Kyle J. McGee

Kyle McGee is a director at Grant & Eisenhofer. Mr. McGee is the head of G&E's Environmental Litigation Group, focusing on sovereign and public entity representation. Mr.

McGee also regularly represents state and municipal clients in consumer protection matters, as well as relators or whistleblowers in *qui tam* litigation.

Mr. McGee currently serves as special counsel to several state Attorneys General and municipalities in actions against Monsanto Co. arising out of that company's production, marketing, and sale of toxic PCBs, which now contaminate natural resources throughout the nation, and against 3M Co., DuPont, Chemours, and other manufacturers of toxic PFAS chemicals and products containing PFAS, which now contaminate groundwater, drinking water, and other public resources. Mr. McGee also represents state agencies in hazardous site litigation arising out of historic disposal practices and emissions of contaminants such as lead and arsenic. Mr. McGee was named to the Environmental Trial Lawyers Association Top 10 for Delaware, and serves on the Executive Committee for the ETLA.

In addition to environmental litigation, Mr. McGee partners with state Attorneys General and municipalities, including public employee health plans, pursuing consumer protection actions against pharmaceutical manufacturers and others in the healthcare industry, primarily concerning the marketing and sale of dangerous products, such as Zantac/ranitidine.

Mr. McGee also represents numerous relators in confidential whistleblower actions under the federal and various state False Claims Acts, pursuing misconduct in diverse fields including medical and mental healthcare, residential mortgage lending, defense contracting, retail, and finance, as well as the whistleblower programs managed by the Securities & Exchange Commission and Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Representative actions in which Mr. McGee played a principal role include:

- *District of Columbia v. Monsanto Co., et al.* (D.C. Super.), an environmental protection action on behalf of the D.C. government against Monsanto for damages resulting from PCB contamination of major waterways and other natural resources, resulting in a \$52 million recovery.
- *State of Mississippi ex rel. Jim Hood, Attorney General v. GlaxoSmithKline LLC* (Miss. Ch.), a consumer protection action on behalf of Mississippi against pharmaceutical company GSK for allegedly unfair and deceptive marketing practices, resulting in a \$25 million recovery.
- *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Vytarin/Zetia Securities Litigation* (D.N.J.), a major securities fraud action against pharmaceutical industry titan Merck & Co., Inc. that settled for \$215 million, jointly prosecuted with a related action, *In re Schering-Plough Corp. ENHANCE Securities Litigation* (D.N.J.), resulting in a \$688 million total recovery—together, the largest securities class action recovery against a pharmaceutical company at the time, and among the top securities settlements with any issuer.
- *In re JP Morgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.), a securities fraud action against investment bank JP Morgan and its leadership arising out of the “London Whale” scandal, resulting in a \$150 million settlement.
- *Champs Sports Bar & Grill Co. v. Mercury Payment Systems, LLC, et al.* (N.D. Ga.), a class action on behalf of small merchants against card processing companies Mercury Payment Systems and Global Payments Direct, which resulted in a settlement worth over \$70 million.

- *In re MyFord Touch Consumer Litigation* (N.D. Cal.), a consumer class action on behalf of owners of Ford vehicles equipped with allegedly defective infotainment units, which resulted in monetary and other relief valued at over \$33 million.
- *T.S. Kao, Inc. v. North American Bancard, LLC, et al.* (N.D. Ga.), a class action on behalf of small merchants against card processing companies North American Bancard and Global Payments Direct, which resulted in a settlement worth \$15 million.
- *Des Roches, et al. v. Blue Shield of California, Inc., et al.* (N.D. Cal.), an ERISA class action brought by three parents of minors denied coverage for mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment by Blue Shield of California and its mental health services administrator, Human Affairs International of California (a subsidiary of Magellan Health, Inc.), based on allegedly faulty criteria, which resulted in the defendants' inability to resume use of the challenged criteria and other significant injunctive relief, as well as a \$7 million fund for payment of allegedly improperly denied claims.
- *In, re New Oriental Education & Technology Group Securities Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.), a securities fraud action against China-based New Oriental Education & Technology Group relating to alleged accounting manipulations, which settled for \$4.5 million.
- *In re Miller Energy Resources, Inc. Securities Litigation* (E.D. Tenn.), a securities fraud action against oil and gas firm Miller Energy regarding alleged accounting manipulations, which settled for approximately \$3 million.
- *In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation* (N.D. Cal.), a consumer class action against Volkswagen, Audi, Porsche, and Robert Bosch LLC, arising out of the "Dieselgate" scandal, which resulted in an unprecedented vehicle buyback program and other relief valued at approximately \$15 billion.
- *British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme, et al. v. American International Group, Inc.* (S.D.N.Y.), a securities fraud action brought by a number of public pension and retirement funds and other institutional investors against AIG in relation to its alleged concealment of toxic assets during the 2008 financial crisis, which resulted in a substantial investor recovery.
- *Stichting Pensioenfonds ABP, et al. v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al.* (D.N.J.), a securities fraud action brought by a number of public pension and retirement funds and other institutional investors against Merck & Co., Inc., and its former leadership, in relation to the company's allegedly false statements concerning Vioxx, which resulted in a substantial investor recovery.

Mr. McGee earned a postgraduate research degree, with honors, in the history and philosophy of law from the University of Edinburgh. In 2009, he received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Villanova University, where he was a Dean's Merit scholar. In 2005, he received a B.A. in philosophy as well as media technologies from the University of Scranton.

Gordon Z. Novod

Gordon Novod is a director at Grant & Eisenhofer, focusing his practice on corporate restructuring and creditors' rights. He has seventeen years of experience representing *ad hoc* and official committees, distressed investors, lenders, litigation trustees, indenture trustees, trade

creditors, and other parties in some of the most complex landmark restructurings and in litigation matters.

Mr. Novod's industry experience spans the automotive, chemical, construction, energy, entertainment, gaming, manufacturing, media, mining, and retail sectors. He has negotiated, drafted, and litigated all aspects of Chapter 11 plans of reorganization, valuation, and plan confirmation proceedings, contested debtor-in-possession financing and cash collateral use, the pursuit of fraudulent conveyance actions, and other matters involving bankruptcy-related and distressed litigation. He also has extensive experience reviewing, advising clients on, and litigating issues related to corporate debt securities in default and distressed situations, including exchange transactions, redemptions and the Trust Indenture Act.

Mr. Novod prides himself on providing high quality advocacy to clients, keeping their business objectives in mind, thereby enabling him to build lasting relationships. He is also able to grasp complex legal and business issues in order to craft and implement innovative, yet practical solutions to maximize value for clients.

On numerous occasions, Mr. Novod has been acknowledged for his work as a restructuring attorney. In 2011, Law360 called him one of the "Rising Stars" in restructuring and "one of the five bankruptcy attorneys under 40 to watch." He was also named a finalist in the M&A Advisor's "40 under 40." The following year, he was recognized as a "Winner of the 2012 40 Under 40 East M&A Advisor Recognition Awards" and New York *Super Lawyers* – Bankruptcy, "Rising Stars." From 2013 to 2019, he was selected to New York Metro *Super Lawyers* in Bankruptcy. In addition, he has served on the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization.

Prior to joining G&E, Mr. Novod was a partner in the bankruptcy & corporate restructuring group at Brown Rudnick in New York. He also formerly practiced in the corporate restructuring and bankruptcy group at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP.

Mr. Novod's prominent engagements include:

- The Appvion Liquidating Trust
- Caesars Entertainment Operating Company, Inc. (unsecured noteholder and proposed class representative)
- The Synergy Pharmaceuticals Litigation Trust
- CoBank, ACB (ad hoc noteholder committee)
- AgriBank, FCB (unsecured noteholders)
- The Refco Litigation Trust
- Exco Resources, Inc. (secured lender)
- ShengdaTech, Inc. (ad hoc noteholder committee)
- Chesapeake Energy Corp. (unsecured noteholders and proposed class representatives)
- Cliffs Natural Resources (unsecured noteholders and proposed class representatives)
- Vanguard Natural Resources (unsecured noteholders and proposed class representatives)
- Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. (state court litigant)
- CJ Holding, Co. (state court litigant)

- SunEdison, Inc. (state court litigant)
- Erin Energy Corp. (state court litigant and special counsel to a Chapter 7 trustee)
- Tribune Company (indenture trustee and member of the creditors' committee)
- Central European Distribution Corporation (ad hoc committee of convertible noteholders)
- Lyondell Chemical Company (creditors' committee)
- Herbst Gaming, Inc. (creditors' committee)
- Lehman Brothers (ad hoc consortium of claimholders of Lehman Brothers Special Financing, Inc.)
- Green Valley Ranch Gaming, LLC (ad hoc committee of second lien lenders)
- Palm Harbor Homes, Inc. (indenture trustee and member of the creditors' committee)
- Equisearch Services, Inc. (trade creditor)
- General Motors Corporation (n/k/a Motors Liquidation Company) (creditors' committee)
- Charter Communications, Inc. (ad hoc first lien lenders)
- Bridgeport Holdings, Inc. (Micro Warehouse, Inc.) (debtors)
- Midway Games, Inc. (secured lender)
- Bethlehem Steel Corp. (creditors' committee)
- WCI Steel, Inc. (ad hoc noteholders' committee and indenture trustee)
- Delphi Corp. (trade creditor and member of the creditors' committee)
- Grace Industries, Inc. (creditors' committee)
- Wave Wireless Corp. (secured lender)
- Diomed, Inc. (licensor and chairman of the creditors' committee)
- TransCare Corp. (creditors' committee)
- Buffets Holdings, Inc. (ad hoc noteholders' committee)
- ASARCO LLC (majority noteholders)
- WestPoint Stevens, Inc. (second lien agent)

Mr. Novod has been a featured panelist and/or moderator on topics involving distressed situations, indenture litigation, indenture analysis, and fraudulent conveyance litigation, including:

- Moderator, "Director Duties in Restructurings," Institutional Investor Educational Foundation – Bankruptcy Litigation Roundtable (November 30, 2018)
- Moderator, "Current Issues in Bankruptcy & Antitrust," Institutional Investor Educational Foundation – 17us Global Shareholder Activism Conference (November 30 - December 1, 2017)
- Speaker, "Out-of-Court Restructuring and the Trust Indenture Act," Institutional Investor Legal Forum Fall 2016 Roundtable (October 28, 2016)
- Moderator, "E&P Restructurings - A Landscape Unlike Traditional Restructurings," Institutional Investor Educational Foundation - Bankruptcy Litigation Roundtable (October 6, 2016)

- Moderator, “Fraudulent Conveyance Actions, the Trust Indenture Act and No Action Clauses - New Rights for Bondholders?” Institutional Investor Educational Foundation - Bankruptcy Litigation Roundtable (October 21, 2015)

Mr. Novod received his J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University, and his B.A. from Emory University.

James J. Sabella

James Sabella was a director at Grant & Eisenhofer until he retired in December 2018. He has over forty years of experience in complex civil litigation, including representing plaintiffs and defendants in class and derivative actions involving trial and appellate work in state and federal courts. He has substantial experience in securities litigation and litigation involving claims against accounting firms and underwriters. He has also handled antitrust litigation, whistleblower claims and cases involving claims under the False Claims Act, and cases involving the fiduciary obligations of trustees under state law.

Mr. Sabella has represented the lead plaintiffs in numerous major cases that have resulted in large recoveries, including the Pfizer securities litigation, where the settlement was nearly \$500 million, the General Motors securities litigation, where the settlement was in excess of \$300 million, and the Refco securities litigation, where the recovery was in excess of \$400 million. He also represented the lead plaintiffs in the Parmalat securities litigation, which resulted in landmark opinions establishing that the international firms that coordinate the audit services that audit firms conduct in various countries can be held liable for the conduct of such local audit firms.

Prior to joining Grant & Eisenhofer, Mr. Sabella practiced for twenty-eight years at several large Manhattan law firms, most recently as a partner in Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood LLP, where his practice focused largely on accountants’ liability defense, including the defense of actions alleging securities law violations and professional malpractice as well as grand jury investigations and investigations by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Sabella is a 1976 graduate of Columbia Law School, where he was a member of the Board of Directors of the *Columbia Law Review*. He received a B.A. *summa cum laude* from Columbia College in 1972 and a B.S. in 1973 from the Columbia School of Engineering, where he was valedictorian.

Lisa B. Weinstein

Lisa Weinstein is a director at Grant & Eisenhofer and leads the firm’s birth injury litigation division. Her practice primarily focuses on representing women and children in birth injury and birth trauma litigation.

Prior to joining G&E, Ms. Weinstein founded The Weinstein Law Group, where she represented children who were victims of medical malpractice and birth injuries. In her practice as a plaintiffs’ trial lawyer, Ms. Weinstein has successfully litigated personal injury, medical malpractice and birth injury matters resulting in over \$300 million in settlements and verdicts.

Representative of Ms. Weinstein's work is a \$12.5 million settlement in which her client's child suffered brain damage due to lack of oxygen during the labor and delivery process, and over 20 other seven-figure settlements.

Ms. Weinstein was a speaker at the 2015 New Jersey Association for Justice seminar covering "When Medical Malpractice and Mass Tort Overlap," and at the 2016 North American Brain Injury Society's annual conference, speaking about "Representing Children with Acquired TBI." In July 2018, Ms. Weinstein spoke at the American Association for Justice 2018 Annual Convention covering "The Initial Intake and Investigation of Birth Injury Cases - An Approach to Managing Risk," and presented at the American Conference Institute Obstetric Malpractice Claims forum in June 2018 speaking on "Induced Labor Malpractice: Exploring Pitocin Complications and Injuries."

In 2018, Ms. Weinstein was recognized as one of Law360's Personal Injury & Medical Malpractice Rising Stars. Also in 2018, Ms. Weinstein was selected to receive the Lifetime Achievement award by America's Top 100 Attorneys®. In 2020, Ms. Weinstein was selected for inclusion to the Illinois *Super Lawyers* list, and for eight years prior, she was selected to Illinois *Super Lawyers*' list of Rising Stars. She has also been honored by The National Trial Lawyers in the "Top 40 Under 40" for the past seven years. She is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum as well as the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, recognized for her work in obtaining several notable settlements and verdicts. Additionally, she is the co-chair of the American Association for Justice Birth Trauma Litigation Group. She is also an Arbitrator for the Circuit Court of Cook County and is a Board Member of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association.

Ms. Weinstein authored "Understanding Newborn Strokes," published in the May 2017 issue of *Trial* magazine.

Ms. Weinstein earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and graduated *cum laude* from DePaul University College of Law.

Cynthia A. Calder

Cynthia Calder is of counsel at Grant & Eisenhofer. She concentrates her practice in the areas of corporate governance and securities litigation. She has represented shareholders in such seminal cases in the Delaware Court of Chancery as *UniSuper Ltd. v. News Corp.*, vindicating the shareholders' right to vote; *Carmody v. Toll Brothers*, finding the dead-hand poison pill defensive measure was illegal under Delaware law, *Jackson National Life Insurance Co. v. Kennedy*, breaking new ground in the interpretation of fiduciary duties owed to preferred shareholders; *Haft v. Dart Group Corp.*, resolving a contest for control of a significant public corporation; and *Paramount Communications Inc. v. QVC Network*, obtaining an injunction preventing the closing of a merger to force the board of directors to appropriately consider a competing bid for the corporation. More recently, Ms. Calder prosecuted a derivative suit on behalf of American International Group, Inc. shareholders against the company's former CEO, Maurice Greenberg, and other former AIG executives. The action was concluded for a settlement of \$115 million – one of the largest such settlements in the history of the Delaware Court of Chancery. Ms. Calder was also the Court-appointed representative on the shareholder counsel's committee in the *UnitedHealth Group* derivative litigation, which was settled for more

than \$900 million – the largest known derivative settlement in any court system. Ms. Calder also prosecuted a shareholder class action, *In re ACS Shareholder Litigation*, which resulted in one of the largest class recoveries in the history of the Court of Chancery.

Ms. Calder has co-authored numerous articles on corporate governance and securities litigation, including “Options Backdating from the Shareholders’ Perspective” *Wall Street Lawyer*, Vol. 11, No. 3; “Securities Litigation Against Third Parties: Pre-Central Bank Aiders and Abettors Become Targeted Primary Defendants” *Securities Reform Act Litigation Reporter*, Vol. 16, No. 2; and “Pleading Scierter After Enron: Has the World Really Changed?” *Securities Regulation & Law*, Vol. 35, No. 45.

Ms. Calder graduated *cum laude* from the University of Delaware in 1987 and graduated from the Villanova University School of Law in 1991. Upon graduating from law school, Ms. Calder served as a Judicial Law Clerk in the Delaware Court of Chancery to the Honorable Maurice A. Hartnett, III. Prior to joining Grant & Eisenhofer, Ms. Calder was an associate at Blank, Rome, Comisky & McCauley.

John C. Kairis

John Kairis is of counsel at Grant & Eisenhofer, where he represents institutional investors in class action litigation, individual “opt-out” securities litigation, and derivative, corporate governance, and appraisal litigation in the Delaware Chancery Court and other courts throughout the country. He has been a leader of G&E teams that have achieved some of the largest recoveries in securities class action history, and played major roles in the *Tyco*, *Parmalat*, *Marsh & McLennan*, *Hollinger International* and *Dollar General* securities class actions, and opt-out actions in *AOL Time Warner* and *Telxon Corporation*.

Among his Delaware Chancery Court litigation experience is a landmark case against HealthSouth, involving a books and records trial under Section 220 of the Delaware General Corporations Law, to obtain certain documents that the corporation refused to produce, which led to a settlement implementing corporate governance improvements, such as HealthSouth’s agreement to replace its conflicted directors with independent directors approved by a committee which included the institutional investor plaintiff; and a settlement of litigation against Oracle Corporation, Larry Ellison and the other members of Oracle’s board, whereby plaintiffs alleged that Ellison’s control over Oracle and Pillar Data Systems led to an unfair process resulting in Oracle’s agreement to pay a grossly excessive and unfair price for Pillar in the form of a novel “earn out.” The settlement provided a monetary benefit of approximately \$440 million resulting from a required reduction in the purchase price for Pillar. More recently, Mr. Kairis represented the class of shareholders of Starz against cable mogul John Malone and other Starz directors alleging their breaches of fiduciary duty in negotiating and approving the sale of Starz to Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. for an unfair price. That case resolved with a \$92.5 million cash payment to the shareholder class.

Mr. Kairis has also been instrumental in prosecuting consumer class actions involving unfair competition and false marketing claims against various companies for misrepresentations relating to cosmetics and against both Johnson & Johnson and Bausch & Lomb for misrepresentations relating to contact lenses and solutions. He has represented the lead plaintiffs and the class in a securities fraud suit against Merck & Co. and certain of its officers and

directors relating to the defendants' alleged suppression of test results of Merck's cholesterol medication Vytorin.

Mr. Kairis also represents the petitioners in several appraisal actions and the lead plaintiffs in various breach of fiduciary duty cases pending in the Delaware Chancery Court.

Mr. Kairis has authored articles including "Shareholder Proposals For Reimbursement Of Expenses Incurred In Proxy Contests: Recent Guidance from The Delaware Supreme Court," *PLI*, What All Business Lawyers Must Know About Delaware Law Developments 2009 (New York, NY May 21, 2009) (co-authored with Stuart Grant); "Challenging Misrepresentations in Mergers: You May Have More Time Than You Think," *Andrews Litigation Reporter*, Vol. 12, Issue 3, June 14, 2006; "Disgorgement Of Compensation Paid To Directors During The Time They Were Grossly Negligent: An Available But Seldom Used Remedy," *Delaware Law Review*, Vol. 13, #1, 2011; and was the principle writer of an *amicus* brief to the United States Supreme Court on behalf of various public pension funds in the *Merck* case involving the standard for finding that a plaintiff is on "inquiry notice" of potential claims such that the limitations period for pleading securities fraud has commenced.

Mr. Kairis has served on the boards of several nonprofit organizations, including the West-End Neighborhood House, Inc., the Cornerstone West Development Corporation, and the board of the Westover Hills Civic Association. He has also served on the Delaware Corporation Law Committee, where he evaluated proposals to amend the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Mr. Kairis is a 1984 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a 1987 graduate of the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, where he was Articles Editor of the *Ohio State Law Journal* and recipient of the American Jurisprudence and John E. Fallon Memorial Awards for scholastic excellence. He is a member of the Delaware and American Bar Associations and the Delaware Trial Lawyers Association.

Nadia Klein

Nadia Klein is of counsel at Grant & Eisenhofer. Her practice focuses on representing investors and other plaintiffs in high-stakes commercial, complex financial products and securities litigation in state and federal court, as well as claimants in U.S. domestic and international arbitration. Based in London, England, she works with G&E's institutional investor clients in the U.K. and Europe.

Prior to joining Grant & Eisenhofer, Ms. Klein was of counsel at a U.S. litigation boutique. Prior to that, she was a senior associate at a leading New York litigation firm, where she spent almost seven years representing various plaintiffs in multiple residential mortgage-backed securities actions together seeking more than \$6 billion.

Ms. Klein received her B.A. from Cornell University in 2003 and her J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 2011. She also attended the London School of Economics & Political Science and the International Academy for Arbitration Law in Paris, France.

Richard S. Schiffrin

Richard S. Schiffrin is of counsel at Grant & Eisenhofer. He has represented institutional investors and consumers in securities and consumer class actions worldwide. In 2008, Mr. Schiffrin retired as a founding partner of Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP.

Mr. Schiffrin has been recognized for his expertise in many prominent cases, including *In re Tyco International Ltd. Securities Litigation*, the most complex securities class action in history, which resulted in a record \$3.2 billion settlement. The \$2.975 billion payment by Tyco represents the single largest securities class action recovery from a single corporate defendant in history, while the \$225 million settlement with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) represents the largest payment PwC has ever paid to resolve a securities class action and is the second-largest auditor settlement in securities class action history; *In re AremisSoft Corp. Securities Litigation*, a complex case involving litigation in four countries, resulting in a \$250 million settlement providing shareholders with a majority of the equity in the reorganized company after embezzlement by former officers; *In re Tenet Healthcare Corp.*, resulting in a \$216.5 million settlement and which led to several important corporate governance improvements; *Henry v. Sears, et al.*, one of the largest consumer class actions in history which resulted in a \$156 million settlement distributed without the filing of a single proof of claim form by any class member; *Wanstrath v. Doctor R. Crants, et al.*, a derivative action filed against the officers and directors of Prison Realty Trust, Inc., challenging the transfer of assets to a private entity owned by company insiders, resulting in corporate governance reform in addition to the issuance of over 46 million shares to class members; *Jordan v. State Farm Insurance Company*, resulting in a \$225 million settlement and other monetary benefits for current and former State Farm policy-holders; and *In re Sotheby's Holdings, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, resulting in a multi-million dollar settlement and significant governance changes.

Mr. Schiffrin is an internationally renowned speaker and lectures frequently on corporate governance and securities litigation. His lectures include: the MultiPensions Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands; the Public Funds Symposium in Washington, D.C.; the European Pension

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Mr. Schiffrin is a graduate of DePaul Law School and received a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Chicago. After protecting the civil rights of clients for seven years as an Assistant Public Defender with the Office of the Public Defender of Cook County, where he tried hundreds of cases, Mr. Schiffrin founded Schiffrin & Craig, Ltd., representing consumers and individual investors in actions brought against public companies. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and Illinois and has been admitted to practice before numerous United States District Courts.

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Prior to joining Grant & Eisenhofer, Mr. Holtzman worked as an associate at the Philadelphia office of a national Am Law 100 law firm where he defended corporate defendants in antitrust and other complex commercial litigation.

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Ms. Mertz earned her J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law in 2010. Upon graduation, Ms. Mertz served as the mass tort law clerk for the Complex Litigation Center under the Honorable Judge Arnold New and the Honorable Judge Sandra Mazer Moss for the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania from 2010-2013. Prior to joining Grant & Eisenhofer, Ms. Mertz worked at a Philadelphia law firm as a pharmaceutical mass tort litigation attorney, and was selected for inclusion in the Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers* "Rising Star" list for 2014 and 2015.

Previously, Ms. Mertz volunteered for the Philadelphia District Attorney's Family Violence and Sexual Assault unit where she worked closely with survivors of sexual assault and helped to prosecute offenders of intrafamilial violence, sexual assaults, crimes against children, and violations of Pennsylvania's sex offender registration law. Ms. Mertz also volunteered with the HIAS Refugee Resettlement Program, working with refugees who have been forced to flee from persecution to help them rebuild their lives in the United States.

Ms. Mertz has focused much of her product liability practice on manufacturers of pharmaceuticals and medical devices that have harmed women and children, including Risperdal, Zofran, Transvaginal Mesh, and Essure. Throughout her career, Ms. Mertz has advocated for individuals at their most vulnerable, helping to bring them justice and accountability.

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Caitlin M. Moyna

Caitlin Moyna is senior counsel at Grant & Eisenhofer with over 15 years of experience in US and foreign securities fraud class action and opt-out litigation, shareholder derivative actions, merger litigation, and international arbitration. Ms. Moyna is also Co-Director of the Grant & Eisenhofer ESG Institute.

Currently, Ms. Moyna represents lead plaintiffs in securities actions against General Electric, Santander Consumer USA, Camping World and Weight Watchers. She previously helped achieve significant recoveries against Career Education Corp. and Miller Energy Resources, Inc., and prior to her time at G&E, against The Blackstone Group. She has also represented investors who opt out of securities class actions, including those against Valeant, Merck and Citigroup.

Ms. Moyna's securities fraud experience extends beyond US borders, where she represents investors seeking recovery from Volkswagen and Porsche (Germany), Steinhoff (the Netherlands), BHP Biliton (Australia) and Danske Bank (Denmark).

Ms. Moyna also has international arbitration experience, including representing hundreds of Greek investors against the Republic of Cyprus before the International Centre for Settlement of

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Finally, Ms. Moyna represents investors challenging an early redemption of bonds issued by AgriBank and CoBank, and she has previously represented investors challenging mergers, including in an action against Regency Energy Partners pending in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

With Managing Director Jay W. Eisenhofer, Ms. Moyna co-authored two articles concerning alternative entities: “What is the State of Delaware Law as It Relates to the Scope of Fiduciary Duties Owed to Investors in So-Called Alternative Entities?”, *Bloomberg BNA*, Corporate Accountability Report (Dec. 5, 12, and 19, 2014); and “What Is the Current State of Delaware Law on the Scope of Fiduciary Duties Owed by Hedge Fund Managers to Their Funds and Investors?”, *The Hedge Fund Law Report*, Vol. 6, Nos. 26 and 27 (Sept. 19 and 26, 2013).

Prior to joining G&E, Ms. Moyna was associated with Cravath, Swaine & Moore and Ropes and Gray, where she represented corporations in securities fraud class actions and government investigations, as well as a boutique litigation firm specializing in investor representation.

Ms. Moyna is a *cum laude graduate* of Northwestern University School of Law, where she was elected to the Order of the Coif and served on the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*. Ms. Moyna received her A.B. from Dartmouth College.

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Ms. Musarra has helped achieve significant shareholder recoveries in a variety of cases. She has participated in a number of appraisal actions in the Delaware Chancery Court, including as a member of the trial team in *In re Appraisal of Dell Inc.* Ms. Musarra has considerable experience pursuing successful books-and-records investigations on behalf of stockholders pursuant to 8 *Del C.* § 220. As a member of the Co-Lead Counsel team representing a class of insurance beneficiaries, Ms. Musarra litigated claims against health insurers in federal court for ERISA violations relating to coverage for treatments for mental health and substance use disorders, which resulted in defendants’ inability to resume use of challenged medical necessity criteria and other significant injunctive relief, as well as a \$7 million fund for payment of allegedly improperly denied claims. She plays a principal role in pursuing a derivative breach of fiduciary duty case against entities and individuals associated with Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. and assists the international liaison committee in a global consumer class action against Apple, Inc., arising out of its alleged throttling of iPhone/iPad device performance in 2017. As part of her *pro bono* activities, Ms. Musarra represents juvenile immigrants in state court and immigration court, and before federal agencies.

Prior to joining G&E, Ms. Musarra worked as an appellate law clerk to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

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Ms. Vine's genetic training and scientific background provide insight into the medical nuances that arise in medical malpractice cases. She has been identified as an *Emerging Lawyer* by *Leading Lawyers*, a designation granted to the top two percent of lawyers in the early stage of their career. She is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, and the Wisconsin State Bar.

Ms. Vine graduated from Northern Illinois University College of Law *magna cum laude*, where she was also the Notes & Comments Editor for the *Northern Illinois Law Review*. She earned her Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University where she studied human genetics and human variation. She earned her B.S. from the University of Notre Dame studying biological sciences.

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Prior to joining Grant & Eisenhofer, Ms. Vetter was an associate at an international law firm, resident in Philadelphia, representing corporate clients in complex commercial, consumer and qui tam matters in state and federal courts.

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Prior to joining G&E, Mr. Bletsas was a partner at a Chicago firm focusing on medical malpractice defense and general civil litigation. With a record of trial success spanning over 20 years, Mr. Bletsas' entire career has been heavily focused on birth trauma cases, having litigated traumatic birth injury claims such as hypoxic ischemic injuries, brachial plexus injuries, and neonatal complications.

Mr. Bletsas is also skilled in attorney malpractice claims involving fiduciary issues, litigating complex financial fraud claims, commercial contracts, and construction negligence disputes.

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Ms. Brancato was selected for inclusion to *Super Lawyers'* list of Rising Stars from 2017-2019.

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During her time with Grant & Eisenhofer, she has worked on litigation teams whose efforts resulted in significant awards for their clients, including the following:

- *In re Pfizer, Inc. Securities Litigation*, class action securities litigation, wherein it was alleged that Pfizer misrepresented the cardiovascular safety of its multi-billion-dollar arthritis drugs, and resulted in a \$486 million recovery.
- *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Vytarin/Zetia Securities Litigation*, a major securities fraud action against pharmaceutical industry titan, Merck & Co., Inc., that settled for \$215 million.
- *In re MyFord Touch Consumer Litigation*, a consumer class action on behalf of owners of Ford vehicles equipped with allegedly defective infotainment units, which resulted in relief valued at over \$33 million.

Prior to joining Grant & Eisenhofer, Ms. Brown-Pasquarello worked at a Philadelphia law firm on mass tort and complex civil litigation matters. She received her law degree from Widener University School of Law, where she wrote on The Law Forum, and was a member of ATLA. She received her B.A. degree in Political Science from University of Delaware, where she was a member of *Phi Sigma Pi* National Honor Society, and *Pi Sigma Alpha* National Political Science Honor Society. She served as Vice President of a political organization on campus.

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Ms. Cho Lee is part of G&E's litigation team that represents institutional investor plaintiffs in U.S. and international securities actions and investment arbitrations. Current cases include actions against:

- Danske Bank, in a securities litigation in Denmark based on Danske Bank's massive money-laundering scheme and subsequent cover-up
- Republic of Cyprus, in an international investment arbitration before the Worldbank on behalf of almost one thousand Greek investors
- Petróleo Brasileiro ("Petrobras"), in an international securities litigation before Brazil's leading arbitration chamber

- Volkswagen and Porsche, in securities actions in Germany
- Banco Espirito Santo/Novo Banco, in several proceedings in Portugal
- Mitsubishi, in a securities litigation in Japan
- Postbank, in a securities action in Germany
- Steinhoff, in a securities damages action before the Amsterdam District Court and an Inquiry proceeding before the Netherlands' Enterprise Chamber
- BHP, in an Australian class action in which our class/group includes the class representative
- Toshiba, in a securities litigation in Japan

At G&E, Ms. Cho Lee served as a member of the co-lead counsel litigation team for several of the largest securities class actions in the United States including:

- Marsh & McLennan, a U.S. securities class action, settled for \$400M
- Merck (Vytorin), a U.S. securities class action that settled for \$215M
- JP Morgan Chase & Co., a U.S. securities class action that settled for \$150M

Ms. Cho Lee served on the board of the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York (KALAGNY) for seven years and is an active member of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) and the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY). During law school, Ms. Cho Lee interned as a law clerk for the Honorable Frederic Block, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York. She has also worked at the New York City Human Rights Commission and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

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Prior to her legal career, Ms. Grumbine worked in the banking industry with a primary focus in ERISA and Defined Contribution Plan compliance and administration. Ms. Grumbine is a graduate of ABA National Employee Benefit Trust School.

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Prior to joining G&E, Ms. Herbert was senior counsel practicing complex litigation at a Delaware law firm. Ms. Herbert also has extensive experience representing corporations, their directors and stockholders in corporate and commercial litigation relating to fiduciary duties, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and other issues concerning Delaware law. Her experience also includes federal patent infringement and intellectual property litigation in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware.

Ms. Herbert is vice president of the board of directors of the Delaware 4-H Foundation and Chair of the ACLU of Delaware’s Governance Committee. She is Content Editor of *The Journal of The Delaware State Bar Association*.

Ms. Herbert earned her J.D. *with honors* from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in December 2004 where she served as an Associates Articles Editor of *The Business Lawyer*. She earned a B.S. in Biology, B.A. in Leadership Studies and minor in Women’s Studies from the University of Richmond in 2000.

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Mr. Ibarra received his J.D. from University of Illinois in 2005 and his B.S. in business with an emphasis on legal studies from Indiana University in 2002. He is a member of the American Association for Justice, Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, and the Chicago Bar Association.

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Mr. Kempner has also authored numerous legal publications, including books on evidence, discovery practice and consumer law. He is a 1988 graduate of Lehigh University and received his J.D. from George Washington University in 1991.

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Ms. Lax was previously in-house counsel at a real estate company in New York City assisting with litigation and transactional legal business matters.

She also worked as an associate at a well-known Philadelphia-area law firm, where she assisted clients in civil litigation brought under federal and state securities laws, as well as federal antitrust laws. Ms. Lax gained extensive experience representing companies in various aspects of complex commercial and civil litigation before state and federal courts in matters involving breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and business disputes.

Upon graduating from law school, Ms. Lax served as law clerk for the Honorable Carolyn Berger, Supreme Court of the State of Delaware, from 2012-2013.

Ms. Lax earned her J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law in 2012 where she was an Editor of the *Temple Law Review* and President of the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court team. Ms. Lax received a joint honors B.A. in political science and international development studies from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec in 2009. Ms. Lax has co-authored several publications relating to Delaware law and securities litigation.

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Ms. McGrath is currently a member of the litigation teams representing clients in high-profile antitrust cases in the pharmaceutical, financial, and consumer product industries, including: *In re: Keurig Green Mountain Single-Serve Coffee Antitrust Litigation*; *In re: London Silver Fixing, Ltd., Antitrust Litigation*; and *In re: Seroquel XR (Extended Release Quetiapine Fumarate) Litigation*.

Prior to law school, Ms. McGrath had a successful career in government and politics. She worked on political campaigns at the local, state, and federal level. She’s advised top-tier congressional, gubernatorial, and U.S. Senate candidates in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and served as the Finance Director for U.S. Senator Bob Casey. In 2013, she was appointed by President Obama to serve under the Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator of the U.S. General Services Administration.

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William Moore is an associate at Grant & Eisenhofer where he focuses on representing families and children in birth injury and birth trauma litigation. Prior to joining G&E, Mr. Moore was an associate attorney at a civil litigation firm practicing personal injury, wrongful death, and other liability claims.

In 2010 and 2011, Mr. Moore was selected for inclusion to Illinois *Super Lawyers*' list of Rising Stars. He is a member of the Chicago Bar Association and a Claims and Litigation Management Alliance Fellow.

Mr. Moore earned his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School and his B.S. from Northern Michigan University.

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Kevin Nadolny is an associate at Grant & Eisenhofer, focusing on securities litigation, antitrust matters, and consumer litigation.

Mr. Nadolny's casework includes representing shareholders in such actions as: *In re Pfizer Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$486 million settlement); *In re News Corporation Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (\$139 million settlement); *In re Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. Derivative Litigation* (\$27.5 million settlement). He has also represented plaintiffs in antitrust matters such as: *In re Aggrenox Antitrust Litigation*; and *Alaska Electrical Pension Fund v. Bank of America* (concerning ISDA-fix price-fixing). Mr. Nadolny's consumer litigation experience includes working as a member of the team prosecuting consumer protection claims against General Motors in relation to its allegedly faulty ignition switches.

He currently represents plaintiffs in *In re Blue Cross Blue Shield Antitrust Litigation* and *In re Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litigation*.

Mr. Nadolny is a 1998 graduate of the University of Minnesota. He received his J.D. and LL.M. (Transnational Law) from Temple University, Beasley School of Law.

Joseph P. Nearey

Joseph Nearey focuses on appraisal rights, complex securities, consumer, and antitrust litigation as an associate at Grant & Eisenhofer. He received his law degree in 2001 from Temple University School of Law, where he was a member of the Temple International and Comparative Law Journal. He attended the Temple University School of Law Semester in Japan and interned at a prominent Tokyo firm. He served as a summer intern for the Honorable James R. Cavanaugh of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Nearey graduated *cum laude* from Hamilton College in 1997 with dual B.A.'s in English Literature and Government.

Jonathan D. Park

Jonathan Park is an associate at Grant & Eisenhofer, where he represents investors in securities fraud class action and opt-out litigation, stockholder derivative actions, and bondholder actions. In 2017, 2018, and 2019, Mr. Park was recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a “Rising Star” in the New York Metro area.

Currently, Mr. Park represents lead plaintiffs in securities class actions against Synchronoss, ProPetro, Axogen, and Weight Watchers. He also represents investors in securities litigation against General Electric, Teva Pharmaceuticals, Valeant Pharmaceuticals (now Bausch Health Companies), and Celgene Corp. Mr. Park was a member of the teams that secured \$150 million for the class in *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.), in connection with the “London Whale” scandal, and that achieved substantial recoveries for opt-out plaintiffs in *In re Petrobras Securities Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.).

Mr. Park helped obtain recovery on bondholder class claims against Caesars Entertainment, and is currently representing bondholders challenging the early redemption of bonds by CoBank and AgriBank. He also has experience advising on issues related to out-of-court restructuring of debt securities, including exchange transactions and redemptions, and bankruptcy-related and distressed litigation.

At the New York City Bar Association, Mr. Park has served on the Task Force on Puerto Rico, the New Lawyers Council, and the International Human Rights Committee. He also served on the board of his non-profit running club, the Dashing Whippets Running Team.

Mr. Park earned his J.D. in 2013 from Fordham University School of Law, where he served on the school’s Moot Court Board as the Editor of the Jessup International Law Competition Team. During law school, he was a Crowley Scholar in International Human Rights, received the Archibald R. Murray Public Service Award, and interned with a refugee law project in Cairo, Egypt. Mr. Park received a B.A. in 2006 from Vassar College, where he majored in Africana Studies.

Minoti Patel

Minoti Patel is an associate at Grant & Eisenhofer where she focuses on securities litigation. With 17 years of legal experience, Ms. Patel practiced securities, pharmaceutical, and FCPA litigation prior to joining G&E. She also handled white collar, commercial litigation, employment, and intellectual property matters.

As an associate at a Washington, DC firm, Ms. Patel litigated a nationwide racial discrimination class action on behalf of African American managers, which settled for \$80 million plus injunctive relief.

Ms. Patel graduated from Harvard Law School in 2002 and received a B.A. from Duke University in 1998.

Raymond F. Schuenemann III

Raymond Schuenemann III is an associate at Grant & Eisenhofer. Representative of Mr. Schuenemann's casework includes participation in securities class action *In re Pfizer Inc. Securities Litigation*, alleging Pfizer misrepresented the cardiovascular safety of its multi-billion-dollar arthritis drugs, resulting in a \$486 million settlement; and securities class action *In re Marsh & McLennan Consolidated Securities Litigation*, alleging that Marsh & McLennan and its officers, directors, auditors, and underwriters participated in a fraudulent scheme involving bid-rigging and secret agreements to steer business to certain insurance companies in exchange for kick-back commissions, resulting in a \$400 million settlement. Mr. Schuenemann was also involved in antitrust class action *In re Titanium Dioxide Antitrust Litigation*, where direct purchasers of Titanium Dioxide alleged that E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Huntsman International and other defendants conspired to fix prices at which the chemical powder was sold in the United States, resulting in a series of settlements with defendants totaling \$163 million.

After graduating from law school, Mr. Schuenemann was an associate attorney at a central Pennsylvania law firm where he worked on matters related to employment, real estate, tax, and healthcare law. Prior to his legal career, Mr. Schuenemann was an investment accountant in the mutual fund sector where he provided accounting services for numerous bond and equity funds. Mr. Schuenemann was also employed as an internal auditor in both the finance and banking sectors.

Mr. Schuenemann is active in his community and spent many years as a volunteer pro-bono attorney at Mid Penn Legal Services where he defended low-income clients from debt collection actions. Additionally, Mr. Schuenemann spent four years as the Chairman of the Board of the Reading Area Water Authority, two years as an Executive Board Member of the Reading Redevelopment Corporation, and two years as the Vice President of The City of Reading Charter Board.

Mr. Schuenemann received his J.D. from Widener University School of Law in 2005 and is a 1999 graduate of West Chester University where he earned a B.S. in Finance.

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Kimberly Schwarz is an associate at Grant & Eisenhofer. She focuses her practice on complex pharmaceutical and medical device litigation. Ms. Schwarz earned her law degree from Rutgers School of Law in 2010. She graduated with high honors from Rutgers University School of Business in 2002 where she received her B.S. in Business Management.

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Tracy Sepehriazar is an associate at Grant & Eisenhofer who focuses on complex securities fraud litigation in class action cases, as well as appraisal actions. She also has experience handling cases asserting claims under the False Claims Acts. Ms. Sepehriazar received her law degree from the University of Houston Law Center in 2003, where she completed an externship at the Methodist Health Care System. Before joining Grant & Eisenhofer, Ms. Sepehriazar focused her practice on the area of health law. Upon graduating from law school, she worked at a mid-sized firm in Houston where she concentrated primarily on asbestos litigation. She also worked for a small transactional health law firm in San Antonio, Texas.

Ms. Sepehriazar received her B.S. in Business Administration with a Concentration in International Business Management from Goldey-Beacom College in 1997, where she graduated *magna cum laude*. Prior to entering law school, Ms. Sepehriazar gained business experience as an analyst at JP Morgan. Upon relocating to Texas, she continued to pursue a career in the financial industry while obtaining her law degree. Ms. Sepehriazar is a member of the Delaware Bar Association.

Shannon T. Somma

Shannon Somma is an associate at Grant & Eisenhofer. Her focus is on antitrust, and she has experience in appraisals and securities fraud class actions. She has also worked on cases in intellectual property, pharmaceutical, and environmental litigation.

Ms. Somma graduated in 1999 from the University of Delaware with a B.A. degree in psychology, and thereafter received her J.D. degree from Widener University School of Law in 2005.

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Adam Stoltz is an associate at Grant & Eisenhofer where he focuses on complex pharmaceutical and medical device litigation as well as environmental litigation.

Prior to joining G&E, Mr. Stoltz was an associate at the New York office of a national litigation firm where he represented individuals and municipalities in products liability, personal injury, and civil rights litigation.

In addition to representing victims of human trafficking, Mr. Stoltz has also worked to hold corporate wrongdoers accountable for their role in the opioid epidemic, including conducting depositions of key corporate executives at the nation's fourth largest drug distributor.

Mr. Stoltz earned his J.D. from Tulane University and B.A. in History as well as Languages and Cultures of Asia from University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Charles Sweedler is an associate at Grant & Eisenhofer, focusing on securities fraud and shareholder litigation. Mr. Sweedler received his J.D. from William & Mary Law School, where he was Publication Editor of the *William & Mary Law Review*.

Before joining Grant & Eisenhofer, Mr. Sweedler was General Counsel for a Philadelphia-based non-profit organization. Previously, he was an associate attorney at two Philadelphia law firms, where he focused on antitrust, consumer protection, and other complex class action litigation.

Mr. Sweedler received his B.A. from Cornell University, where he was a history major. After receiving his M.Ed. from the University of Maryland and before entering law school, Mr. Sweedler was a teacher in the Washington, D.C. area.

Vivek Upadhyia

Vivek Upadhyia is an associate at Grant & Eisenhofer, focusing on securities, appraisal, whistleblower/*qui tam* and complex pharmaceutical and medical device litigation.

Mr. Upadhyia is currently representing clients in a derivative suit against Tesla's board of directors and has previously represented investors challenging mergers, including an action against Regency Energy Partners pending in the Delaware Court of Chancery. Mr. Upadhyia was also involved in *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co Securities Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.), which resulted in a \$150 million settlement. His other recent work includes Delaware Chancery Appraisal cases *In re Appraisal of Jarden Corporation* and *In re Appraisal of Solera Holdings, Inc.* Additionally, Mr. Upadhyia worked on multi-district litigation involving prescription drugs such as Xarelto and Zofran.

Mr. Upadhyia received his J.D. from Emory University School of Law, where he served as a managing editor for the *Emory Law Journal*. He received his B.A. in law and political science from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands, and was born and raised in India.

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Jason H. Wilson

Jason Wilson is an associate at Grant & Eisenhofer where he focuses on sovereign and public entity representation, primarily in matters to address the systemic environmental contamination of public resources. Currently, Mr. Wilson is prosecuting claims against Monsanto Co. arising out of that company's production, marketing, and sale of toxic PCBs, which now contaminate natural resources and municipal stormwater systems throughout the nation, and against 3M Co. and other manufacturers of toxic PFAS chemicals, which contaminate groundwater, drinking water, and other public resources. Mr. Wilson also represents investors and whistleblowers in corporate governance and securities litigation.

Prior to joining Grant & Eisenhofer, Mr. Wilson was an associate at an international law firm, resident in Philadelphia, defending shareholder disputes, consumer class actions, antitrust, bankruptcy, environmental litigation, and government investigations related to the False Claims Act, Anti-Kickback Act and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Regarding his experience in shareholder disputes, Mr. Wilson defended numerous securities class actions, derivative suits and various shareholder requests for books and records. Before that, he spent three years in the litigation department of a large New York law firm. Mr. Wilson also served as a law clerk to Judge William H. Walls of the US District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Mr. Wilson earned his J.D. from Columbia Law School in 2004 where he was a Harlan Fisk Stone Scholar, was awarded the Alfred S. Forsyth Prize for dedication to the advancement of

environmental law, and served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Columbia Environmental Law Journal*. He received his B.A. in History and a concentration in Environmental Science from Williams College in 1999.

Ivan B. Woods

Ivan Woods is an associate at Grant & Eisenhofer, focusing on securities, appraisal and environmental litigation. He was part of G&E teams whose efforts resulted in significant awards for their clients, including *In re JP Morgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation* (\$150 million recovery) and the \$1 billion settlement in the *Royal Bank of Scotland* case in the United Kingdom.

Prior to joining Grant & Eisenhofer, Mr. Woods worked as a consultant for several national law firms and was on the claim management and legal staff of several New Jersey insurance companies where he supervised fraud and training divisions as well as focused on corporate law and regulatory compliance.

Mr. Woods earned his J.D. from Rutgers School of Law, Newark in 1997 and his B.S. in education from Auburn University in 1976. Mr. Woods is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Selected Institutional Client Representations

G&E has represented or is currently representing a number of institutional investors in major securities fraud actions, shareholder derivative suits, other breach-of-fiduciary-duty cases and related ancillary proceedings around the country. Some of the Firm's cases include:

(A) In Securities Fraud Litigation:

(1) CellStar

In one of the earliest cases filed after the enactment of PSLRA, the State of Wisconsin Investment Board ("SWIB") was designated lead plaintiff and G&E was appointed lead counsel in *Gluck v. CellStar Corp.*, 976 F.Supp. 542 (N.D.Tex. 1997). The cited opinion is widely considered the landmark on standards applicable to the lead plaintiff/lead counsel practice under PSLRA. (See, especially, *In re Cendant Corp. Litig.*, 2001 WL 980469, at *40, *43 (3d Cir. Aug. 28, 2001), citing the CellStar case.) After the CellStar defendants' motion to dismiss failed and a round of discovery was completed, the parties negotiated a \$14.6 million settlement, coupled with undertakings on CellStar's part for significant corporate governance changes as well. With SWIB's active lead in the case, the class recovery, gross before fees and expenses, was approximated to be 56% of the class' actual loss claims, about 4 times the historical 14% average gross recovery in securities fraud litigation. Because of the competitive process that SWIB had undertaken in the selection of counsel, resulting in a contingent fee percentage significantly less than the average 31% seen historically, the net recovery to the class after all claims were submitted came to almost 50% of actual losses, or almost 5 times the average net recovery.

(2) Pfizer

G&E was class counsel in a certified federal securities class action against Pfizer and certain of its former officers and directors. Plaintiffs alleged that Pfizer affirmatively misrepresented the cardiovascular safety of its multi-billion-dollar arthritis drugs, Celebrex and Bextra, and actively concealed adverse safety information concerning the products in order to win market share from Merck's competing Cox-2 drug, Vioxx. In 2004 and 2005, when the truth about the cardiovascular risks of Celebrex and Bextra was finally revealed, Pfizer shareholders collectively lost billions of dollars. Plaintiffs also alleged that certain former officers and directors of Pfizer illegally sold shares of Pfizer stock during the class period while in possession of material, non-public information concerning the drugs.

The case was extensively litigated for nearly 10 years, with millions of pages of documents produced and more than 50 depositions taken. Prior to the beginning of merits discovery, the parties engaged in a Daubert proceeding in which Pfizer argued that there was no scientific basis for a claim that Celebrex and Bextra were associated with adverse cardiovascular effects. Both sides submitted extensive

expert reports and, after a 5 day trial, the Court completely rejected Pfizer's challenges to Plaintiffs' expert testimony. Defendants' motion for summary judgment was denied in most respects, although the Court held that Pfizer could not be held liable for a few statements made by its co-promoters concerning the drugs. In 2014, however, the Court granted Defendants' motion to exclude the testimony of Plaintiffs' expert concerning damages and causation, Professor Daniel Fischel, and thereafter granted summary judgment for Defendants because without Fischel's testimony, Plaintiffs could not prove damages or loss causation. Plaintiffs appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and on April 12, 2016, the Court of Appeals reversed. The Court of Appeals held that the District Court abused its discretion in excluding Fischel's testimony and further held that the District Court's erred in granting summary judgment to Defendants concerning the statements made by Pfizer's co-promoter. Defendants moved in the Court of Appeals for rehearing *en banc*. While that motion was pending, the parties agreed on a settlement of the litigation providing for a cash payment by Pfizer of \$486 million. The parties then jointly moved, and the Court of Appeals agreed, to hold the rehearing petition in abeyance pending the District Court's consideration of the proposed settlement. The District Court held a conference on September 13, 2016 to consider whether to grant preliminary approval to the settlement and authorize the transmission of notice of the settlement to class members. The settlement was preliminarily approved on September 16, 2016, and on December 21, 2016, final approval was obtained. *In re Pfizer Inc. Securities Litigation*, SD-NY, No. 04-9866.

(3) **DaimlerChrysler**

Florida State Board of Administration was appointed lead plaintiff and G&E co-lead counsel in the PSLRA class action on behalf of shareholders of the former Chrysler Corporation who exchanged their shares for stock in DaimlerChrysler in Chrysler's 1998 business combination with Daimler-Benz AG which was represented at the time as a "merger of equals." Shortly before trial, the defendants agree to a \$300 million cash settlement, among the largest securities class action settlements since the enactment of the PSLRA. *In re DaimlerChrysler Securities Litigation*, D. Del., C.A. No. 00-0993.

(4) **Oxford Health Plans**

Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado ("ColPERA") engaged G&E to represent it to seek the lead plaintiff designation in the numerous securities fraud actions that were consolidated into *In re Oxford Health Plans, Inc., Securities Litig.*, S.D.N.Y., MDL Docket No. 1222 (CLB). The court ordered the appointment of ColPERA as a co-lead plaintiff and G&E as a co-lead counsel. G&E and its co-leads filed the Consolidated Amended Complaint. Memorandum opinions and orders were entered denying defendants' motions to dismiss (see 51 F.Supp. 2d 290 (May 28, 1999) (denying KPMG motion) and 187 F.R.D. 133 (June 8, 1999) (denying motion of Oxford and individual director

defendants)). The case settled for \$300 million, another settlement negotiated by G&E that is among the largest settlements since the enactment of the PSLRA.

(5) **Dollar General**

The U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee ordered the appointment of Florida State Board of Administration and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana as lead plaintiffs and G&E as co-lead counsel in a PSLRA and Rule 10b-5 case against the defendant company, its accountants, and individual insiders who allegedly issued false and misleading statements over an alleged 3-year Class Period and failed to disclose adverse facts about the company's financial results. Settlements were approved involving a cash payment of \$162 million from the company and the individual defendants, an additional \$10.5 million from Deloitte & Touche, LLP (Dollar General's accountants), and beneficial governance reforms for Dollar General. *In re Dollar General Securities Litigation*, M.D. Tenn., No. 3:01-0388, orders dated July 19, 2001 and September 29, 2003.

(6) **Just For Feet**

G&E represented the State of Wisconsin Investment Board ("SWIB") in a federal securities class action against certain officers and directors of Just For Feet, Inc., and against Just For Feet's auditors, in the Northern District of Alabama. That action arose out of the defendants' manipulation of the company's accounting practices to materially misstate the company's financial results. Having been appointed co-lead plaintiff, SWIB, with G&E as its counsel, took primary responsibility for the case. (*SWIB v. Ruttenberg, et al.*, N.D. Ala., CV 99-BU-3097-S and 99-BU-3129-S, 102 F. Supp. 2d 1280 (N.D. Ala. 2000)). SWIB obtained a policy limits settlement with the individual defendants' D&O carrier and an additional \$7.4 million from Just For Feet's auditor, for a recovery totaling approximately \$32 million.

(7) **Waste Management**

G&E filed a non-class federal securities action against Waste Management, Inc., its former and current directors, and the company's accountants in the Northern District of Florida, on behalf of Lens Investment Management, LLC and Ram Trust Services, Inc. The complaint alleged that Waste Management had, over a five-year period, issued financial statements and other public statements that were materially false and misleading due to the defendants' fraudulent and improper accounting manipulations. G&E also filed non-class actions in Illinois state court, asserting similar claims on behalf of the Florida State Board of Administration ("FSBA") and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. After G&E successfully defeated the defendants' motions to dismiss FSBA's complaint in state court, FSBA's cause of action was transferred to the Northern District of Florida. At the point where there were competing motions for summary judgment pending, G&E successfully negotiated a settlement pursuant to which each plaintiff received several times what it would have received in the class action.

Florida State Board of Administration, Ram Trust Services, Inc. and Lens Investment Management, LLC v. Waste Management, Inc., et al., N.D.Fla., No. 4:99CV66-WS, amended complaint filed June 21, 1999; and *Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana v. Waste Management, Inc., et al.*, Circuit Ct., Cook Co. [Ill.], No. 98 L 06034, complaint filed May 18, 1999.

(8) **Total Renal Care**

In June 1999, the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana were appointed as Lead Plaintiffs in a federal securities class action against Total Renal Care ("TRC") and certain of its officers and directors, in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. G&E served as Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel. Plaintiffs filed their Corrected Consolidated Amended Complaint against the defendants, alleging, *inter alia*, that the defendants manipulated TRC's financial statements so as to materially overstate TRC's revenues, income and assets and to artificially inflate TRC's stock price. G&E negotiated a settlement requiring TRC's payment of \$25 million into a settlement fund for the class and the company's adoption of certain internal corporate governance policies and procedures designed to promote the future accountability of TRC's management to its stockholders. At the time of the settlement, this amount represented 33% of the value of the Company's shares. *In re Total Renal Care Securities Litigation*, C.D. Cal., Master File No. CV-99-01745 CBM.

(9) **Safety-Kleen**

G&E was sole lead counsel for the plaintiffs in a federal securities class action and a series of related individual actions against former officers, directors, auditors and underwriters of Safety-Kleen Corporation, who are alleged to have made false and misleading statements in connection with the sale and issuance of Safety-Kleen bonds. *In re Safety-Kleen Corp. Bondholders Litig.*, D.S.C., No. 3:00-CV-1145-17, consolidated complaint filed January 23, 2001. In March of 2005, after a jury had been selected for trial, the auditor defendant settled with the class and individual claimants for \$48 million. The trial then proceeded against the director and officer defendants. After seven weeks of trial, the director defendants settled for \$36 million, and the court entered judgment as a matter of law in favor of the class and against the company's CEO and CFO, awarding damages of \$192 million.

(10) **Styling Technology Corporation**

G&E represented funds managed by Conseco Capital Management, Inc., Credit Suisse Asset Management, Pilgrim American Funds and Oppenheimer Funds, Inc. in a securities action brought in May 2001, asserting both federal (1933 Act) and state claims brought in the Superior Court of California. The suit alleged that certain former officers, as well as the independent auditors, of Styling Technology Corporation made false and misleading statements in connection with the sale and issuance of Styling Technology bonds. Styling Technology filed for bankruptcy

protection under Chapter 11 in August 1999. In October 2000, discovery of accounting irregularities and improperly recognized revenue forced the Company to restate its financial statements for the years 1997 and 1998. Plaintiffs, owning \$66.5 million of the total \$100 million in bonds sold in the offering, settled the case for a recovery representing approximately 46% of the losses suffered by the client funds that they manage. *Franklin High Income Trust, et al. v. Richard R. Ross, et al.*, Cal. Super., San Mateo Co. [Calif.], Case No: 415057, complaint filed November 28, 2000.

(11) Tyco

G&E served as co-lead counsel representing co-lead plaintiffs Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana and Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System in a securities class action against Tyco International Ltd. and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. The complaint alleged that the defendants, including Tyco International, Dennis Kozlowski, and other former executives and directors of Tyco and PricewaterhouseCoopers, made false and misleading public statements and omitted material information about Tyco's finances in violation of Sections 10(b), 14, 20A and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Tyco agreed to fund \$2.975 billion in cash to settle these claims, representing the single largest payment from any corporate defendant in the history of securities class action litigation. PricewaterhouseCoopers also agreed to pay \$225 million to settle these claims, resulting in a total settlement fund in excess of \$3.2 billion.

(12) Global Crossing

Ohio Public Employees' Retirement System and the Ohio Teachers' Retirement System were appointed lead plaintiff and G&E was appointed sole lead counsel in a securities class action against Global Crossing, Ltd. and Asia Global Crossing, Ltd. *In re Global Crossing, Ltd. Securities & "ERISA" Litig.*, MDL Docket No. 1472. In November 2004, the Court approved a partial settlement with the Company's former officers and directors, and former outside counsel, valued at approximately \$245 million. In July 2005, the Court approved a \$75 million settlement with the Citigroup-related defendants (Salomon Smith Barney and Jack Grubman). In October 2005, the Court approved a settlement with Arthur Andersen LLP and all Andersen-related defendants for \$25 million. In October 2006, the Court approved a \$99 million settlement with various financial institutions. In total, G&E recovered \$448 million for investors in Global Crossing.

(13) Telxon Corporation

G&E filed a federal securities and common law action against Telxon Corporation, its former officers and directors and its accountants in the Northern District of Ohio on behalf of Wyser-Pratte Management Co., Inc., an investment management firm. Following mediation, G&E negotiated a settlement of all claims. *Wyser-Pratte Management Co., Inc. v. Telxon Corp., et al.*, N.D. Ohio, Case No. 5:02CV1105.

(14) **Hayes Lemmerz**

G&E served as lead counsel to plaintiffs and class members who purchased or acquired over \$1 billion in bonds issued by Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc. G&E negotiated a settlement worth \$51 million. *Pacholder High Yield Fund, Inc. et al. v. Ranko Cucoz et al.*, E.D. Mich., C.A. No. 02-71778.

(15) **Asia Pulp and Paper**

On behalf of bondholders of various subsidiaries of Indonesian paper-making giant Asia Pulp and Paper (“APP”), G&E filed an action alleging that the bondholders were defrauded by APP’s financial statements which were inflated by nearly \$1 billion in fictitious sales. Defendants’ motions to dismiss were denied. *Franklin High Income Trust, et al. v. APP Global Ltd., et al.*, N.Y. Sup. Ct., Trial Div., Index No. 02-602567. The matter was resolved through a confidential settlement.

(16) **Alstom**

Louisiana State Employees’ Retirement System was appointed as co-lead plaintiff and G&E was appointed co-lead counsel in a class action against Alstom SA, a French corporation engaged in power generation, transmission and distribution in France. The suit alleges that Alstom and other defendants made false and misleading statements concerning the growth and financial performance of its transportation subsidiary. G&E achieved a settlement in the amount of \$6.95 million. *In re Alstom SA Sec. Litig.*, S.D.N.Y. 03-cv-6595.

(17) **Parmalat**

G&E was co-lead counsel in this securities class action arising out of a multi-billion dollar fraud at Parmalat, which the SEC described as “one of the largest and most brazen corporate financial frauds in history.” Settlements exceeding \$110 million were reached. *In re Parmalat Sec. Litig.*, S.D.N.Y. 04-MDL-1653.

(18) **Marsh & McLennan**

G&E was co-lead counsel for the class of former Marsh & McLennan shareholders in this federal securities class action alleging that the company, its officers, directors, auditors, and underwriters participated in a fraudulent scheme involving, among other things, bid-rigging and secret agreements to steer business to certain insurance companies in exchange for “kick-back” commissions. After five years of litigation, G&E achieved a \$400 million settlement on behalf of the class. *In re Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, S.D.N.Y. 04-cv-8144.

(19) **Hollinger International**

G&E was co-lead counsel in this securities class action arising out of a company scandal at Hollinger International, Inc. which involves payment of millions of dollars to certain executives, including the company's former CEO, Lord Conrad Black, relating to sales of company assets. G&E negotiated a settlement with Hollinger in the amount of \$37.5 million. *In re Hollinger International Inc. Securities Litigation*, N.D. Ill. 04-C-0834.

(20) **General Motors**

G&E served as co-lead counsel in a securities class action against GM, arising from alleged false statements in GM's financial reports. After about two and a half years of litigation, a settlement was reached with GM for \$277 million, with GM's auditor, Deloitte & Touche contributing an additional \$26 million. The combined \$303 million settlement ranked among the largest shareholder recoveries of 2008. *In re General Motors Corp. Sec. Litig.*, E.D. Mich., MDL No. 1749.

(21) **Delphi**

Delphi is an automotive company that was spun off of General Motors. The company failed as a stand-alone entity, but concealed its failure from investors. G&E's client, one of the largest pension funds in the world, served as a lead plaintiff, and G&E served as co-lead counsel in this securities class action, which produced settlements totaling \$325 million from Delphi, its auditor and its director and officers liability insurer. *In re Delphi Corporation Securities Derivative & ERISA Litigation*, E.D. Mich., MDL No. 1725.

(22) **Refco**

A mere two months after going public, Refco admitted that its financials were unreliable because the company had concealed that hundreds of millions of dollars of uncollectible receivables were owed to the company by an off-balance sheet entity owned by the company's CEO. G&E served as a co-lead counsel and G&E's client, PIMCO, was a co-lead plaintiff. The case resulted in recoveries totaling \$422 million for investors in Refco's stock and bonds (including \$140 million from the company's private equity sponsor, over \$50 million from the underwriters, and \$25 million from the auditor). *In re Refco, Inc. Securities Litigation*, S.D.N.Y., No. 05 Civ. 8626.

(23) **Sprint**

G&E represented lead plaintiff institutional investor Carlson Capital, L.P. in this class action suit against Sprint Corporation and its former CEO and directors for breach of fiduciary duty in the consolidation of two separate tracking stocks. In December 2007, a \$57.5 million settlement was approved. *In re Sprint Corporation Shareholder Litigation*, D. Kan., No. 04 CV 01714.

(B) In Derivative and Other Corporate Litigation:**(1) Digex**

This case resulted in a settlement of over \$400 million, the largest reported settlement in the history of Delaware corporate litigation. G&E represented the lead plaintiff, TCW Technology Limited Partnership, in alleging that Digex, Inc.'s directors and majority stockholder (Intermedia, Inc.) breached their fiduciary duties in connection with WorldCom's proposed \$6 billion acquisition of Intermedia. Among other issues, WorldCom was charged with attempting to usurp a corporate opportunity that belonged to Digex and improperly waiving on Digex's behalf the protections of Delaware's business combination statute. Following G&E's argument on a motion to preliminarily enjoin the merger, the Court issued an opinion declining to enjoin the transaction but acknowledging plaintiffs' likelihood of success on the merits. *In re Digex, Inc. Shareholders Litigation*, C.A. No. 18336, 2000 WL 1847679 (Del. Ch. Dec. 13, 2000). The case settled soon thereafter.

(2) UnitedHealth Group

G&E represented the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, and Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds as lead plaintiffs in a derivative and class action suit in which G&E successfully challenged \$1.2 billion in back-dated options granted to William McGuire, then-CEO of health care provider UnitedHealth Group. This was among the first – and most egregious – examples of options backdating. G&E's case produced a settlement of \$922 million, the largest settlement in the history of derivative litigation in any jurisdiction. *In re UnitedHealth Group Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litig.*, C.A. No. 06-cv-1216 (D. Minn.)

(3) AIG

In what was, at the time, the largest settlement of derivative shareholder litigation in the history of the Delaware Chancery Court, G&E reached a \$115 million settlement in a suit against former executives of AIG for breach of fiduciary duty. The case challenged hundreds of millions of dollars in commissions paid by AIG to C.V. Starr & Co., a privately held affiliate controlled by former AIG Chairman Maurice "Hank" Greenberg and other AIG directors. The suit alleged that AIG could have done the work for which it paid Starr, and that the commissions were simply a mechanism for Greenberg and other Starr directors to line their pockets. *Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana v. Greenberg, et al.*, C. A. No. 20106-VCS (Del. Ch.).

(4) **Genentech**

When Swiss healthcare company Roche offered to buy out biotech leader Genentech Inc. for \$43.7 billion, or \$89 per share, G&E filed a derivative claim on behalf of institutional investors opposed to the buyout. With the pressure of the pending litigation, G&E was able to reach a settlement that provided for Roche to pay \$95 per share, representing an increase of approximately \$3 billion for minority shareholders. *In re Genentech, Inc. Shareholders Litig.*, C.A. No. 3911-VCS (Del. Ch.).

(5) **Willamette**

In January 2002, at the request of Wyser-Pratte Management Co., Inc. and others, G&E filed a shareholder derivative action in Oregon state court claiming that the board of Willamette Industries, Inc. breached its fiduciary duties by attempting to cause Willamette to acquire the asbestos-ridden building products division of Georgia-Pacific Company as part of a scorched-earth effort to defeat a hostile takeover of Willamette by its chief competitor, Weyerhaeuser Company. G&E obtained an expedited hearing on its motion for a preliminary injunction and obtained an agreement from Willamette at the hearing not to consummate any deal with Georgia-Pacific without providing prior notice to G&E. Almost immediately thereafter, and after years of fighting against Weyerhaeuser's takeover attempts, the Willamette board relented and agreed to sell the company to Weyerhaeuser. *Wyser-Pratte Management Co., Inc. & Franklin Mutual Advisors v. Swindells, et al.*, No. 0201-0085 (Ore. Cir. Ct.).

(6) **Medco Research**

In January 2000, G&E filed a shareholder derivative action on behalf of State of Wisconsin Investment Board against the directors of Medco Research, Inc. in Delaware Chancery Court. The suit alleged breach of fiduciary duty in connection with the directors' approval of a proposed merger between Medco and King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. G&E was successful in obtaining a preliminary injunction requiring Medco to make supplemental and corrective disclosures. Because of G&E's efforts, the consideration to Medco's stockholders increased by \$4.08 per share, or \$48,061,755 on a class-wide basis. *State of Wisconsin Investment Board v. Bartlett, et al.*, C.A. No. 17727, 2000 WL 193115 (Del. Ch. Feb. 9, 2000).

(7) **Occidental Petroleum**

G&E represented Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana and served as co-counsel in a shareholders' derivative suit against the directors of Occidental Petroleum Corporation, challenging as corporate waste the company's excessive compensation arrangements with its top executives. Filed in California state court, the case settled when the company agreed to adopt California Public Employees' Retirement System's model principles of corporate governance and undertook to reconstitute its key committees so as to meet the tests of

independence under those principles. *Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana v. Irani et al.*, No. BC1850009 (Cal. Super.).

(8) Staples, Inc.

On behalf of Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, G&E challenged Staples, Inc.'s proposed "recapitalization" plan to unwind a tracking stock, Staples.com, which it created in 1998. G&E obtained a preliminary injunction against the deal and the deal terms were ultimately altered resulting in a \$15-\$20 million gain for shareholders. Additional disclosures were also required so that shareholders voted on the challenged transaction based on a new proxy statement with substantial additional disclosures. *In re Staples, Inc. Shareholders Litigation*, C.A. No. 18784, 2001 WL 640377 (Del. Ch. June 5, 2001).

(9) SFX/Clear Channel Merger

G&E filed a class action on behalf of stockholders of SFX, challenging the merger between SFX and Clear Channel. While the SFX charter required that in any acquisition of SFX all classes of common stockholders be treated equally, the merger, as planned, provided for approximately \$68 million more in consideration to the two Class B stockholders (who happened to be the senior executives of SFX) than to the public stockholders. The merger was structured so that stockholders who voted for the merger also had to vote to amend the Charter to remove the non-discrimination provisions as a condition to the merger. G&E negotiated a settlement whereby \$34.5 million more was paid to the public stockholders upon closing of the merger. This was more than half the damages alleged in the Complaint. *Franklin Advisers, Inc., et al. v. Sillerman, et al.*, C.A. No. 17878 (Del. Ch.).

(10) Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon

G&E filed a derivative lawsuit on behalf of California Public Employees' Retirement System ("CALPERS") against Lone Star's former CEO, Jamie Coulter, and six other Lone Star directors. The suit alleged that the defendants violated their fiduciary duties in connection with their approval of the company's acquisition of CEI, one of Lone Star's service providers, from Coulter, as well as their approvals of certain employment and compensation arrangements and option repricing programs. Before filing the suit, G&E had assisted in CALPERS in filing a demand for books and records pursuant to Section 220 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. The company's response to that demand revealed the absence of any documentation that the board ever scrutinized transactions between Lone Star and CEI, that the board negotiated the purchase price for CEI, or that the board analyzed or discussed the repricing programs. In August 2005, the Court approved a settlement negotiated by G&E whereby Lone Star agreed to a repricing of options granted to certain of its officers and directors, payments from certain of the officers and directors related to option grants, and a \$3 million payment from Lone Star's director and officer insurance policy. Lone Star further acknowledged that the lawsuit was one of the significant factors considered in its

adoption of certain corporate governance reforms. *California Public Employees' Retirement System v. Coulter, et al.*, C.A. No. 19191 (Del. Ch.).

(11) **Siebel**

The issue of excessive executive compensation has been of significant concern for investors, yet their concerns have remained largely unaddressed due to the wide discretion afforded corporate boards in establishing management's compensation. G&E effected a sea change in the compensation policies of Siebel Systems, a leading Silicon Valley-based software developer long considered to be an egregious example of executive compensation run amok, and caused Thomas Siebel, the company's founder and CEO, to cancel 26 million options with a potential value of \$54 million. Since the company's founding in 1996, Siebel Systems had paid Mr. Siebel nearly \$1 billion in compensation, largely in the form of lavish stock options that violated the shareholder-approved stock option plan. In addition, the company had paid its directors millions of dollars for their service on the board, also in the form of stock options, at levels exponentially higher than that paid to directors on the boards of similar companies. G&E, on behalf of Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, commenced a derivative action challenging the company's compensation practices in September of 2002 even though a prior, similar lawsuit had been dismissed. Following a hard-fought and acrimonious litigation, G&E successfully negotiated a settlement that, in addition to the options cancellation, included numerous corporate governance reforms. The company agreed to, *inter alia*, restructure its compensation committee, disclose more information regarding its compensation policies and decisions, cause its outside auditor to audit its option plans as part of the company's annual audit, and limit the compensation that can be paid to directors. The Siebel Systems settlement generated considerable favorable press in the industry, as investors and compensation experts anticipated that the reforms adopted by Siebel Systems could affect how other companies deal with compensation issues. *Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana v. Thomas M. Siebel, et al.*, C. A. No. 425796 (Cal. Super.).

(12) **HealthSouth Corporation**

G&E filed a derivative and class action lawsuit on behalf of Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana against HealthSouth Corporation, its auditors, certain individual defendants, and certain third parties seeking, *inter alia*, an order forcing the HealthSouth board of directors to hold an annual shareholder meeting for the purpose of electing directors, as no such meeting had been held for over thirteen months. Following a trial, G&E negotiated a settlement of part of its claims, pursuant to which five of the defendant directors who were alleged to have engaged in improper self-dealing with the company agreed to resign and be replaced by directors selected by a committee comprised in part by institutional investors of HealthSouth. *Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana v. Scrushy*, Del. Ch., C.A. No. 20529 (March 2, 2004).

(13) **NYSE/Archipelago**

G&E served as co-lead counsel in a class action in New York state court, brought on behalf of a class of seat holders of the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) challenging the proposed merger between the NYSE and Archipelago Holdings, LLC. The complaint alleged that the terms of the proposed merger were unfair to the NYSE seat holders, and that by approving the proposed merger, the NYSE board of directors had violated their fiduciary duties of care, loyalty and candor, because the transaction was the result of a process that was tainted by conflicts of interest and the directors failed adequately to inform themselves of the relevant facts. The court denied the defendants’ motion to dismiss, and after expedited discovery, including over 30 depositions in a five week period, a preliminary injunction evidentiary hearing was held, in which plaintiffs sought to postpone the vote on the merger until a new, current fairness opinion was obtained from an independent financial advisor. On the second day of the hearing, the defendants agreed to the relief being sought, namely that they would obtain a new, current fairness opinion from an independent financial advisor. *In re New York Stock Exchange/Archipelago Merger Litig.*, No. 601646/05 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Co.)

(14) **Caremark / CVS**

G&E represented institutional shareholders in this derivative litigation challenging the conduct of the board of directors of Caremark Rx Inc. in connection with the negotiation and execution of a merger agreement with CVS, Inc., as well as that board’s decision to reject a competing proposal from a different suitor. Ultimately, through the litigation, G&E was able to force Caremark’s board not only to provide substantial additional disclosures to the public shareholders, but also to renegotiate the terms of the merger agreement with CVS to provide Caremark shareholders with an additional \$3.19 billion in cash consideration and to ensure Caremark’s shareholders had statutory appraisal rights in the deal. *Louisiana Municipal Police Employees’ Retirement System, et al. v. Crawford, et al.*, C.A. No. 2635-N (Del. Ch.).

(15) **AIG**

G&E achieved a settlement of derivative claims against former American International Group, Inc. (“AIG”) CEO Hank Greenberg and other officers of the insurer in connection with a well-documented bid-rigging scheme used to inflate the company’s income. The scheme — which included an array of wrongful activities, such as sham insurance transactions intended to deceive shareholders and illegal contingent commissions which amounted to kickbacks to obtain business — caused billions of dollars’ worth of damage to AIG, and ultimately led to the restatement of years of financial statements.

In approving a settlement that returned \$90 million to AIG, the Court said the settlement was “an incentive for real litigation” with “a lot of high-quality lawyering.” *In re American International Group, Inc., Consolidated Derivative Litigation*. Delaware Chancery Court, 769-VCS

(16) **Del Monte Foods**

G&E served as lead counsel in shareholder litigation in which the Firm obtained an \$89.4 million settlement against Del Monte Foods Co. and Barclays Capital. On February 14, 2011, the Delaware Chancery Court issued a ground-breaking order enjoining not only the shareholder vote on the merger, but the merger agreement's termination fee and other mechanisms designed to deter competing bids. As a result of plaintiff's efforts, the Board was forced to conduct a further shopping process for the company. Moreover, the opinion issued in connection with the injunction has resulted in a complete change on Wall Street regarding investment banker conflicts of interests and company retention of investment bankers in such circumstances. *In re Del Monte Shareholder Litigation*, C.A. No. 6027-VCL (Del. Ch).

(17) **Facebook**

G&E served as co-lead counsel for plaintiffs, alleging that Facebook Chairman and CEO Mark Zuckerberg, as well as other officers and directors, breached their fiduciary duties to the class by approving the reclassification of Facebook stock. The reclassification, if implemented, would have allowed Mark Zuckerberg to maintain majority voting control while reducing his economic stake in the Company by over 65%. Just days before the trial was set to begin with Mark Zuckerberg's testimony, the Facebook Board of Directors met and decided to abandon the reclassification. Because G&E was seeking to enjoin the reclassification, the Board's abandonment of it was a complete win for the plaintiffs and the class. *In re Facebook Class C Reclassification Litigation*, C.A. No. 12286 (Del Ch).

(C) **In Securities Class Action Opt-Out Litigation**

(1) **AOL Time Warner, Inc.**

G&E filed an opt-out action against AOL Time Warner, its officers and directors, auditors, investment bankers and business partners. The case challenged certain transactions entered by the company to improperly boost AOL Time Warner's financials. G&E was able to recover for its clients more than 6 times the amount that they would have received in the class case.

(2) **BankAmerica Corp.**

G&E filed an individual action seeking to recover damages caused by the defendants' failure to disclose material information in connection with the September 30, 1998 merger of NationsBank Corporation and BankAmerica Corporation. G&E was preparing the case for trial when it achieved a settlement whereby the firm's client received more than 5 times what it would have received

in the related class action. Those proceeds were also received approximately one year earlier than the proceeds from the class action settlement.

(3) **Bristol-Myers Squibb**

G&E filed an opt-out action against Bristol-Myers Squibb, certain of its officers and directors, its auditor, and Imclone, Inc., alleging that Bristol-Myers had falsified billions of dollars of revenue as part of a scheme of earnings management. While the federal class action was dismissed and eventually settled for only 3 cents on the dollar, G&E's action resulted in a total settlement representing approximately 10 times what the firm's clients likely would have received from the class action.

(4) **Petrobras**

G&E filed securities fraud actions in Manhattan federal court on behalf of several U.S. and European public and private institutional investors against Petrobras, the Brazilian oil conglomerate, arising out of a decade-long bribery and kickback scheme that has been called the largest corruption scandal in Brazil's history. The action alleged that Petrobras concealed bribes to senior officers and government officials and improperly capitalized these bribes as assets on its books in order to inflate the value of the company's refineries. Many of these officers and officials have pled guilty before the Brazilian courts to charges stemming from their participation in the alleged scheme. G&E settled the action before the class action was resolved, and our clients received 2-3 times more than they would have had they stayed in the class, and received their share of the settlement at least two years before a class distribution.

(5) **Qwest Communications**

G&E filed an individual action against Qwest, its accountant (Arthur Andersen LLP), Solomon Smith Barney, and current and former officers and directors of those companies. The case alleged that Qwest used "swap deals" to book fake revenue and defraud investors. G&E was able to recover for its clients more than 10 times what they would have recovered had they remained members of the class.

(6) **WorldCom**

G&E filed an opt-out action against former senior officers and directors of WorldCom, including former CEO Bernard Ebbers, and Arthur Andersen LLP (WorldCom's former auditor), among others. The case stemmed from the widely-publicized WorldCom securities fraud scandal that involved false and misleading statements made by the defendants concerning WorldCom's financials, prospects and business operations. G&E recovered for its clients more than 6 times what they would have received from the class action.

TAB 4

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

DEKA INVESTMENT GMBH, *et al.*,
Individually and on Behalf of All Others
Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SANTANDER CONSUMER USA
HOLDINGS INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

§ Civil Action No. 3:15-cv-02129-K
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**DECLARATION OF BALON B. BRADLEY FILED ON BEHALF OF THE LAW
FIRM OF BALON B. BRADLEY IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR
AWARD OF ATTORNEY’S FEES**

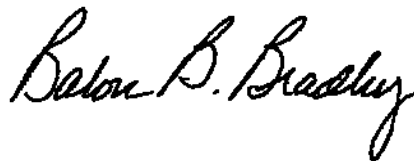
I, Balon B. Bradley, declare as follows:

1. I am the owner of the Law Firm of Balon B. Bradley. I am submitting this declaration in support of my firm’s application for an award of attorney’s fees in connection with services rendered in the above-entitled action.
2. This firm is Local Counsel of record for Plaintiffs Deka Investment GmbH and City of Dearborn Heights Act 345 Police & Fire Retirement System.
3. The information in this declaration regarding the firm’s time is taken from time and expense sheets and supporting documentation prepared and/or maintained by the firm in the ordinary course of business. I am the sole proprietor and oversaw and/or conducted the day to day activities in the litigation and I reviewed these documents 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 and reasonableness of the time committed to the litigation. As a result of this review, I believe that the time reflected in the firm’s Lodestar calculation as set

forth in this declaration is reasonable in amount and is necessary for the efficient and effective prosecution and resolution of this litigation.

4. The number of hours spent on this litigation by my firm is 41 hours. A breakdown of the Lodestar is provided in Exhibit A. The Lodestar amount of time based on the firm's current rates is \$20,500.00.
5. The expenses pertaining to this case are reflected in the books and records of this firm.
6. The identification and background of my firm is attached as Exhibit B.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct. Executed this the 4th day of December, 2020, at Dallas, Texas.



BALON B. BRADLEY

EXHIBIT A

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Deka Investment GMBH v. Santander Consumer USA Holdings, Inc., et al.,

No.3:15-cv-02129-K; Law Firm of Balon B. Bradley

LAW FIRM OF BALON B. BRADLEY

<i>NAME</i>		<i>HOURS</i>	<i>RATE</i>	<i>LODESTAR</i>
Balon B. Bradley	P	41.0	\$500	\$20,500.00
TOTAL				\$20,500.00

EXHIBIT B

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THE LAW FIRM OF BALON B. BRADLEY

Balon B. Bradley has been a licensed attorney in the State of Texas since 1978. At all times he has been in good standing with the State Bar of Texas. Balon B. Bradley is also admitted to practice in the United States District Courts of the Northern District of Texas.

Mr. Bradley graduated from law school at the University of Houston in 1978. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1975, with a Bachelors of Arts Degree with Honors.

Mr. Bradley has been a trial attorney involved in civil and criminal litigation since 1978. In his first job after receiving his law license, he was a Deputy District Attorney in the Dallas County District Attorney's Office in the Public Integrity Section.

Balon B. Bradley's primary area of practice is representing Plaintiffs in personal injury litigation, which he has participated for over 35 years.

In 2006, he began concentrating a considerable portion of his practice to being local counsel in the area of shareholder derivative litigation.

Mr. Bradley has participated in successful Shareholder Derivative Actions that were successfully prosecuted in State District Courts in Dallas, Texas, and the United States District Courts.

The list of cases in which Balon B. Bradley has participated as local counsel includes the following cases: *Pedro Ramirez Jr. Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. Exxon Mobile Corporation, et al., Case No. 3-16-cv-*

3111-K (N.D. Tex); Richard J. Isolde, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated, v. Trinity Industries, Inc., et al. No. 3:15-cv-2093-K (N.D. Tex); Maxine Phillips on Behalf of Herself and All Others Similarly Situated v. Texas Industries, Inc., et al., No. 3:14-cv-0740-B (N.D. Tex); Douglas Shelton, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. Pioneer Southwest Energy Partners L.P., et al. No. 3:13-cv-03684-K (N.D. Tex); Francis Nystrom, Derivatively on Behalf of Mannatech, Inc. v. Samuel Caster, et al., No. DC-07-7432 (44th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas); Doris Staehr, Derivatively and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. TXU Corporation, et al., No. 3-070cv-0432-L (N.D. Tex); Howard Kubota, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. Sourcecorp, Inc. et al., No. 06-02446 (95th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas); Harry Brantley, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. Citadel Security Software, Inc., et al., No. DC 05-03177-L (193rd Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas); and Ann Blankenship, Derivatively and on Behalf of All Persons Similarly Situated v. ZIX Corporation, et al. No. 3-05-cv-2210-K (N.D. Tex);

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DALLAS DIVISION

DEKA INVESTMENT GMBH, Individually
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§ Hon. Ed Kinkeade

**DECLARATION OF JOE KENDALL FILED ON BEHALF OF KENDALL LAW
GROUP, PLLC IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS’
FEES AND EXPENSES**

I, Joe Kendall, declare as follows:

1. I am the owner of the firm of Kendall Law Group, PLLC (“KLG”). I am submitting this declaration in support of my firm’s application for an award of attorneys’ fees and expenses/charges (“expenses”) in connection with services rendered in the above-entitled action.

2. This firm is Local counsel of record for plaintiffs Deka Investment GmbH and City of Dearborn Heights Act 345 Police & Fire Retirement System.

3. The information in this declaration regarding the firm’s time and expenses is taken from time and expense printouts 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 printouts (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 I believe that the time reflected in the firm's lodestar calculation and the expenses for which payment is sought as set forth in this declaration are reasonable in amount and were necessary for the effective and efficient prosecution and resolution of the litigation. In addition, I believe that the expenses are all of a type that would normally be charged to a fee-paying client in the private legal marketplace.

4. The number of hours spent on this litigation by my firm is 50.5 hours. A breakdown of the lodestar is provided in Exhibit A. The lodestar amount for time based on the firm's current rates is \$38,705.00. The lodestar amount for Partners Joe Kendall and Jamie McKey Gilmore's time based on the firm's current rates is \$37,985.00. The lodestar amount for paralegal time based on the firm's current rates is \$720.00. The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A are the usual and customary rates set by the firm for each individual.

5. My firm seeks an award of \$601.80 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: \$200.00. These expenses have been paid to the Court for filing fees. The vendor who was paid for these services is set forth in Exhibit C.

(b) Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$45.87. In connection with the prosecution of this case, the firm has paid for travel expenses to, among other things, parking to attend court hearings and meeting with co-counsel. The date, destination and purpose of each trip is set forth in Exhibit D.

(c) Online Legal and Financial Research: \$62.60. This category includes vendors such as PACER. This resource was used to obtain access to the Southern District of New York case filings. This expense represents the expense incurred by Kendall Law Group, PLLC for use of these services in connection with this litigation. The charges for this vendor varies depending upon the type of services requested.

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 2nd day of December, 2020, at Dallas, Texas.



JOE KENDALL

EXHIBIT A

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Deka Investment GMBH v. Santander Consumer USA Holdings, Inc., et al.,
 No. 3:15-cv-02129-K
 Kendall Law Group, PLLC
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<i>NAME</i>		<i>HOURS</i>	<i>RATE</i>	<i>LODESTAR</i>
Joe Kendall	(P)	42.1	\$850.00	\$35,785.00
Jamie McKey Gilmore	(P)	4.4	\$500.00	\$ 2,200.00
Paralegals		4.0	\$180.00	\$ 720.00
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>50.5</i>		<i>\$38,705.00</i>

(P) Partner

EXHIBIT B

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Deka Investment GMBH v. Santander Consumer USA Holdings, Inc., et al.,
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<i>CATEGORY</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
Filing, Witness and Other Fees	\$200.00
Transportation, Hotels & Meals	\$ 45.87
Messenger, Overnight Delivery	\$293.33
Online Legal and Financial Research	\$ 62.60
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$601.80</i>

EXHIBIT C

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Filing, Witness and Other Fees: \$200.00

<i>DATE</i>	<i>VENDOR</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>
7/20/2015	USDC, NDTX	Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice – Andrew Schwartz
7/20/2015	USDC, NDTX	Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice – David Rosenfield
7/20/2015	USDC, NDTX	Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice – Darren Robbins
7/20/2015	USDC, NDTX	Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice – Samuel Rudman
8/19/2015	USDC, NDTX	Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice – Robert Gerson
8/19/2015	USDC, NDTX	Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice – James Saballa
8/19/2015	USDC, NDTX	Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice – Charles Caliendo
5/15/2017	USDC, NDTX	Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice – Robert Henssler

EXHIBIT D

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Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$45.87

<i>NAME</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>DESTINATION</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>
Jimmy Johns	02/02/2017		Lunch/Meeting – Willow Radcliffe
Passport Parking	05/31/2017	USDC, NDTX	Hearing on Motion for Class Certification

EXHIBIT E



FIRM RESUME

Kendall Law Group was founded by former federal judge Joe Kendall. It is a boutique trial law firm. Led by Judge Kendall, the firm brings value-added assistance to their clients in complex class action, securities, and business litigation matters.

Since 2002, in class action securities fraud cases, the lawyers at Kendall Law Group have participated in obtaining over \$1 billion dollar for shareholders. The Kendall Law Group has served as lead, co-lead, or local counsel in numerous merger & acquisition, derivative, and securities fraud class action matters, including: *The George Leon Family Trust, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. Chicago Bridge & Iron Company N.V., et al.*, Lead Case No. 4:18-cv-0273 (S.D.Tex.); *Mona Abouzied, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. Applied Optoelectronics, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-02399 (S.D. Tex.); *Pedro Ramirez, Jr. Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. Exxon Mobil Corporation, et al.*, Case No. 3-16-cv-3111-K (N.D. Tex.); *Anthony Giovagnoli, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. GlobalSCAPE, et al.*, Case No. 5:17-cv-00753 (S.D. Tex.); *City of Pontiac General Employees' Retirement System, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. Hanger, Inc., et al.*, Case No. A-14-CA-1026-SS (W.D. Tex.); *Mary McCloskey, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. Match Group, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:16-cv-00549-S (N.D. Tex.); *Anton Steyn, Derivatively on Behalf of 3D Systems Corporation v. Abraham N. Reichental, et al.*, Case No. 2015-CP-46-2225 (16th Judicial Circuit Court of Common Pleas, South Carolina); *In re United Development Funding IV Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 3:15-cv-4030-M (N.D. Tex.); *Richard J. Isolde, Individually and on Behalf of all Others Similarly*

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JOE KENDALL

Former United States District Judge Joe Kendall is the managing partner of Kendall Law Group. Mr. Kendall served on the federal bench in the Northern District of Texas from 1992-2002, appointed by President George Herbert Walker Bush. He was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate. At the time of his appointment, he was the youngest U.S. District Judge in the country. He also served as a state district judge on the 195th Judicial District Court in Dallas from 1987-1992. In his judicial career, he has presided over approximately 500 jury trials and disposed of over 11,000 cases. Mr. Kendall has a B.B.A. from the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University and a law degree from Baylor University. Mr. Kendall served as a Commissioner on the United States Sentencing Commission from 1999 through 2002, appointed by President Bill Clinton.

Since leaving the bench and returning to trial work, Mr. Kendall has had tremendous success at the prosecution of patent, consumer and securities class action litigation either as lead, co-lead or local counsel.

While on the federal bench, Mr. Kendall handled numerous class actions of various types and presided over in excess of 100 civil jury trials, including complex litigation, securities, antitrust, qui tam, medical malpractice, products liability, and patent infringement cases. He presided over a multi-district litigation case, and also handled environmental and CERCLA cases. Author of more than 250 judicial opinions published in the federal reporters or legal research databases, his more notable cases include, *Ozee v. American Council on Gift Annuities* (an antitrust class action against the most prominent charities in the nation), *SBC Communications v. AT&T* (to determine the constitutionality of certain provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996), *American Airlines, Inc. v. Allied Pilots Association* (the pilots sickout dispute in 1999), and *Johnson v. City of Dallas* (a case brought by homeless persons to determine the constitutionality of a city ordinance prohibiting

sleeping in public). In his career as a lawyer, Mr. Kendall has tried more than 100 jury trials to judgment.

Additionally, Mr. Kendall taught new federal judges for the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C. and has taught docket management techniques to experienced federal judges throughout the country. He is a former board member of the Federal Judges Association and was editor of *In Camera*, the newsletter of the Federal Judges Association.

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TAB 6

I, JOHN J. RILEY, II declare as follows:

1. I am the Trustee-Secretary of the City of Dearborn Heights Act 345 Police & Fire Retirement System (“City of Dearborn Heights” or the “Fund”). I submit this Declaration in support of settlement of this action, the Fund’s reimbursement request for its time and expense and approval of the payment of attorneys’ fees plus reasonable expenses. I have personal knowledge of the matters referred to herein, and if called as a witness, could competently testify thereto.

2. The City of Dearborn Heights manages approximately \$178 million in assets for approximately 375 current and retired police and fire workers. As Trustee-Secretary, I monitor litigation matters for the Fund and as part of my responsibilities, supervise legal counsel on its behalf and report to the Fund’s Board of Trustees.

3. The City of Dearborn Heights’ investment portfolio includes positions in a broad range of publicly traded companies. Because of its substantial participation in America’s financial markets and its standing as an institutional investor, the City of Dearborn Heights has a vested interest in the integrity of our capital markets and in the meritorious enforcement of the federal securities laws enacted to protect investors.

4. While the City of Dearborn Heights has suffered investment losses in numerous publicly traded companies since the enactment of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”), it has been selective in choosing the cases in which it has sought to participate as an appointed lead plaintiff and did so in the above-captioned action after determining that this case merited institutional representation and participation.

5. By seeking appointment as a lead plaintiff in this action, the City of Dearborn Heights recognized the call of Congress for institutional shareholders to actively participate as a lead plaintiff in class action securities litigation and to further ensure that these actions were controlled and supervised by the shareholders for whom they were brought and prosecuted. Here,

in seeking appointment as a lead plaintiff, the City of Dearborn Heights understood its responsibility to serve the best interests of the class members by participating in the supervision of the effective prosecution of this action and actively undertook to do so at all times.

6. On September 3, 2015, the City of Dearborn Heights was appointed to serve as co-lead plaintiff in this action along with Deka Investment GmbH. In fulfillment of its responsibilities as a lead plaintiff, and on behalf of all proposed class members, the City of Dearborn Heights zealously performed its role as a lead plaintiff in pursuit of a favorable resolution of this case. To that end, as the Fund's Trustee-Secretary, I: (a) participated in the litigation and provided input into the case; (b) was kept informed regarding the status of the case, including periodic updates from co-lead counsel Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP; (c) reviewed pleadings and motions filed in this action; (d) participated in providing discovery to defendants, including providing my deposition and records of the City of Dearborn Heights; (e) periodically discussed the litigation with the Fund's General Counsel; and (f) was kept advised of the settlement negotiations.

7. In discharging its lead plaintiff responsibilities in this matter, the Fund has incurred time to ensure both its and the proposed Classes' interests have been properly and zealously advanced. The PSLRA provides that the court may make an "award of reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) directly relating to the representation of the class to any representative serving on behalf of a class." 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4).

8. Here, in furtherance of the services I performed on behalf of the Fund in its capacity as co-lead plaintiff and a proposed class representative, I spent more than 25 hours in connection with this case including preparing for and attending my deposition in Dallas, Texas as a representative of the City of Dearborn Heights. In addition, Mark Meyers, the Chief of Police for the City of Dearborn Heights and a Trustee for the Fund spent more than 20 hours in connection with this case, including preparing for and attending the May 31, 2017 class certification

evidentiary hearing before this Court in Dallas, Texas. As a result of the time spent by myself and Mr. Meyers, the Fund is seeking reimbursement for 45 hours of time spent at \$60 an hour, or the amount of \$2,700. The time was reasonably and necessarily incurred in connection with the Fund's service to the Classes as a lead plaintiff in the action and reimbursement at \$60 an hour for the time is believed to be fair and reasonable.

9. Based on its monitoring of this action and consultation with counsel regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the case, City of Dearborn Heights believes that the settlement of this action for \$47 million was in the best interest of the proposed Classes.

10. As an institutional investor, the Fund also supports the use of the percentage of the fund recovery in securities class actions such as this one. Without the percentage contingent fee, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to retain the caliber of lawyers who are necessary, willing and able to properly prosecute to a favorable conclusion actions such as this one. Moreover, the Fund believes that the use of the percentage fee properly incentivizes attorneys to litigate these actions both vigorously and efficiently and to reach a resolution of the matter promptly. The Fund believes that the use of the percentage contingent fee is appropriate here as lead counsel have diligently worked on this case since its inception over five years ago, without compensation or reimbursement of the expenses they advanced in this case and, in doing so, have achieved a settlement that is the product of excellent lawyering.

11. In this case, City of Dearborn Heights supports, with the Court's approval, an award of attorneys' fees in this action of up to 30% as fair and reasonable in light of the result obtained, the complexity of the prosecution of this action, and the time expended on obtaining this result. Furthermore, City of Dearborn Heights supports lead counsel's request for expenses so long as such expenses do not exceed \$1,000,000.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 3 day of December 2020, at Dearborn Heights, MI



JOHN J. RILEY, II

TAB 7



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

DEKA INVESTMENT GMBH, Individually
and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SANTANDER CONSUMER USA HOLD-
INGS INC., et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 3:15-cv-02129-K

CLASS ACTION

Hon. Ed Kinkeade

**DECLARATION OF CARLA ZINKAND ON BEHALF OF LEAD
PLAINTIFF DEKA INVESTMENT GMBH**



I, CARLA ZINKAND declare as follows:

1. I am the person who is responsible for monitoring and organizing all legal- and evidence-related aspects of international collective or individual loss recovery actions, including U.S. class actions and opt out cases, at Deka Investment GmbH (“Deka”). I submit this Declaration in support of settlement of this action, the Fund’s reimbursement request for its time and expense and approval of the payment of attorneys’ fees equaling 30% of the settlement fund, plus reasonable expenses, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. I have personal knowledge of the matters referred to herein, and if called as a witness, could competently testify thereto.

2. Deka manages approximately 169 billion in assets for approximately 633 beneficiaries. As the person responsible for class actions, I monitor litigation matters for Deka, and as part of my responsibilities, supervise outside litigation counsel on its behalf and report to a member of Deka’s board of directors.

3. Deka’s investment portfolio includes positions in a broad range of publicly traded companies. Because of its substantial participation in America’s financial markets and its standing as an institutional investor, Deka has a vested interest in the integrity of our capital markets and in the meritorious enforcement of the federal securities laws enacted to protect investors.

4. While Deka has suffered investment losses in numerous publicly traded companies since the enactment of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”), it has been selective in choosing the cases in which it has sought to participate as an appointed lead plaintiff and did so in



the above-captioned action after determining that this case merited institutional representation and participation.

5. By seeking appointment as a lead plaintiff in this action, Deka recognized the call of Congress for institutional shareholders to actively participate as a lead plaintiff in class action securities litigation and to further ensure that these actions were controlled and supervised by the shareholders for whom they were brought and prosecuted. Here, in seeking appointment as a lead plaintiff, Deka understood its responsibility to serve the best interests of the class members by participating in the supervision of the effective prosecution of this action and actively undertook to do so at all times.

6. On September 3, 2015, Deka was appointed to serve as co-lead plaintiff in this action along with the City of Dearborn Heights Act 345 Police & Fire Retirement System. In fulfillment of its responsibilities as a lead plaintiff, and on behalf of all proposed class members, Deka zealously performed its role as a lead plaintiff in pursuit of a favorable resolution of this case. To that end, as Deka's person responsible for class actions, I: (a) participated in the litigation and provided input into the case; (b) was kept informed regarding the status of the case, including periodic updates from co-lead counsel Grant & Eisenhofer P.A.; (c) reviewed pleadings and motions filed in this action; (d) participated in providing discovery to defendants, including providing my deposition and records of Deka's; (e) periodically discussed the litigation with the Deka's General Counsel DRRT (Christian Wefers); and (f) kept closely involved in the mediation, including by discussing with Grant & Eisenhofer the strategy and proposals.



7. Based on its monitoring of this action and consultation with counsel regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the case, Deka believes that the settlement of this action for \$47 million was in the best interest of the proposed Classes.

8. As an institutional investor, Deka also supports the use of the percentage of the fund recovery in securities class actions such as this one. Without the percentage contingent fee, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to retain the caliber of lawyers who are necessary, willing and able to properly prosecute to a favorable conclusion actions such as this one. Moreover, Deka believes that the use of the percentage fee properly incentivizes attorneys to litigate these actions both vigorously and efficiently and to reach a resolution of the matter promptly. Deka believes that the use of the percentage contingent fee is appropriate here as lead counsel have diligently worked on this case since its inception over five years ago, without compensation or reimbursement of the expenses they advanced in this case and, in doing so, have achieved a settlement that is the product of excellent lawyering.

9. In this case, Deka supports an award of attorneys' fees in this action of 30% as fair and reasonable in light of the result obtained, the complexity of the prosecution of this action, and the time expended on obtaining this result. Deka's conclusion that the requested attorneys' fees are reasonable and fair also takes into account the length of time that this action has been pending (more than six years) and the risks associated with prosecuting a complex securities fraud action such as this. Furthermore, Deka supports lead



counsel's request for expenses so long as such expenses do not exceed \$1,000,000.

10. In discharging its lead plaintiff responsibilities in this matter, Deka has incurred time to ensure both its and the proposed Classes' interests have been properly and zealously advanced. The PSLRA provides that the court may make an "award of reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) directly relating to the representation of the class to any representative serving on behalf of a class." 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4).

11. Here, in furtherance of the services I performed on behalf of Deka in its capacity as co-lead plaintiff and a proposed class representative, I, together with colleagues from various departments spent more than 277 hours in connection with this case including overseeing the collection and production of Deka's documents and other information in response to Defendants' discovery requests, reviewing such documents prior to providing them to counsel and together with counsel, conferring with my counsel and reviewing case documents, including all pleadings and motions, prior to their filings, and preparing for and attending my deposition in Dallas, Texas as a representative of Deka. I performed all such work together with my colleague, Dr. Brunner Reumann, who also accompanied me to the deposition in Dallas and assisted in the preparation of such deposition. As a result of the time spent by myself and others who assisted me at Deka, Deka is seeking reimbursement for 277 hours of time spent at an average of €102.56 an hour, or the amount of €28,409.12 (\$34,375.03). The time was reasonably and necessarily incurred in connection



with the Fund's service to the Classes as a lead plaintiff in the action and reimbursement at €102.56 per hour for the time is believed to be fair and reasonable.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and Germany that the foregoing is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge. Executed this 3rd day of December 2020, at Frankfurt.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Zinkand", is written over a horizontal line.

CARLA ZINKAND

AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY

TAB 8

I, ROSS D. MURRAY, declare and state as follows:

1. I am employed as a Vice President of Securities by Gilardi & Co. LLC (“Gilardi”), located at 1 McInnis Parkway, Suite 250, San Rafael, California. The following statements are based on my personal knowledge and information provided to me by other Gilardi employees and if called to testify I could and would do so competently.

2. Pursuant to this Court’s August 13, 2020 Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement and Providing for Notice (“Notice Order”), Gilardi was appointed to supervise and administer the notice procedure as well as the processing of claims in connection with the proposed Settlement of the above-captioned action (the “Action”).¹ I oversaw the notice services that Gilardi provided in accordance with the Notice Order.

3. I submit this declaration in order to provide the Court and the parties to the Action with information regarding: (i) mailing of the Court-approved Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (the “Notice”) and Proof of Claim and Release form (the “Proof of Claim”) (collectively, the “Claim Package,” attached hereto as Exhibit A); (ii) publication of the Summary Notice; (iii) establishment of the website and toll-free telephone number dedicated to this Settlement; and (iv) the number of requests for exclusion from the Classes received to date by Gilardi.

DISSEMINATION OF THE CLAIM PACKAGE

4. Pursuant to the Notice Order, Gilardi is responsible for disseminating the Claim Package to potential Class Members. There are two classes represented in this Action.

5. The “1933 Act Class” consists of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired Santander Consumer USA Holdings Inc. (“SCUSA”) common stock in or traceable to SCUSA’s January 23, 2014 IPO and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the 1933 Act Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) the present or former executive officers of SCUSA and their immediate family members (as defined in 17 C.F.R. §229.404 (Instructions (1)(a)(iii) and

¹ All capitalized terms that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings provided in the Stipulation of Settlement dated July 28, 2020 (the “Stipulation”).

(1)(b)(ii)); and (iii) Santander Holdings USA, Inc. (“SHUSA”) and the other selling stockholders identified in the offering documents for the January 23, 2014 IPO (the “Offering Documents”) and their immediate family members (as defined in 17 C.F.R. §229.404 (Instructions (1)(a)(iii) and (1)(b)(ii))). For the avoidance of doubt, this exclusion does not extend to any investment company, pooled investment fund, or separately managed account (including, but not limited to, mutual fund families, exchange-traded funds, fund of funds, private equity funds, real estate funds, hedge funds, and employee benefit plans) in which any Underwriter Defendant or any of its affiliates has or may have a direct or indirect interest, or as to which any Underwriter Defendants or any of its affiliates may serve as a fiduciary or act as an investment advisor, general partner, managing member, or in any other similar capacity (other than where the Underwriter Defendant or any of its affiliates is a majority owner or holds a majority beneficial interest and only to the extent of such Underwriter Defendant’s or its affiliates’ ownership or interest); provided, however, that membership in the Classes by such entity is limited to transactions in SCUSA common stock made on behalf of, or for the benefit, of Persons other than Persons that are specifically excluded from the Classes by definition. Also excluded from the 1933 Act Class are any persons and entities who or which would otherwise be a member of the 1933 Act Class but who or which exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

6. The “1934 Act Class” consists of all persons and entities who, between January 23, 2014 and June 12, 2014, inclusive, purchased or otherwise acquired SCUSA common stock, and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the 1934 Act Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) the present or former executive officers of SCUSA and their immediate family members (as defined in 17 C.F.R. §229.404 (Instructions (1)(a)(iii) and (1)(b)(ii))); and (iii) SHUSA and the other selling stockholders identified in the Offering Documents and their immediate family members (as defined in 17 C.F.R. §229.404 (Instructions (1)(a)(iii) and (1)(b)(ii))). For the avoidance of doubt, this exclusion does not extend to any investment company, pooled investment fund, or separately managed account (including, but not limited to, mutual fund families, exchange-traded funds, fund of funds, private equity funds, real estate funds, hedge funds, and employee benefit plans) in which

any Underwriter Defendant or any of its affiliates has or may have a direct or indirect interest, or as to which any Underwriter Defendant or any of its affiliates may serve as a fiduciary or act as an investment advisor, general partner, managing member, or in any other similar capacity (other than where the Underwriter Defendant or any of its affiliates is a majority owner or holds a majority beneficial interest and only to the extent of such Underwriter Defendant's or its affiliates' ownership or interest); provided, however, that membership in the Classes by such entity is limited to transactions in SCUSA common stock made on behalf of, or for the benefit of, Persons other than Persons that are specifically excluded from the Classes by definition. Also excluded from the 1934 Act Class are any persons and entities who or which would otherwise be a member of the 1934 Act Class but who or which exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

7. Gilardi received a file, via email, from Lead Counsel, which contained the names and addresses of potential Class Members that had been provided to Defendants' counsel by SCUSA's transfer agent. The list was reviewed to identify and eliminate duplicate entries and incomplete data, resulting in a usable mailing list of 25 unique names and addresses. Gilardi had the unique name and address data printed on to Claim Packages, posted the Claim Packages for First-Class Mail, postage prepaid, and delivered 25 Claim Packages on September 3, 2020, to the United States Post Office for mailing.

8. In addition, on September 3, 2020, as part of its normal mailing procedures, Gilardi mailed, by First-Class Mail, Claim Packages and cover letters to 282 brokerages, custodial banks, and other institutions ("Nominee Holders") that hold securities in "street name" as nominees for the benefit of their customers who are the beneficial owners of the securities. The Nominee Holders also include a group of filers/institutions who have requested notification of every securities case. These Nominee Holders are included in a proprietary database created and maintained by Gilardi. In Gilardi's experience, the Nominee Holders included in this proprietary database represent a significant majority of the beneficial holders of securities. The cover letter accompanying the Claim Packages advised the Nominee Holders of the proposed Settlement and

requested their cooperation in forwarding the Claim Packages to potential Class Members. In the more than three decades that Gilardi has been providing notice and claims administration services in securities class actions, Gilardi has found the majority of potential class members hold their securities in street name and are notified through the Nominee Holders. Gilardi also mailed Claim Packages and cover letters to the 4,641 institutions included on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") list of active brokers and dealers at the time of mailing. A sample of the cover letter mailed to Nominee Holders and the institutions included on the SEC's list of active brokers and dealers is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

9. On September 3, 2020, Gilardi also delivered electronic copies of the Claim Package to 383 registered electronic filers who are qualified to submit electronic claims. These filers are primarily institutions and third-party filers who typically file numerous claims on behalf of beneficial owners for whom they act as trustees or fiduciaries.

10. As part of the notice program for this Settlement, on September 3, 2020, Gilardi also delivered electronic copies of the Claim Package via email to be published by the Depository Trust Company ("DTC") on the DTC Legal Notice System ("LENS"). LENS enables the participating bank and broker nominees to review the Claim Package and contact Gilardi for copies of the Claim Package for their beneficial holders.

11. Gilardi has acted as a repository for shareholder and nominee inquiries and communications received in this Action. In this regard, Gilardi has forwarded the Claim Package on request to nominees who purchased or acquired SCUSA common stock for the beneficial interest of other persons. Gilardi has also forwarded the Claim Package directly to beneficial owners upon receipt of the names and addresses from such beneficial owners or nominees.

12. Following the initial mailing, Gilardi received 17 responses to the outreach efforts described above which included computer files containing a total of 5,118 names and addresses of potential Class Members. Gilardi has also received one response that included a mailing label with the name and address of one additional potential Class Member. In addition, 20 institutions requested that Gilardi send them a total of 7,470 Claim Packages for forwarding directly to their

clients. Gilardi has also mailed 37 Claim Packages as a result of returned mail for which new addresses were identified for re-mailing to those potential Class Members. Each of these requests has been completed in a timely manner.

13. As of December 7, 2020, Gilardi has mailed a total of 17,957 Claim Packages to potential Class Members and nominees.

PUBLICATION OF THE SUMMARY NOTICE

14. In accordance with the Notice Order, on September 7, 2020, Gilardi caused the Summary Notice to be published in *Investor's Business Daily* and transmitted over *Business Wire*, as shown in the confirmations of publication attached hereto as Exhibit C.

TELEPHONE HELPLINE AND WEBSITE

15. On September 3, 2020, Gilardi established and continues to maintain a case-specific, toll-free telephone helpline, 1-866-795-5069, to accommodate potential Class Member inquiries. The toll-free number was set forth in the Notice and on the case website. Gilardi has been and will continue to promptly respond to all inquiries to the toll-free telephone helpline.

16. On September 3, 2020, Gilardi established and continues to maintain a website dedicated to this Settlement (www.SCUSASecuritiesSettlement.com) to provide additional information to Class Members and to provide answers to frequently asked questions. The web address was set forth in the Claim Package and the Summary Notice. The website includes information regarding the Action and the Settlement, including the exclusion, objection, and claim filing deadlines, and the date, time, and location of the Court's Settlement Hearing. Copies of the Notice, Proof of Claim, Stipulation, and Notice Order are posted on the website and are available for downloading. Class Members can also complete and submit a Proof of Claim through the website.

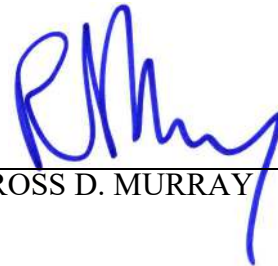
REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION RECEIVED TO DATE

17. The Notice informs potential Class Members that written requests for exclusion from the Classes must be mailed to *SCUSA Securities Settlement*, Claims Administrator, c/o

Gilardi & Co. LLC, EXCLUSIONS, 150 Royall Street, Suite 101, Canton, MA 02021, such that they are postmarked no later than December 22, 2020.

18. The Notice also sets forth the information that must be included in each request for exclusion. Gilardi has monitored and will continue to monitor all mail delivered to this address. As of the date of this declaration, Gilardi has not received any requests for exclusion.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed this 7th day of December, 2020, at San Rafael, California.



ROSS D. MURRAY

EXHIBIT A

OBJECT	Write to the Court about why you do not like the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys' fees and expenses. You will still be a member of the Classes. Objections must be received by the Court and counsel on or before December 22, 2020. If you submit a written objection, you may (but do not have to) attend the hearing.
GO TO THE HEARING ON JANUARY 12, 2021	Ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the Settlement. Requests to speak must be received by the Court and counsel on or before December 22, 2020.
DO NOTHING	Receive no payment. You will, however, still be a member of the Classes, which means that you give up your right to ever be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants or any other Released Parties about the legal claims being resolved by this Settlement and you will be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Action.

SUMMARY OF THIS NOTICE

Statement of Class Recovery

Pursuant to the Settlement described herein, a \$47 million settlement fund has been established. Based on Lead Plaintiffs' estimate of the number of shares of SCUSA common stock eligible to recover under the Settlement, the average distribution per share under the Plan of Allocation is approximately \$0.48 per share before deduction of any taxes on the income earned on the Settlement Amount, notice and administration costs, and the attorneys' fees and expenses as determined by the Court. **Class Members should note, however, that these are only estimates.** A Class Member's actual recovery will be a proportion of the Net Settlement Fund determined by that claimant's claims as compared to the total claims of all Class Members who submit acceptable Proofs of Claim. An individual Class Member may receive more or less than this estimated average amount. See Plan of Allocation set forth and discussed at pages 9-12 below for more information on the calculation of your claim.

Statement of Potential Outcome of Case

The Settling Parties disagree on both liability and damages and do not agree on the amount of damages that would be recoverable if the Classes prevailed on each claim alleged. Defendants deny that they are liable to the Classes and deny that the Classes have suffered any damages. The issues on which the parties disagree are many, but include: (1) whether Defendants engaged in conduct that would give rise to any liability to the Classes under the federal securities laws, or any other laws; (2) whether Defendants have valid defenses to any such claims of liability; (3) the appropriate economic model for determining the amount by which the price of SCUSA common stock was allegedly artificially inflated (if at all) during the Class Period; (4) the amount, if any, by which the price of SCUSA common stock was allegedly artificially inflated (if at all) during the Class Period; (5) the effect of various market forces on the price of SCUSA common stock at various times during the Class Period; (6) the extent to which external factors influenced the price of SCUSA common stock at various times during the Class Period; (7) the extent to which the various matters that Lead Plaintiffs alleged were materially false or misleading influenced (if at all) the price of SCUSA common stock at various times during the Class Period; and (8) the extent to which the various allegedly adverse material facts that Lead Plaintiffs alleged were omitted influenced (if at all) the price of SCUSA common stock at various times during the Class Period.

Statement of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Sought

Since the Action's inception, Lead Counsel have expended considerable time and effort in the prosecution of this Action on a wholly contingent basis and have advanced the expenses of the Action in the expectation that if they were successful in obtaining a recovery for the Classes, they would be paid from such recovery. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees not to exceed thirty percent (30%) of the Settlement Amount, plus expenses not to exceed \$1,000,000, plus interest earned on both amounts at the same rate as earned by the Settlement Fund. If the amounts requested are approved by the Court, the average cost per share of SCUSA common stock will be approximately \$0.15. In addition, Lead Plaintiffs may seek payment for their time and expenses incurred in representing the Classes.

Further Information

For further information regarding the Action, this Notice or to review the Stipulation of Settlement, please contact the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-866-795-5069, or visit the website www.SCUSASecuritiesSettlement.com.

You may also contact a representative of counsel for the Classes: Rick Nelson, Shareholder Relations, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101, 1-800-449-4900, www.rgrdlaw.com, or Daniel L. Berger, Director, Grant & Eisenhofer P.A., 485 Lexington Avenue, 29th Floor, New York, NY 10017, 1-646-722-8500, www.gelaw.com.

Please Do Not Call the Court or Defendants with Questions About the Settlement.

Reasons for the Settlement

Lead Plaintiffs' principal reason for entering into the Settlement is that it provides substantial benefits to the Classes now, without further risk or the delays inherent in continued litigation. The cash benefit under the Settlement must be

considered against the significant risk that a smaller recovery—or, indeed, no recovery at all—might be achieved after contested motions, trial, and likely appeals, a process that could last several years into the future. For the Defendants, who have denied and continue to deny all allegations of liability, fault, or wrongdoing whatsoever, the principal reason for entering into the Settlement is to eliminate the uncertainty, risk, costs, and burdens inherent in any litigation, especially in complex cases such as this Action. Defendants have concluded that further conduct of this Action could be protracted and distracting.

BASIC INFORMATION

1. Why did I get this Notice package?

This Notice was sent to you pursuant to an Order of a U.S. District Court because you or someone in your family or an investment account for which you serve as custodian may have purchased or otherwise acquired SCUSA common stock during the period from January 23, 2014, through and including June 12, 2014 (“Class Period”), including purchases or acquisitions in SCUSA’s January 23, 2014 IPO.

This Notice explains the class action lawsuit, the Settlement, Class Members’ legal rights in connection with the Settlement, what benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them.

The Court in charge of the Action is the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, and the case is known as *Deka Investment GmbH v. Santander Consumer USA Holdings Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:15-cv-02129-K. The case has been assigned to the Honorable Ed Kinkeade. The entities representing the Classes are the “Lead Plaintiffs,” and the companies and individuals they sued and with whom they have now settled are called the Defendants.

2. What is this lawsuit about?

This Action was brought on behalf of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired the securities of SCUSA between January 23, 2014 and June 12, 2014, inclusive, including those persons who purchased or otherwise acquired SCUSA common stock in or traceable to SCUSA’s January 23, 2014 IPO, and were damaged thereby.

The initial complaint was filed on August 26, 2014 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and transferred to this Court on June 17, 2015. On September 3, 2015, the Court appointed Lead Plaintiffs and Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP and Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. as Lead Counsel. On October 30, 2015, Lead Plaintiffs filed the First Amended Class Action Complaint (“Complaint”), which alleges that Defendants made false and misleading statements to investors regarding SCUSA’s ability to pay dividends and its comprehensive compliance and risk management practices, which were made in connection with, and subsequent to, SCUSA’s January 23, 2014 IPO.

From the outset of the Action, Defendants have denied all of these allegations and consistently maintained that they never made any statement to the market that was false or misleading, nor did they ever direct anyone to make public statements that were false or misleading. Defendants believed at the time, and still believe, that at all times SCUSA’s public statements were truthful, accurate, and not misleading, and that Lead Plaintiffs cannot prove any element of their claims.

On December 18, 2015, Defendants moved to dismiss the Complaint. Lead Plaintiffs filed their opposition on February 5, 2016, and Defendants filed their replies on March 4, 2016. On June 13, 2016, the Court denied the motions to dismiss. Defendants answered the Complaint on August 5, 2016.

On September 21, 2016, the Court issued its Class Certification Scheduling Order staying all merits discovery while the class certification motion was pending. On December 2, 2016, Lead Plaintiffs moved for class certification, which Defendants opposed on February 17, 2017. Lead Plaintiffs filed their reply on March 31, 2017, and the Court held an evidentiary hearing on Lead Plaintiffs’ motion on May 31, 2017. On July 11, 2017, the Court entered an order reserving ruling on Lead Plaintiffs’ class certification motion and staying the entire case pending the outcome of an appeal of an unrelated case pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Lead Plaintiffs twice filed motions to lift the stay of merits discovery, on January 5, 2018 and July 3, 2018. On October 1, 2018, the Court vacated its prior stay ruling, but ordered that Lead Plaintiffs were not permitted at that stage to proceed with merits discovery. On March 21, 2019, Lead Plaintiffs renewed their motion to proceed with merits discovery. That motion remains before the Court as does Lead Plaintiffs’ motion for class certification.

On December 16, 2016, the Settling Parties other than the Underwriter Defendants attended an in-person mediation before Robert A. Meyer, Esq. of JAMS. In advance of that mediation, the Lead Plaintiffs and the SCUSA Defendants prepared and exchanged detailed mediation memoranda and other materials, which were provided to Mr. Meyer. Although the parties negotiated in good faith, they were unable to reach agreement and litigation continued. On November 14, 2019, the Settling Parties other than the Underwriter Defendants engaged in a second in-person mediation session with Mr. Meyer, and in advance provided him with updates regarding case events since the 2016 mediation. Once again, the Settling Parties were unable to resolve the Action. Negotiations continued, however, through Mr. Meyer, and on April 22, 2020, the Settling Parties agreed to settle the Action for financial consideration in the amount of Forty-Seven Million Dollars (\$47,000,000.00). On April 23, 2020, the Court was notified that an agreement in principle had been reached.

The Stipulation (together with the Exhibits thereto) reflects the final and binding agreement between the Settling Parties.

Defendants deny each and all of the claims and contentions of wrongdoing alleged by Lead Plaintiffs in the Action. Defendants contend that they did not make any materially false or misleading statements, that they disclosed all material information required to be disclosed by the federal securities laws, and that any alleged misstatements or omissions were not made with the requisite intent or knowledge of wrongdoing. Defendants also contend that any losses allegedly suffered by Class Members were not caused by any allegedly false or misleading statements by them and/or were caused by intervening events. Defendants also maintain that they have meritorious defenses to all claims that were raised or could have been raised in the Action.

3. Why is there a settlement?

The Court has not decided in favor of Defendants or of Lead Plaintiffs. Instead, both sides agreed to the Settlement to avoid the distraction, costs, and risks of further litigation, and Lead Plaintiffs agreed to the Settlement in order to ensure that Class Members will receive compensation.

WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT

4. How do I know if I am a Class Member?

The Court directed that everyone who fits this description is a Class Member.

- all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired SCUSA common stock in or traceable to SCUSA's January 23, 2014 IPO and were damaged thereby (the "1933 Act Class"); and
- all persons and entities who, between January 23, 2014 and June 12, 2014, inclusive, purchased or otherwise acquired SCUSA common stock, and were damaged thereby (the "1934 Act Class").

The 1933 Act Class and the 1934 Act Class are referred to as the "Classes."

Excluded from the Classes are: (i) Defendants; (ii) the present or former executive officers of SCUSA and their immediate family members (as defined in 17 C.F.R. §229.404 (Instructions (1)(a)(iii) and (i)(b)(ii)); and (iii) Santander Holdings USA, Inc. ("SHUSA") and the other selling stockholders identified in the Offering Documents and their immediate family members (as defined in 17 C.F.R. §229.404 (Instructions (1)(a)(iii) and (i)(b)(ii)). For the avoidance of doubt, this exclusion does not extend to any investment company, pooled investment fund, or separately managed account (including, but not limited to, mutual fund families, exchange-traded funds, fund of funds, private equity funds, real estate funds, hedge funds, and employee benefit plans) in which any Underwriter Defendant or any of its affiliates has or may have a direct or indirect interest, or as to which any Underwriter Defendant or any of its affiliates may serve as a fiduciary or act as an investment advisor, general partner, managing member, or in any other similar capacity (other than where the Underwriter Defendant or any of its affiliates is a majority owner or holds a majority beneficial interest and only to the extent of such Underwriter Defendant's or its affiliates' ownership or interest); provided, however, that membership in the Classes by such entity is limited to transactions in SCUSA common stock made on behalf of, or for the benefit of Persons other than Persons that are specifically excluded from the Classes by definition. Also excluded from the Classes are those Persons who timely and validly exclude themselves therefrom by submitting a request for exclusion in accordance with the requirements set forth in question 11 below.

Please Note: Receipt of this Notice does not mean that you are a Class Member or that you will be entitled to receive a payment from the Settlement. If you are a Class Member and you wish to be eligible to participate in the distribution of proceeds from the Settlement, you are required to submit the Proof of Claim that is being distributed with this Notice and the required supporting documentation as set forth therein postmarked or submitted online on or before January 4, 2021.

5. What if I am still not sure if I am included?

If you are still not sure whether you are included, you can ask for free help. You can contact the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-866-795-5069, or you can fill out and return the Proof of Claim form enclosed with this Notice package, to see if you qualify.

THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS—WHAT YOU GET

6. What does the Settlement provide?

The Settlement provides that, in exchange for the release of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims (defined below) and dismissal of the Action, SCUSA has agreed to pay (or cause to be paid) \$47 million in cash to be distributed after taxes, tax expenses, notice and claims administration expenses, and additional Court-approved fees and expenses, *pro rata*, to Class Members who send in a valid Proof of Claim form pursuant to the Court-approved Plan of Allocation. The Plan of Allocation is described in more detail at the end of this Notice.

7. How much will my payment be?

Your share of the Net Settlement Fund will depend on several things, including the total amount of claims represented by the valid Proof of Claim forms that Class Members send in, compared to the amount of your claim, all as calculated under the Plan of Allocation discussed below.

HOW YOU GET A PAYMENT—SUBMITTING A CLAIM FORM**8. How can I get a payment?**

To be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement, you must submit a Proof of Claim form. A Proof of Claim form is enclosed with this Notice or it may be downloaded at www.SCUSASecuritiesSettlement.com. Read the instructions carefully, fill out the Proof of Claim, include all the documents the form asks for, sign it, and **mail or submit it online so that it is postmarked or received no later than January 4, 2021**. The Proof of Claim form may be submitted online at www.SCUSASecuritiesSettlement.com.

9. When would I get my payment?

The Court will hold a Settlement Hearing on January 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., to decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, there might be appeals. It is always uncertain whether appeals can be resolved, and if so, how long it would take to resolve them. It also takes time for all the Proofs of Claim to be processed. Please be patient.

10. What am I giving up to get a payment or to stay in the Classes?

Unless you timely and validly exclude yourself, you are staying in the Classes, and that means you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants or the Released Parties about the Released Plaintiffs' Claims (as defined below) in this case. It also means that all of the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you. If you remain a Class Member, and if the Settlement is approved, you will give up all "Released Plaintiffs' Claims" (as defined below), including "Unknown Claims" (as defined below), against the "Released Parties" (as defined below):

- "Released Plaintiffs' Claims" means any and all claims, causes of action, complaints, third-party claims, cross-claims, counterclaims, demands, liabilities, obligations, promises, agreements, controversies, actions, suits, rights, damages, costs, losses, debts, charges, and expenses (including attorneys' fees, expert fees, and disbursements of counsel and other professionals) of any and every nature and description whatsoever whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, foreseen or unforeseen, ripened or unripened, accrued or unaccrued, matured or not matured, whether arising under federal, state, local, common, foreign law, or any other law, rule, or regulation (whether foreign or domestic), whether arising in equity or under the law of contract, tort, malpractice, statutory breach, or any other legal right or duty, whether direct, individual, representative, or in any other capacity, whether class or individual in nature, and to the fullest extent that the law permits their release in the Action, that Lead Plaintiffs or any other member of the Classes: (i) asserted in the Action, the Complaint, the Initial Complaint, or any other pleadings or briefs filed in the Action; or (ii) ever could have asserted in any forum that arise out of, relate to, are connected with, or are in any way based upon or related to both (a) the purchase, acquisition or holding of SCUSA common stock in or pursuant to SCUSA's January 23, 2014 initial public offering and/or during the Class Period, and (b) the allegations, transactions, facts, matters, occurrences, representations, or omissions involved, set forth, or referred to in the Complaint, the Initial Complaint, or any other pleadings or briefs filed by any party in the Action, except for claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement. "Released Plaintiffs' Claims" includes "Unknown Claims" as defined below. For the avoidance of doubt, "Released Plaintiffs' Claims" does not include any derivative claims, including, but not limited to, the derivative claims asserted in the action entitled *In re Santander Consumer USA Holdings, Inc. Derivative Litig.*, Consol. C.A. No. 11614-VCG (Del. Ch.).
- "Released Defendants' Claims" means any and all claims and causes of action of every nature and description whatsoever, whether known or unknown, whether arising under federal, state, common, or foreign law that arise out of or are based upon or related to the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of the Action or the Released Plaintiffs' Claims, except for claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement. "Released Defendants' Claims" includes "Unknown Claims" as defined below.
- "Released Parties" means Defendants and each of their past or present parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, partners, insurers, co-insurers, reinsurers, principals, controlling shareholders, members, attorneys, underwriters, investment bankers, personal or legal representatives, agents, predecessors, successors, divisions, joint ventures, assigns, assignees, spouses, heirs, estates, related or affiliated entities, accountants, auditors, consultants, advisors (including financial or investment advisors), the Individual Defendants' immediate family members, and any person, firm, trust, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, officer, director, or other individual or entity in which Defendants or their past or present predecessors, successors, parents, affiliates, and subsidiaries have or had a

controlling interest or which has or had a controlling interest in SCUSA or its past or present predecessors, successors, parents, affiliates, and subsidiaries.

- “Unknown Claims” means, collectively, any and all Released Plaintiffs’ Claims, of every nature and description, that any Plaintiff or any other Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the Effective Date, and any Released Defendants’ Claims, of every nature and description, that any Defendant does not know or suspect to exist in his or its favor at the time of the Effective Date, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her or its settlement with and release of the Released Parties, or might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement, including whether not to object to or opt out of this Settlement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of the other Class Members shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment shall have waived, the provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil Code §1542, which provides, in relevant part:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

Upon the Effective Date, Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants shall expressly waive and each of the other Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have expressly, waived any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542. Lead Plaintiffs and the other Class Members may hereafter discover facts, legal theories, or authorities in addition to or different from those which he, she, or it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Plaintiffs’ Claims, but, upon the Effective Date, Lead Plaintiffs shall expressly, and each other Class Member, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released any and all Released Plaintiffs’ Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist or may have existed based on any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct that is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law, or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities. Defendants may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Defendants’ Claims, but, upon the Effective Date, Defendants shall expressly, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever settled and released any and all Released Defendants’ Claims without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants acknowledge, and the other Class Members shall be deemed by operation of the Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and an essential term of the Settlement of which this release is a part.

EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE CLASSES

If you do not want to participate in this Settlement, and you want to keep the right to potentially sue the Defendants and/or the other Released Parties, on your own, about the claims being released by the Settlement, then you must take steps to remove yourself from the Settlement. This is called excluding yourself—or is sometimes referred to as “opting out.” If you are requesting exclusion because you want to bring your own lawsuit based on the matters alleged in this Action, you may want to consult an attorney and discuss whether any individual claim that you may wish to pursue would be time-barred by the applicable statutes of limitation or repose.

11. How do I get out of the Classes and the proposed Settlement?

To exclude yourself from the Classes and the Settlement, you must send a letter by First-Class Mail stating that you “request exclusion from the Class(es) in the *SCUSA Securities Settlement*.” Your letter must include your purchases, acquisitions and sales of SCUSA common stock during the Class Period, including the dates, the amount of SCUSA common stock purchased, acquired or sold, and price paid or received for each such purchase, acquisition, or sale. In addition, you must include your name, address, telephone number, and your signature. You must submit your exclusion request so that it is **postmarked no later than December 22, 2020** to:

SCUSA Securities Settlement
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
EXCLUSIONS
150 Royall Street, Suite 101
Canton, MA 02021

If you ask to be excluded, you will not get any payment from the Settlement, and you cannot object to the Settlement. You will not be legally bound by anything that happens in this lawsuit, and you may be able to sue the Defendants and/or the other Released Parties about the Released Plaintiffs' Claims in the future.

12. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue the Defendants and the other Released Parties for the same conduct later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any rights you may potentially have to sue the Defendants and/or the other Released Parties for any and all Released Plaintiffs' Claims. If you have a pending lawsuit against the Released Parties, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately. You must exclude yourself from the Classes in this Action to continue your own lawsuit. Remember, the exclusion deadline is **December 22, 2020**.

13. If I exclude myself, can I get money from the proposed Settlement?

No. If you exclude yourself, you should not send in a Proof of Claim to ask for any money. But you may have the right to potentially sue or be part of a different lawsuit against the Defendants and the other Released Parties.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

14. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The Court ordered that the law firms of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP and Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. represent the Class Members, including you. These lawyers are called Lead Counsel. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

15. How will the lawyers be paid?

Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees not to exceed thirty percent (30%) of the Settlement Amount and for expenses, costs and charges in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in connection with the Action, plus interest on such fees and expenses at the same rate as earned by the Settlement Fund. In addition, Lead Plaintiffs may seek up to \$100,000 in the aggregate for their time and expenses incurred in representing the Classes. Such sums will be paid from the Settlement Fund if they are approved by the Court.

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

You can tell the Court that you do not agree with the Settlement or any part of it.

16. How do I tell the Court that I object to the proposed Settlement?

If you are a Class Member, you can comment on or object to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's fee and expense application. You can write to the Court setting out your comment or objection. The Court will consider your views. To comment or object, you must send a signed letter saying that you wish to comment on or object to the proposed Settlement in the *SCUSA Securities Settlement*. Include your name, address, telephone number, and your signature, state whether you will be represented by counsel, and, if so, the name, address, and telephone number of your counsel, identify the date(s), price(s), and number of shares of SCUSA common stock you purchased, acquired, and sold during the Class Period, and state with specificity your comments or the reasons why you object to the proposed Settlement, Plan of Allocation, and/or fee and expense application, including any legal and evidentiary support for such objection. Any objection must state whether it applies only to the objector, to a specific subset of the Classes, or to the Classes as a whole. You must also include copies of documents demonstrating your purchase(s), acquisition(s), and/or sale(s). You must also identify all settlements over the past five (5) years to which you or your counsel have filed objections. Your comments or objection must be filed with the Court and mailed or delivered to each of the following addresses such that it is **received no later than December 22, 2020**:

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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17. What is the difference between objecting and excluding?

Objecting is simply telling the Court that you do not like something about the Settlement. You can object **only** if you stay in your Class(es).

Excluding yourself is telling the Court that you do not want to be paid and do not want to release any claims you think you may have against Defendants and/or the Released Parties. If you exclude yourself, you cannot object to the Settlement because it does not affect you.

THE COURT'S SETTLEMENT HEARING

The Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement. You may attend and you may ask to speak, but you do not have to.

18. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement?

The Court will hold a hearing at **10:00 a.m., on January 12, 2021**, in the Courtroom of the Honorable Ed Kinkeade, at the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Earle Cabell Federal Building, 1100 Commerce Street, Room 1625, Dallas, TX 75242 (the "Settlement Hearing"). At the hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement and the Plan of Allocation are fair, reasonable, and adequate. If there are objections, the Court will consider them, even if you do not ask to speak at the hearing. The Court will listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. The Court may also decide how much to pay to Lead Counsel and Lead Plaintiffs. After the Settlement Hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement and the Plan of Allocation. We do not know how long these decisions will take. You should be aware that the Court may change the date and time of the Settlement Hearing without another notice being sent to Class Members.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is a fluid situation that creates the possibility that the Court may decide to conduct the Settlement Hearing by video, telephone conference, or otherwise allow Class Members to appear at the hearing by telephone without further written notice to the Classes. In order to determine whether the date and time of the Settlement Hearing have changed, or whether Class Members must or may participate by phone or video, it is important that you monitor the Settlement website, www.SCUSASecuritiesSettlement.com or the Court's docket, before making any plans to attend the Settlement Hearing. Any updates regarding the Settlement Hearing, including any changes to the date or time of the hearing or updates regarding in-person or telephonic appearances at the hearing, will be posted to the Settlement website, www.SCUSASecuritiesSettlement.com. Also, if the Court requires or allows Class Members to participate in the Settlement Hearing by telephone, the phone number for accessing the telephonic conference will be posted to the Settlement website. You will not receive another notice such as this one regarding such changes; they will only be posted to the Settlement website.

19. Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Lead Counsel will answer questions the Court may have. But, you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it is not necessary. Class Members do not need to appear at the hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

20. May I speak at the hearing?

If you object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the fee and expense application, you may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Settlement Hearing. To do so, you must include with your objection (see question 16 above) a statement saying that it is your "Notice of Intention to Appear in the *SCUSA Securities Settlement*." Persons who intend to object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or any attorneys' fees and expenses to be awarded to Lead Counsel or Lead Plaintiffs and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing must include in their written objections the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Hearing. Your notice of intention to appear must be **received no later than December 22, 2020**, and addressed to the Clerk of Court, Lead Counsel, and Defendants' counsel, at the addresses listed above in question 16.

You cannot speak at the hearing if you exclude yourself from the Classes.

21. What happens if I do nothing?

If you do nothing, you will not receive any money from this Settlement. In addition, unless you exclude yourself, you will not be able to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants and/or the Released Parties about the Released Plaintiffs' Claims in this case.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

22. How do I get more information?

For even more detailed information concerning the matters involved in this Action, you can obtain answers to common questions regarding the proposed Settlement by contacting the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-866-795-5069. Reference is also made to the Settlement Agreement, to the pleadings in support of the Settlement, to the Orders entered by the Court and to the other settlement-related papers filed in the Action, which are posted on the Settlement website at www.SCUSASecuritiesSettlement.com, and which may be inspected at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, during regular business hours. For a fee, all papers filed in this Action are available at www.pacer.gov.

PLAN OF ALLOCATION OF NET SETTLEMENT FUND AMONG CLASS MEMBERS

The Settlement Amount of \$47 million and any interest earned thereon is the "Settlement Fund." The Settlement Fund, less all taxes, tax expenses, notice and claims administration expenses, and approved fees and expenses (the "Net Settlement Fund") shall be distributed to Class Members who submit timely and valid Proof of Claim forms to the Claims Administrator ("Authorized Claimants"). The Plan of Allocation provides that you will be eligible to participate in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund only if you have an overall net loss on all of your transactions in SCUSA common stock during the Class Period.

The objective of the Plan of Allocation is to equitably distribute the Net Settlement Fund among Class Members based on their respective alleged economic losses resulting from the alleged securities law violations in the Action.

The Claims Administrator shall determine each Class Member's share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon the recognized loss formula (the "Recognized Loss") described below. A Recognized Loss will be calculated for each share of SCUSA common stock purchased or otherwise acquired in the initial public offering (the "IPO") or during the Class Period. The calculation of a Recognized Loss will depend upon several factors, including when the SCUSA common stock was purchased or otherwise acquired and in what amounts, whether they were ever sold, and, if so, when they were sold and for what amounts. The Recognized Loss is not intended to estimate the amount a Class Member might have been able to recover after a trial, nor to estimate the amount that will be paid to the Class Member pursuant to the Settlement. The Recognized Loss is the basis upon which the Net Settlement Fund will be proportionately allocated to Class Members.

Your share of the Net Settlement Fund will depend on the number of valid Proofs of Claim that Class Members send in and how many shares of SCUSA common stock you purchased or otherwise acquired in the IPO or during the Class Period, and whether you sold any of those shares and when you sold them.

The calculation of claims below is not an estimate of the amount you will receive. It is a formula for allocating the Net Settlement Fund among all Authorized Claimants. Furthermore, if any of the formulas set forth below yield an amount less than \$0.00, the claim per share is \$0.00.

CALCULATION OF RECOGNIZED LOSS AMOUNTS

1. For each purchase or acquisition of SCUSA common stock that is properly documented, a "Recognized Loss Amount" will be calculated according to the formulas described below. Such "Recognized Loss Amounts" will be aggregated across all purchases to determine the "Recognized Claim" for each Class Member. To the extent a Class Member has a Recognized Loss Amount under the 1934 Act and the 1933 Act resulting from the same purchase or acquisition of SCUSA common stock, the Recognized Loss Amount will be the greater of the 1934 Act Recognized Loss Amount and the 1933 Act Recognized Loss Amount.

2. The calculations made pursuant to the Plan of Allocation are not intended to be estimates of, nor indicative of, the amounts that Class Members might have been able to recover after a trial. Nor are the calculations pursuant to the Plan of Allocation intended to be estimates of the amounts that will be paid to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Settlement. The computations under the Plan of Allocation are only a method to weigh the claims of claimants against one another for the purposes of making *pro rata* allocations of the Net Settlement Fund.

1934 ACT CLAIMS RECOGNIZED LOSS AMOUNTS

3. For the 1934 Act claims, the Plan of Allocation was developed based on the alleged inflation per share shown below, as well as the statutory 90-day look-back amount of \$19.08.³ A 1934 Act Recognized Loss Amount is calculated for each Class Member who purchased SCUSA common stock during the Class Period based on when that claimant purchased and sold shares, or retained shares beyond the end of the Class Period.

4. Based on the formulas presented below, a “1934 Act Recognized Loss Amount” will be calculated for each purchase or acquisition of SCUSA common stock during the Class Period that is listed on the Proof of Claim and for which adequate documentation is provided. If a Recognized Loss Amount calculates to a negative number or zero under the formula below, that Recognized Loss Amount will be zero.

Alleged Inflation Period	Alleged Inflation per Share
January 23, 2014 – May 28, 2014	\$2.77
May 29, 2014 – June 10, 2014	\$1.70
June 11, 2014 – Present	\$0.00

5. For shares of SCUSA common stock purchased or acquired on or between January 23, 2014 through and including June 10, 2014, the recognized loss per share shall be as follows:

- (a) If sold prior to May 29, 2014, the recognized loss per share is \$0.00.
- (b) If sold from May 29, 2014 through June 10, 2014, the recognized loss per share shall be the lesser of: (i) the alleged inflation per share at the time of purchase minus the alleged inflation per share at the time of sale; and (ii) the difference between the purchase price and the selling price.
- (c) If sold from June 11, 2014 through September 8, 2014, the recognized loss per share shall be the least of: (i) the alleged inflation per share at the time of purchase; (ii) the difference between the purchase price and the selling price; and (iii) the difference between the purchase price and the average closing price between June 11, 2014 and the date of sale as set forth in Table-1 below.
- (d) If retained at the close of trading on September 8, 2014, the recognized loss per share shall be the lesser of: (i) the alleged inflation per share at the time of purchase; and (ii) the difference between the purchase price and \$19.08.

TABLE – 1**SCUSA COMMON STOCK AVERAGE CLOSING PRICES
JUNE 11, 2014 – SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

Date	Price	Average Closing Price	Date	Price	Average Closing Price
6/11/2014	\$19.25	\$19.25	7/10/2014	\$19.53	\$19.31
6/12/2014	\$18.99	\$19.12	7/11/2014	\$19.37	\$19.31
6/13/2014	\$18.76	\$19.00	7/14/2014	\$19.36	\$19.32
6/16/2014	\$18.92	\$18.98	7/15/2014	\$19.65	\$19.33
6/17/2014	\$18.86	\$18.96	7/16/2014	\$20.12	\$19.36
6/18/2014	\$19.13	\$18.99	7/17/2014	\$19.83	\$19.38
6/19/2014	\$19.36	\$19.04	7/18/2014	\$19.85	\$19.40
6/20/2014	\$19.55	\$19.10	7/21/2014	\$19.81	\$19.41
6/23/2014	\$19.37	\$19.13	7/22/2014	\$19.94	\$19.43
6/24/2014	\$19.09	\$19.13	7/23/2014	\$20.00	\$19.45
6/25/2014	\$19.30	\$19.14	7/24/2014	\$19.95	\$19.47
6/26/2014	\$19.44	\$19.17	7/25/2014	\$19.87	\$19.48
6/27/2014	\$19.60	\$19.20	7/28/2014	\$19.84	\$19.49
6/30/2014	\$19.44	\$19.22	7/29/2014	\$19.55	\$19.49
7/1/2014	\$19.76	\$19.25	7/30/2014	\$19.65	\$19.50
7/2/2014	\$19.70	\$19.28	7/31/2014	\$19.17	\$19.49
7/3/2014	\$19.73	\$19.31	8/1/2014	\$19.10	\$19.48
7/7/2014	\$19.47	\$19.32	8/4/2014	\$18.84	\$19.46
7/8/2014	\$19.04	\$19.30	8/5/2014	\$17.98	\$19.42
7/9/2014	\$19.25	\$19.30	8/6/2014	\$18.03	\$19.39

³ Under §21(D)(e)(1) of the 1934 Act, “in any private action arising under this Act in which the plaintiff seeks to establish damages by reference to the market price of a security, the award of damages to the plaintiff shall not exceed the difference between the purchase or sale price paid or received, as appropriate, by the plaintiff for the subject security and the mean trading price of that security during the 90-day period beginning on the date on which the information correcting the misstatement or omission that is the basis for the action is disseminated to the market.” As set forth herein, 1934 Act Recognized Loss Amounts for SCUSA common stock are reduced to an appropriate extent by taking into account the closing prices of SCUSA common stock during the 90-day look-back period. The mean (average) closing price for SCUSA common stock during this 90-day look-back period was \$19.08 per share as shown in Table-1.

Date	Price	Average Closing Price	Date	Price	Average Closing Price
8/7/2014	\$18.23	\$19.36	8/22/2014	\$18.74	\$19.10
8/8/2014	\$17.95	\$19.32	8/25/2014	\$18.86	\$19.10
8/11/2014	\$17.89	\$19.29	8/26/2014	\$18.81	\$19.09
8/12/2014	\$17.96	\$19.26	8/27/2014	\$18.77	\$19.09
8/13/2014	\$17.99	\$19.23	8/28/2014	\$18.79	\$19.08
8/14/2014	\$17.60	\$19.20	8/29/2014	\$18.62	\$19.07
8/15/2014	\$17.94	\$19.17	9/2/2014	\$19.36	\$19.08
8/18/2014	\$17.96	\$19.15	9/3/2014	\$18.99	\$19.08
8/19/2014	\$18.15	\$19.12	9/4/2014	\$19.00	\$19.08
8/20/2014	\$18.73	\$19.12	9/5/2014	\$19.11	\$19.08
8/21/2014	\$18.76	\$19.11	9/8/2014	\$19.46	\$19.08

1933 ACT CLAIMS RECOGNIZED LOSS AMOUNTS

6. 1933 Act claims were asserted with respect to SCUSA common stock purchased or otherwise acquired in the IPO. The 1933 Act claims asserted in the Action serve as the basis for the calculation of 1933 Act Recognized Loss Amounts. For purposes of the calculations, August 26, 2014 is the date of suit, and is the proxy for the date of judgment.

7. Based on the formulas stated below, a “1933 Act Recognized Loss Amount” will be calculated for each purchase/acquisition of SCUSA common stock in the IPO. If a 1933 Act Recognized Loss Amount calculates to a negative number or zero under the formula below, that number will be zero.

8. A 1933 Act Recognized Loss Amount will be calculated as set forth below for each purchase or other acquisition of a security pursuant to the IPO. The calculation of a 1933 Act Recognized Loss Amount will depend upon several factors, including whether the security was sold, and if so, when they were sold, and for what amounts. The “value” of a security on the date on which a complaint was first filed alleging claims under §11 of the 1933 Act is relevant for purposes of calculating damages for securities still held as of that date. Thus, “value” is measured by the closing price on August 26, 2014, which is the date the complaint was filed. Consequently, in order to fairly allocate the Net Settlement Fund, for the securities that are the subject of claims under §11, the August 26, 2014 closing price shall be utilized in measuring the “value” of the securities.

Claims for the IPO

Offering Price: \$24.00 per share

Closing price on the date the lawsuit was filed:⁴ \$18.81 per share

For shares of SCUSA common stock purchased or acquired in the Company’s IPO, and

- a) sold on or before August 25, 2014, the recognized loss per share is the lesser of: (i) the purchase price per share (not to exceed \$24.00) minus the sale price; and (ii) the alleged inflation per share at the time of purchase minus the alleged inflation per share at the time of sale;
- b) retained at the close of trading on August 25, 2014, the recognized loss per share is the lesser of: (i) the purchase price per share (not to exceed \$24.00) minus \$18.81; and (ii) the alleged inflation per share at the time of purchase.

The Recognized Claims of claimants with both 1933 Act Recognized Losses and 1934 Act Recognized Losses in connection with their purchases or acquisitions of SCUSA common stock during the Class Period will be valued at the larger of their 1933 Act Recognized Loss Amounts or their 1934 Act Recognized Loss Amounts.

For Class Members who made multiple purchases, acquisitions, or sales during the Class Period, the First-In, First-Out (“FIFO”) method will be applied to such holdings, purchases, acquisitions, and sales for purposes of calculating a claim. Under the FIFO method, sales of SCUSA common stock during the Class Period will be matched, in chronological order, first against the earliest purchase/acquisition of common stock and then, in chronological order against common stock purchased or acquired during the Class Period.

A Class Member will be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund only if a Class Member had a net overall loss, after all profits from transactions in all SCUSA common stock described above during the Class Period are subtracted from all losses. No distributions will be made to Authorized Claimants who would otherwise receive a distribution of less than \$10.00.

A purchase, acquisition, or sale of SCUSA common stock shall be deemed to have occurred on the “contract” or “trade” date as opposed to the “settlement” or “payment” date. All purchase, acquisition, and sale prices shall exclude any fees and commissions. The receipt or grant by gift, devise, or operation of law of SCUSA common stock during the Class Period shall not be deemed a purchase, acquisition, or sale of SCUSA common stock for the calculation of a claimant’s

⁴ Class Action Complaint filed on August 26, 2014.

recognized claim nor shall it be deemed an assignment of any claim relating to the purchase or acquisition of such shares unless specifically provided in the instrument of gift or assignment. The receipt of SCUSA common stock during the Class Period in exchange for securities of any other corporation or entity shall not be deemed a purchase, acquisition, or sale of SCUSA common stock.

With respect to SCUSA common stock purchased or sold through the exercise of an option, the purchase/sale of the shares is the exercise date of the option and the purchase/sale price of the share is the exercise price of the option. Any recognized claim arising from the purchase of SCUSA acquired during the Class Period through the exercise of an option on SCUSA common stock shall be computed as provided for other purchases of SCUSA common stock in the Plan of Allocation.

Distributions will be made to Authorized Claimants after all claims have been processed, after the Court has finally approved the Settlement, and after any appeals are resolved. If there is any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund after at least six (6) months from the initial date of distribution of the Net Settlement Fund (whether by reason of tax refunds, uncashed checks, or otherwise), the Claims Administrator shall, if feasible, reallocate such balance among Authorized Claimants in an equitable and economic fashion. These redistributions shall be repeated until the balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund is no longer economically feasible to distribute to Class Members. Thereafter, any balance that still remains in the Net Settlement Fund shall be donated to any appropriate non-sectarian, non-profit charitable organization(s) serving the public interest.

Please contact the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel if you disagree with any determinations made by the Claims Administrator regarding your Proof of Claim. If you are dissatisfied with the determinations, you may ask the Court, which retains jurisdiction over all Class Members and the claims administration process, to decide the issue by submitting a written request.

The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust the claim of any Class Member on equitable grounds.

Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation set forth above shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. Defendants, their respective counsel, and all other Released Parties will have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for the investment of the Settlement Fund, the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Plan of Allocation, or the payment of any claim. No Person shall have any claim against Lead Plaintiffs, Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator, or other Person designated by Lead Counsel, Defendants, or Defendants' counsel based on distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation and the Settlement contained therein, the Plan of Allocation, or further orders of the Court. All Class Members who fail to complete and submit a valid and timely Proof of Claim shall be barred from participating in distributions from the Net Settlement Fund (unless otherwise ordered by the Court), but otherwise shall be bound by all of the terms of the Stipulation, including the terms of any judgment entered and the releases given.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ACTIVE SECURITIES BROKERS AND OTHER NOMINEES

If you purchased or acquired SCUSA common stock during the Class Period for the beneficial interest of an individual or organization other than yourself, the Court has directed that, WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, you either (a) provide to the Claims Administrator the name and last known address of each person or organization for whom or which you purchased or acquired such securities during such time period, or (b) request additional copies of this Notice and the Proof of Claim form, which will be provided to you free of charge, and within seven (7) days mail the Notice and Proof of Claim form directly to the beneficial owners of the securities referred to herein. If you choose to follow alternative procedure (b), upon such mailing, you must send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made as directed and retain the names and addresses for any future mailings to Class Members. You are entitled to reimbursement from the Settlement Fund of your reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with the foregoing, including reimbursement of postage expense and the cost of ascertaining the names and addresses of beneficial owners. Your reasonable expenses will be paid upon request and submission of appropriate supporting documentation. All communications concerning the foregoing should be addressed to the Claims Administrator at notifications@gilardi.com or:

SCUSA Securities Settlement
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 43380
Providence, RI 02940-3380

DATED: August 13, 2020

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES: Certain claimants with large numbers of transactions may request to, or may be requested to, submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files. All such claimants MUST also submit a manually signed paper Proof of Claim and Release form listing all their transactions whether or not they also submit electronic copies. If you wish to submit your claim electronically, you must contact the Claims Administrator at edata@gilardi.com to obtain the required file layout. No electronic files will be considered to have been properly submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues to the claimant a written acknowledgement of receipt and acceptance of electronically submitted data.

III. CLAIM FORM

Use Part II of this form entitled "Schedule of Transactions in SCUSA common stock" to supply all required details of your transaction(s) in SCUSA common stock. If you need more space or additional schedules, attach separate sheets giving all of the required information in substantially the same form. Sign and print or type your name on each additional sheet.

On the schedules, provide all of the requested information with respect to **all** of your purchases or acquisitions and **all** of your sales of SCUSA common stock between January 23, 2014 and September 8, 2014, inclusive, whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. You must also provide all of the requested information with respect to **all** of the SCUSA common stock you held at the close of trading on June 12, 2014 and September 8, 2014. Failure to report all such transactions may result in the rejection of your claim.

List these transactions separately and in chronological order, by trade date, beginning with the earliest. You must accurately provide the month, day, and year of each transaction you list.

Copies of stockbroker confirmation slips, stockbroker statements, or other documents evidencing your transactions in SCUSA common stock should be attached to your claim. If any such documents are not in your possession, please obtain a copy or equivalent documents from your broker because these documents are necessary to prove and process your claim. Failure to provide this documentation could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of your claim.

Must Be Postmarked (if Mailed)
or Received (if Submitted Online)
No Later Than January 4, 2021

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

*Deka Investment GmbH v. Santander Consumer
USA Holdings Inc., et al.*

Civil Action No. 3:15-cv-02129-K

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PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE

Please Type or Print in the Boxes Below

Do NOT use Red Ink, Pencil, or Staples

PART I: CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

Last Name	M.I.	First Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Last Name (Co-Beneficial Owner)	M.I.	First Name (Co-Beneficial Owner)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

IRA
 Joint Tenancy
 Employee
 Individual
 Other

Company Name (Beneficial Owner—If Claimant is not an Individual) or Custodian Name if an IRA (specify)

Trustee/Asset Manager/Nominee/Record Owner's Name (If Different from Beneficial Owner Listed Above)

Account#/Fund# (Not Necessary for Individual Filers)

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number	or	Taxpayer Identification Number
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>

Telephone Number (Primary Daytime)	Telephone Number (Alternate)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Email Address

MAILING INFORMATION

Address

Address

City	State	ZIP Code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Foreign Province	Foreign Postal Code	Foreign Country Name/Abbreviation
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

FOR CLAIMS PROCESSING ONLY	OB <input type="text"/>	CB <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> ATP <input type="radio"/> KE <input type="radio"/> ICI	<input type="radio"/> BE <input type="radio"/> DR <input type="radio"/> EM	<input type="radio"/> FL <input type="radio"/> ME <input type="radio"/> ND	<input type="radio"/> OP <input type="radio"/> RE <input type="radio"/> SH	MM / DD / YYYY	FOR CLAIMS PROCESSING ONLY
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A. Purchases or acquisitions of SCUSA common stock between January 23, 2014 and September 8, 2014, inclusive:

PURCHASES								Total Purchase or Acquisition Price (Excluding Commissions, Taxes and Fees). Please round off to the nearest whole dollar	Proof of Purchase Enclosed?							
Trade Date(s) of Shares (List Chronologically)				Number of Shares Purchased or Acquired												
M	M	D	D	Y	Y	Y	Y									
1.		/		/				\$							<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N
2.		/		/				\$							<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N
3.		/		/				\$							<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N
4.		/		/				\$							<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N
5.		/		/				\$							<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N

IMPORTANT: (i) If any purchase listed covered a "short sale," please mark Yes: Yes

(ii) If you received shares through an acquisition or merger, please identify the date, the share amount and the company acquired:

M	M	D	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Merger Shares:	Company:
		/		/					

B. Sales of SCUSA common stock between January 23, 2014 and September 8, 2014, inclusive:

SALES								Total Sales Price (Excluding Commissions, Taxes and Fees). Please round off to the nearest whole dollar	Proof of Sales Enclosed?							
Trade Date(s) of Shares (List Chronologically)				Number of Shares Sold												
M	M	D	D	Y	Y	Y	Y									
1.		/		/				\$							<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N
2.		/		/				\$							<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N
3.		/		/				\$							<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N
4.		/		/				\$							<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N
5.		/		/				\$							<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N

C. Number of shares of SCUSA common stock held at the close of trading on June 12, 2014:		Proof Enclosed?
		<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N

D. Number of shares of SCUSA common stock held at the close of trading on September 8, 2014:		Proof Enclosed?
		<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N

If you require additional space, attach extra schedules in the same format as above.
 Sign and print your name on each additional page.

YOUR SIGNATURE ON PAGE 5 WILL CONSTITUTE YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE RELEASE.



IV. SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I (We) submit this Proof of Claim and Release under the terms of the Settlement Agreement described in the Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas with respect to my (our) claim as a Class Member and for purposes of enforcing the release set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I am (we are) bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment that may be entered in the Action. I (We) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim if requested to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim in connection with the purchase or acquisition of SCUSA common stock and know of no other person having done so on my (our) behalf.

V. RELEASE

1. I (We) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally and forever settle, release and discharge the Released Plaintiffs' Claims (as defined in the Notice) from each and all of the Released Parties (as defined in the Notice) as provided under the Settlement Agreement.

2. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have not assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any matter released pursuant to this release or any other part or portion thereof.

3. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included information about all of my (our) purchases, acquisitions, and sales of SCUSA common stock between January 23, 2014 and September 8, 2014, inclusive, and the number of shares of SCUSA common stock held by me (us) at the close of trading on June 12, 2014 and September 8, 2014.

I (We) declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing information supplied by the undersigned is true and correct.

Executed this _____ day of _____ in _____
 (Month/Year) (City/State/Country)

 (Sign your name here)

 (Sign your name here)

 (Type or print your name here)

 (Type or print your name here)

 (Capacity of person(s) signing, e.g.,
 Beneficial Purchaser or Acquirer, Executor or Administrator)

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 Beneficial Purchaser or Acquirer, Executor or Administrator)

**ACCURATE CLAIMS PROCESSING TAKES A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME.
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.**

Reminder Checklist:

1. Please sign the above release and acknowledgment.
2. If this claim is being made on behalf of Joint Claimants, then both must sign.
3. Remember to attach copies of supporting documentation, if available.
4. **Do not send** originals of certificates or other documentation as they will not be returned.
5. Keep a copy of your Proof of Claim and Release and all supporting documentation for your records.
6. If you desire an acknowledgment of receipt of your Proof of Claim and Release please send it Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.
7. If you move, please send your new address to the address below.
8. **Do not use highlighter** on the Proof of Claim and Release or supporting documentation.

**THIS PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE OR MAILED,
 NO LATER THAN JANUARY 4, 2021, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:**

SCUSA Securities Settlement
 Claims Administrator
 c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
 P.O. Box 43380
 Providence, RI 02940-3380

Online submissions: www.SCUSASecuritiesSettlement.com



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EXHIBIT B



1 McInnis Parkway
San Rafael, CA 94903
P: (415) 458-3015

September 3, 2020

«FirstName» «LastName»
«Company»
«Addr1»
«Addr2»
South Bend, IN 46601
«FCountry»

Re: SCUSA Securities Settlement

Dear «GENDER» «LastName»:

Please find enclosed the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action and Proof of Claim and Release for the above referenced litigation. Please note both the class period and the designated eligible securities described on page four of the Notice, specifically the inclusion of:

- all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired SCUSA common stock in or traceable to SCUSA's January 23, 2014 IPO and were damaged thereby (the "1933 Act Class"); and
- all persons and entities who, between January 23, 2014 and June 12, 2014, inclusive, purchased or otherwise acquired SCUSA common stock, and were damaged thereby (the "1934 Act Class").

In addition, the Notice provides that the Exclusion Deadline is December 22, 2020 and the Claim Filing Deadline is January 4, 2021.

Please pay particular attention to the "Special Notice to Active Securities Brokers and Other Nominees" on page twelve of the Notice which states, in part: "If you purchased or acquired SCUSA common stock during the Class Period for the beneficial interest of an individual or organization other than yourself, the Court has directed that, WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, you either (a) provide to the Claims Administrator the name and last known address of each person or organization for whom or which you purchased or acquired such securities during such time period, or (b) request additional copies of this Notice and the Proof of Claim form, which will be provided to you free of charge, and within seven (7) days mail the Notice and Proof of Claim form directly to the beneficial owners of the securities referred to herein. If you choose to follow alternative procedure (b), upon such mailing, you must send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made as directed and retain the names and addresses for any future mailings to Class Members."

Please do not make your own copies of the materials, as copies may not be accepted for processing. Additional copies of the appropriate documents may be requested by contacting us at the above address and/or phone number. If we conduct the necessary mailing on your behalf, please submit names and addresses either via email to Notifications@Gilardi.com, via CD Rom to the above address or contact Notifications@Gilardi.com to obtain secure FTP transmission instructions. Mailing labels will be accepted, but you may be requested to provide an additional copy of the address information you send. Do not include any confidential information that should not appear on a mailing label.

The data provided must be in one of the following formats:

- ASCII Fixed Length file
- ASCII Tab Delimited file
- Microsoft Excel spreadsheet

Your request must also specify the case name and Control Total(s) (for example, the total number of name and address records provided) for each file submission. If you have any questions, please contact Notifications@Gilardi.com.

Sincerely,
Gilardi and Co. LLC

EXHIBIT C

Declaration of Publication

I, Carla Peak, as Vice President, Legal Notification Services at Gilardi & Co. LLC, a KCC Class Action Services Company in San Rafael, California, hereby certify that I caused the attached notice to be printed in said publication on September 7, 2020:

Name of Publication: Investor's Business Daily

Address: 12655 Beatrice Street

City, State, Zip: Los Angeles, CA 190066

Phone #: 1-800-831-2525

State of: California

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 8th day of September 2020, at Sellersville, Pennsylvania.



Carla Peak
Carla Peak

Declaration of Publication

I, Carla Peak, as Vice President, Legal Notification Services at Gilardi & Co. LLC, a KCC Class Action Services Company in San Rafael, California, hereby certify that I caused the attached notice to be published as a press release by the following wire service:

Name of Publication: BusinessWire
Address: 101 California Street 20th Floor
City, State, Zip San Francisco, CA 94111
Phone #: 415-986-4422
State of: California

The press release was distributed on September 7, 2020 to the following media circuits offered by the above-referenced wire service:

1. US1 National Newsline

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 8th day of September 2020, at Sellersville, Pennsylvania.



Carla Peak
Carla Peak



Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP Announce Proposed Settlement in the Santander Consumer USA Holdings, Inc. Securities Settlement

September 07, 2020 08:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time

SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The following statement is being issued by Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP regarding the Santander Consumer USA Holdings, Inc. Securities Settlement:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

DEKA INVESTMENT GMBH, Individually and on	§	Civil Action No. 3:15-cv-
		02129-K
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,	§	
Plaintiffs,	§	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
	§	
vs.	§	Hon. Ed Kinkeade
	§	
SANTANDER CONSUMER USA HOLDINGS	§	SUMMARY NOTICE
INC.,		
et al.,	§	
Defendants.	§	

TO: ALL PERSONS WHO PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED SANTANDER CONSUMER USA HOLDINGS INC. ("SCUSA" OR THE "COMPANY") COMMON STOCK BETWEEN JANUARY 23, 2014 AND JUNE 12, 2014, INCLUSIVE, AND WERE DAMAGED THEREBY

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to an Order of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, a hearing will be held on January 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., before the Honorable Ed Kinkeade, United States District Judge, at the Earle Cabell Federal Building, 1100 Commerce Street, Room 1625, Dallas, Texas 75242, for the purpose of determining: (1) whether the proposed Settlement of the Action for the sum of Forty-Seven Million Dollars (\$47,000,000.00) in cash

should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate, which would result in this Action being dismissed with prejudice against the Released Parties as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated July 28, 2020; (2) whether, for purposes of the proposed Settlement only, the Action should be certified as a class action on behalf of the Classes, Lead Plaintiffs should be certified as Class Representatives for the Classes, and Lead Counsel should be appointed as Class Counsel for the Classes; (3) whether the Plan of Allocation of Settlement proceeds is fair, reasonable, and adequate and therefore should be approved; and (4) the reasonableness of the application of Lead Counsel for the payment of attorneys' fees and expenses in connection with this Action, together with interest thereon, and the application of Lead Plaintiffs for an award of their costs and expenses in representing the Classes.

The recent outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a fluid situation that creates the possibility that the Court may decide to conduct the Settlement Hearing by video or telephone conference, or otherwise allow Class Members to appear at the hearing by phone, without further written notice to the Classes. In order to determine whether that date and time of the Settlement Hearing have changed, or whether members of the Classes must or may participate by phone or video, it is important that you monitor the Court's docket and the Settlement website, www.SCUSASecuritiesSettlement.com, before making any plans to attend the Settlement Hearing. Any updates regarding the Settlement Hearing, including any changes to the date or time of the hearing or updates regarding in-person or telephonic appearances at the hearing, will solely be posted to the Settlement website, and you will not receive any further notice such as this one. Also, if the Court requires or allows Class Members to participate in the Settlement Hearing by phone, the phone number for accessing the telephonic conference will be posted to the Settlement website, www.SCUSASecuritiesSettlement.com.

If you purchased or acquired SCUSA common stock during the Class Period, including in or traceable to SCUSA's January 23, 2014 initial public offering, your rights may be affected by this Action and the Settlement thereof. If you have not received a detailed Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Notice") and a copy of the Proof of Claim and Release form, you may obtain copies by writing to *SCUSA Securities Settlement*, Claims Administrator, c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC, P.O. Box 43380, Providence, RI 02940-3380, or by downloading this information at www.SCUSASecuritiesSettlement.com. If you are a Class Member, in order to share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, you must submit a Proof of Claim and Release form by mail (postmarked no later than January 4, 2021), or online at www.SCUSASecuritiesSettlement.com (no later than January 4, 2021), establishing that you are entitled to a recovery. You will be bound by any judgment rendered in the Action unless you request to be excluded, in writing, such that it is postmarked no later than December 22, 2020, in the manner and form explained in the detailed Notice referred to above.

Any objection to any aspect of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's fee and expense application must be filed with the Clerk of the Court no later than December 22, 2020, and received by the following no later than December 22, 2020:

ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD LLP ELLEN GUSIKOFF STEWART 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900 San Diego, CA 92101 GRANT & EISENHOFER P.A. DANIEL L. BERGER 485 Lexington Avenue, 29th Floor New York, NY 10017 <i>Lead Counsel</i>	WACHTELL, LIPTON, ROSEN & KATZ STEPHEN R. DIPRIMA 51 West 52nd Street New York, NY 10019 HAYNES AND BOONE, LLP R. THADDEUS BEHRENS 2323 Victory Avenue, Suite 700 Dallas, TX 75219 <i>Counsel for the SCUSA Defendants</i>	SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM, LLP NOELLE M. REED 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 6800 Houston, TX 77002 <i>Counsel for the Underwriter Defendants</i>
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PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT OR THE CLERK'S OFFICE REGARDING THIS NOTICE.

DATED: August 13, 2020

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Contacts

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 Shareholder Relations
 Rick Nelson
 1-619-231-1058