

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE: GE/CBPS DATA BREACH LITIGATION

Case No. 1:20-cv-02903-KPF

DECLARATION OF ALEC M. LESLIE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPENSES, AND SERVICE AWARD

I, Alec M. Leslie, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a Partner at Bursor & Fisher, P.A., Class Counsel in this action. I am an attorney at law licensed to practice in the State of New York and I am a member of the Bar of this Court. I make this Declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Expenses, and Service Award, and am fully competent to do so. I have personal knowledge of all matters set forth herein unless otherwise indicated, and, if called upon to testify, I could and would competently do so.

2. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a current firm resume for Bursor & Fisher, P.A.

3. Class Counsel have been responsible for the prosecution of this litigation against Defendants General Electric Company ("GE") and Canon Business Process Services, Inc. ("Canon") (collectively, "Defendants"), and for the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement.¹ We have vigorously represented the interests of the Settlement Class Members throughout the course of the litigation and settlement negotiations.

4. As one of three lawyers appointed Class Counsel, I believe that the proposed

¹ All capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein have the definitions set forth in the Settlement Agreement, which was attached as Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Gary M. Klinger in support of Preliminary Approval. *See* ECF No. 93-1. ("Settlement Agreement").

Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Settlement is the product of extensive arm's-length negotiations between experienced attorneys familiar with the legal and factual issues of this case. Moreover, the parties have been actively pursuing this Litigation for almost three years, engaging in motion practice and informal discovery, and have ample knowledge of the legal claims and defenses, the risks presented by the case, and the value achieved by the proposed Settlement.

5. We have conducted a thorough examination and investigation of the facts and law relating to the matter in this case, as discussed below. Moreover, we are well versed in complex class action litigation, including complex data breach class actions. We regularly participate in complex litigation and have extensive experience in consumer class actions that are similar in size, scope, and complexity to this case. See ECF No. 93-2 (Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC Firm Resume); ECF No. 93-3 (Bursor & Fisher, P.A. Firm Resume); and ECF No. 93-4 (Gibbs Law Group LLP Firm Resume). In negotiating this Settlement, we had the benefit of years of relevant experience and familiarity with the facts of this case and the substantive case law at issue.

6. I discuss below, in the following order: (a) a history of the litigation and settlement negotiations; (b) the work performed in this case by Milberg/MLK; and (c) the lodestar of Milberg/MLK.

History of the Litigation and Settlement Negotiations

7. In April 2020, Joyce Mercadal engaged Bursor & Fisher, P.A. to represent her in a class action suit against Defendants GE and Canon arising out of a data breach incident that came to light in March 2020. Bursor & Fisher investigated the data breach, researched the potential causes of action, and filed a class action complaint styled as *Mercadal v. General*

Electric Company, et al., Case No. 2:20-at-00336, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California against Canon and GE. Ms. Mercadal alleged that cybercriminals used a phishing scheme to gain access to a dedicated email box operated by Canon (the “Data Incident”). Current and former employees of GE used Canon’s dedicated email box to send benefits-related information to GE (“Canon Email Box”). The Canon Email Box reportedly contained documents such as direct deposit forms, driver’s licenses, passports, birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates, medical child support orders, tax withholding forms, beneficiary designation forms and applications for benefits such as retirement, severance and death benefits and related forms and documents, may have included names, addresses, Social Security numbers, driver’s license numbers, bank account numbers, passport numbers, dates of birth, and other information (collectively, “Personal Financial Information” or “PFI”).

8. On April 8, 2020, Bursor & Fisher, P.A., along with Mason Lietz Klinger, LLP, filed the case captioned *Fowler v. Canon Business Process Services, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 1:20-cv-02903, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

9. On May 15, 2020, the Court ordered the consolidation of the *Fowler* matter with the concurrently-pending matter captioned *Baz v. Canon Business Process Services, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 1:20-cv-03149 (S.D.N.Y.) (“*Baz*”), which alleged similar claims against Defendants stemming from the Data Incident.

10. On May 15, 2020, the Court ordered the consolidation of *Fowler* and *Baz* actions (ECF No. 14) and on June 11, 2020, the Court appointed Joseph I. Marchese of Bursor & Fisher, P.A., Rosemary M. Rivas of Levi & Korsinsky, and myself as Co-Lead Interim Class

Counsel.² ECF No. 35.

11. On August 11, 2020, Plaintiffs Fowler and Baz filed the operative Consolidated Class Action Complaint in the newly styled action *IN RE: GE/CBPS DATA BREACH LITIGATION*, Case No. 1:20-cv-02903-KPF, against Defendants (the “Litigation”). ECF No. 40. The causes of action in the Consolidated Class Action Complaint included claims for: (1) negligence; (2) negligence per se; (3) breach of express contract; (4) breach of implied contract; (5) violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; (6) violation of the New York General Business Law § 349; and (7) breach of fiduciary duty.

12. On November 5, 2020, Defendants filed a motion to compel Baz to arbitration. ECF No. 48. After considering and analyzing Defendants’ motion to compel arbitration, on December 14, 2020, Baz filed a notice of voluntary dismissal pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(i). ECF Nos. 53, 54. Plaintiff Fowler remained as the only named plaintiff and proposed class representative on behalf of the proposed class members.

13. On January 21, 2021, Defendants moved to dismiss the Consolidated Class Action Complaint for lack of Article III standing under Rule 12(b)(1) and for failure to state a claim under Rule 12(b)(6) as to the six causes of action. ECF Nos. 57, 58. The parties fully briefed the motion to dismiss. ECF Nos. 64, 65.

14. On August 4, 2021, the Court denied in part, and granted in part, Defendants’ motion to dismiss. The Court determined that Plaintiff had Article III standing and upheld the claims for negligence and breach of implied contract, but granted the motion to dismiss as to Plaintiff’s claims for negligence per se, breach of express contract, and for violation of GBL §

² Mr. Klinger is now affiliated with Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, LLC and Ms. Rivas is now affiliated with Gibbs Law Group LLP.

349. ECF No. 72.

15. On August 26, 2021, upon the parties' joint request, the Court entered a stay to allow the parties to focus their efforts on resolving the case. ECF No. 74. Over the next several months the parties engaged in arm's length negotiations, and on December 20, 2021, the parties participated in a mediation before a neutral, experienced mediator, Bennett G. Picker, of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP. The parties were unable to reach a resolution at the mediation but continued to engage in settlement discussions thereafter, with the assistance of Mr. Picker. Following additional negotiation, including the sharing of certain information regarding security enhancements, the parties reached an agreement in principle on all material terms of the class settlement in February 2022. ECF No. 81. The parties then began negotiating the remaining terms of settlement, the settlement agreement, and class notice over the course of the next six months, and during that process exchanged several drafts. ECF Nos. 82-89. The proposed Settlement Agreement is the result of that mediation process and the parties' extensive effort thereafter.

16. On August 15, 2022, in accordance with the August 2, 2022 Order, Plaintiff Fowler filed the proposed Settlement Agreement, along with a motion for preliminary approval. ECF No. 91. On August 24, 2022, the Court issued its Order, certifying a settlement class, ordering notice to be directed to the class, preliminarily approving the Settlement, appointing Gary M. Klinger of Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC, Joseph I. Marchese of Bursor & Fisher, P.A., and Rosemary M. Rivas of Gibbs Law Group LLP as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class, and appointing Plaintiff Fowler as named Class Representative. ECF No. 94.

Summary of Work Performed

17. After the Court's appointment of Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel, we worked on preparing and filing the Consolidated Class Action Complaint, using the research and factual development that began with the separate complaints that were filed in April 2020. Afterwards, when counsel for Defendants informed Plaintiffs and the Court at the October 21, 2020 Pretrial Conference that Defendants intended to file a motion to compel Mr. Baz to arbitration and to stay Plaintiff Fowler's claims before filing a motion to dismiss, Plaintiffs asked that Defendants share the purported arbitration agreement for evaluation. Defendants declined, and instead proceeded with filing the motion to compel Mr. Baz to arbitration and motion to stay Plaintiff Fowler's claims. We considered the arbitration clause, Mr. Baz's chances of prevailing on the motion to compel arbitration, and the delay that would ensue from opposing the motions or if Defendants lost the arbitration motion and appealed. Thereafter, Mr. Baz voluntarily dismissed his case without prejudice and filed a notice of voluntary dismissal on December 14, 2020.

18. Defendants moved to dismiss the Consolidated Class Action Complaint in January 2021. To avoid duplicative efforts, Interim Co-Lead Counsel divided the briefing of the opposition to Defendants' motion to dismiss. I worked on analyzing the arguments and cases supporting Defendants' arguments as to certain common law claims asserted in the operative Complaint, and researched and drafted the opposing arguments. This process involved researching and analyzing numerous district court cases both within and outside the Second Circuit.

19. Plaintiff was ultimately successful in defeating several of Defendants' dismissal arguments. Plaintiff's ability to defeat the motion to dismiss ultimately caused Defendant to engage in preliminary settlement discussions.

20. After the Court issued its August 2021 order denying in part, and granting in part, Defendants' motion to dismiss, the parties agreed to engage in preliminary settlement discussions and asked that the Court stay the case for a brief 60 days, and then asked for a second extension. ECF Nos. 73, 75. The Court granted both requests. During that time period, we exchanged drafts of potential settlement terms with Defendants and participated in a full-day of mediation in December 2021 before an experienced mediator, Bennett G. Picker, of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP.

21. In connection with the mediation and settlement process, I reviewed Defendants' informal discovery and assisted with drafting the mediation submission to the mediator summarizing Plaintiff's positions.

22. The parties were not successful at the December 20, 2021 mediation and afterwards proposed to the Court that they submit a joint case management plan by January 31, 2022, and that the Court maintain the stay until ruling on the proposed case management plan. ECF No. 77.

23. Notwithstanding the failed December 20, 2021 mediation, the parties continued arms' length settlement negotiations, both through Mr. Picker and directly with each other. The parties engaged in nearly 8 months of hard-fought negotiations over the proposed terms and several drafts of settlement agreements and counteroffers, and during certain impasses nearly walked away. Ultimately, the parties were able to finalize the Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel then drafted and prepared the motion for preliminary approval, which my firm assisted with.

24. After the Court granted preliminary approval on August 24, 2022, we have continued to devote substantial resources to the case, including by monitoring the activities of

the claims administrator and providing input on the settlement website to make it very simple for Settlement Class members to submit claims and enroll in the Credit Financial Protections.

25. My firm, Bursor & Fisher, P.A., has significant experience in litigating class actions of similar size, scope, and complexity to the instant action. (See Ex. A; Firm Resume of Bursor & Fisher, P.A.).

26. My firm has also been recognized by courts across the country for its expertise. (See Ex. A); *see also Ebin v. Kangadis Food Inc.*, 297 F.R.D. 561, 566 (S.D.N.Y. 2014) (Rakoff, J.) (“Bursor & Fisher, P.A., are class action lawyers who have experience litigating consumer claims. ... The firm has been appointed class counsel in dozens of cases in both federal and state courts, and has won multi-million dollar verdicts or recoveries in five class action jury trials since 2008.”)³; *Williams v. Facebook, Inc.*, Case No. 3:18-cv-01881, ECF No. 51 (N.D. Cal June 26, 2018) (appointing Bursor & Fisher class counsel to represent a putative nationwide class of all persons who installed Facebook Messenger applications and granted Facebook permission to access their contact list).

27. Moreover, my firm has served as trial counsel for class action plaintiffs in six jury trials and has won all six, with recoveries ranging from \$21 million to \$299 million

28. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** are my firm’s billing summary for this matter. I have personally reviewed all of my firm’s time entries associated with this case, and have used billing judgment to ensure that duplicative and unnecessary time has been excluded and that only time reasonably devoted to the litigation has been included. My firm’s time entries were regularly and contemporaneously recorded by me and the other timekeepers pursuant to firm

³ Bursor & Fisher has since won a sixth jury verdict in *Perez v. Rash Curtis & Associates*, Case No. 4:16-cv-03396-YGR (N.D. Cal.), for \$267 million.

policy and have been maintained in the computerized records of my firm. The time entries submitted herewith do not include any time related to the appointment of lead counsel motion or preparing this motion for attorneys' fees, costs, and incentive award.

29. My firm undertook this matter on a contingency basis. Through October 26, 2022, my firm expended 219.9 hours in this case. My firm's lodestar in this case, based on current billing rates, is \$164,482.50.

30. In addition to the time enumerated above, I estimate that my firm will incur an additional 50-75 hours of future work in connection with the preparation of Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval, the fairness hearing, coordinating with the Settlement Administrator, monitoring settlement administration, and responding to Settlement Class Member inquiries.

31. Due to the commitment of time and capital investment required to litigate this action, my firm had to forego other work, including hourly non-contingent matters, and other class action matters.

32. To date, my firm has also expended \$12,080.54 in out-of-pocket costs and expenses in connection with the prosecution of this case. Attached as **Exhibit C** is an itemized list of those costs and expenses. These costs and expenses are reflected in the records of my firm, and were necessary to prosecute this litigation. Cost and expense items are billed separately, and such charges are not duplicated in my firm's billing rates. The costs and expenses are primarily comprised of filing fees and mediation fees.

33. Included within **Exhibit B** is a chart setting forth the hourly rates charged for lawyers and staff at my firm at the time the work was completed. Based on my knowledge and experience, the hourly rates charged by my firm are within the range of market rates charged by attorneys of equivalent experience, skill, and expertise. As a matter of firm policy, we do not

discount our regular hourly rates for non-contingent hourly work. I have personal knowledge of the range of hourly rates typically charged by counsel in our field in New York, California, Florida, and elsewhere, both on a current basis and in the past. In determining my firm's hourly rates from year to year, my partners and I have consciously taken market rates into account and have aligned our rates with the market.

34. My firm's rates have been deemed reasonable by Courts across the country, including in New York, California, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, and New Jersey for example:

- i. *Russett v. Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.*, Case No. 19-cv-07414, S.D.N.Y. (Oct. 6, 2020 Final Judgment And Order Of Dismissal With Prejudice).
- ii. *Edwards v. Hearst Communications, Inc.*, Case No. 15-cv-09279, S.D.N.Y. (Apr. 24, 2019 Final Judgment And Order Of Dismissal With Prejudice).
- iii. *Taylor v. Trusted Media Brands, Inc.*, Case No. 16-cv-01812, S.D.N.Y. (Feb. 1, 2018 Final Judgment And Order Of Dismissal With Prejudice).
- iv. *Rodriguez v. CitiMortgage, Inc.*, Case No. 11-cv-4718, S.D.N.Y. (Oct. 6, 2015), the court concluded during the *fairness* hearing that Bursor & Fisher's rates for two of its partners, Joseph Marchese and Scott Bursor, were "reasonable."
- v. *Perez v. Rash Curtis & Associates*, 2020 WL 1904533, at *20 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 17, 2020) (concluding that "blended rate of \$634.48 is within the reasonable range of rates").
- vi. *In re Haier Freezer Consumer Litig.*, Case No. C11-02911 EJD, N.D. Cal. (Oct. 25, 2013 Final Judgment And Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion For Final Approval Of Class Action Settlement And For Award Of Attorneys' Fees, Costs And Incentive Awards).
- vii. *Kokoszki v. Playboy Enterprises, Inc.*, Case No. 19-cv-10302, E.D. Mich. (Aug. 19, 2020 Final Judgment And Order Of Dismissal With Prejudice).
- viii. *Moeller v. American Media, Inc.*, Case No. 16-cv-11367, E.D. Mich. (Sept. 28, 2017 Order And Judgment Of Dismissal With Prejudice).
- ix. *In re Michaels Stores Pin Pad Litigation*, Case No. 11-cv-03350, N.D. Ill. (Apr. 17, 2013 Order Approving Settlement).
- x. *In re Blue Buffalo Company, Ltd. Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, Case

No. 14-md-02562, E.D. Mo. (*June* 16, 2016 Order Awarding Fees And Costs).

- xi. *Rossi v. The Procter & Gamble Co.*, Case No. 11-7238, D.N.J. (Oct. 3, 2013 Final Approval Order And Judgment).
- xii. *Kaupelis v. Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc.*, 2022 WL 2288895, at *9 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 12, 2022) (finding Bursor & Fisher rates ranging from \$250/hr to \$1000/hr as “reasonable compared to other awards in California courts”).
- xiii. *Elder v. Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc.*, 2021 WL 4785936, at *9 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 4, 2021) (finding Bursor & Fisher rates ranging from \$200/hr to \$1000/hr “are reasonable”).
- xiv. *Hendricks v. Starkist Co.*, 2016 WL 5462423 (N.D. Cal. September 29, 2016) (“The Court further finds that the billing rates used by class counsel to calculate the lodestar are reasonable and in line with prevailing rates in this District for personnel of comparable experience, skill, and reputation.”).

35. No court has ever cut my firm’s fee application by a single dollar on the ground that our hourly rates were not reasonable.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above and foregoing is true and accurate.

Executed this 8th day of November, 2022 at New York, New York.

/s Alec M. Leslie
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EXHIBIT A



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With offices in Florida, New York, and California, BURSOR & FISHER lawyers have represented both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal courts throughout the country.

The lawyers at our firm have an active civil trial practice, having won multi-million-dollar verdicts or recoveries in six of six class action jury trials since 2008. Our most recent class action trial victory came in May 2019 in *Perez v. Rash Curtis & Associates*, in which Mr. Bursor served as lead trial counsel and won a \$267 million jury verdict against a debt collector found to have violated the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

In August 2013 in *Ayyad v. Sprint Spectrum L.P.*, in which Mr. Bursor served as lead trial counsel, we won a jury verdict defeating Sprint's \$1.06 billion counterclaim and securing the class's recovery of more than \$275 million in cash and debt relief.

In *Thomas v. Global Vision Products, Inc. (II)*, we obtained a \$50 million jury verdict in favor of a certified class of 150,000 purchasers of the Avacor Hair Regrowth System. The legal trade publication VerdictSearch reported that this was the second largest jury verdict in California in 2009, and the largest in any class action.

The lawyers at our firm have an active class action practice and have won numerous appointments as class counsel to represent millions of class members, including customers of Honda, Verizon Wireless, AT&T Wireless, Sprint, Haier America, and Michaels Stores as well as purchasers of Avacor™, Hydroxycut, and Sensa™ products. Bursor & Fisher lawyers have been court-appointed Class Counsel or Interim Class Counsel in:

1. *O'Brien v. LG Electronics USA, Inc.* (D.N.J. Dec. 16, 2010) to represent a certified nationwide class of purchasers of LG French-door refrigerators,
2. *Ramundo v. Michaels Stores, Inc.* (N.D. Ill. June 8, 2011) to represent a certified nationwide class of consumers who made in-store purchases at Michaels Stores using a debit or credit card and had their private financial information stolen as a result,
3. *In re Haier Freezer Consumer Litig.* (N.D. Cal. Aug. 17, 2011) to represent a certified class of purchasers of mislabeled freezers from Haier America Trading, LLC,
4. *Rodriguez v. CitiMortgage, Inc.* (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 14, 2011) to represent a certified nationwide class of military personnel against CitiMortgage for illegal foreclosures,
5. *Rossi v. The Procter & Gamble Co.* (D.N.J. Jan. 31, 2012) to represent a certified nationwide class of purchasers of Crest Sensitivity Treatment & Protection toothpaste,

6. *Dzielak v. Whirlpool Corp. et al.* (D.N.J. Feb. 21, 2012) to represent a proposed nationwide class of purchasers of mislabeled Maytag Centennial washing machines from Whirlpool Corp., Sears, and other retailers,
7. *In re Sensa Weight Loss Litig.* (N.D. Cal. Mar. 2, 2012) to represent a certified nationwide class of purchasers of Sensa weight loss products,
8. *In re Sinus Buster Products Consumer Litig.* (E.D.N.Y. Dec. 17, 2012) to represent a certified nationwide class of purchasers,
9. *Ebin v. Kangadis Food Inc.* (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 25, 2014) to represent a certified nationwide class of purchasers of Capatriti 100% Pure Olive Oil,
10. *Forcellati v. Hyland's, Inc.* (C.D. Cal. Apr. 9, 2014) to represent a certified nationwide class of purchasers of children's homeopathic cold and flu remedies,
11. *Ebin v. Kangadis Family Management LLC, et al.* (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 18, 2014) to represent a certified nationwide class of purchasers of Capatriti 100% Pure Olive Oil,
12. *In re Scotts EZ Seed Litig.* (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 26, 2015) to represent a certified class of purchasers of Scotts Turf Builder EZ Seed,
13. *Dei Rossi v. Whirlpool Corp., et al.* (E.D. Cal. Apr. 28, 2015) to represent a certified class of purchasers of mislabeled KitchenAid refrigerators from Whirlpool Corp., Best Buy, and other retailers,
14. *Hendricks v. StarKist Co.* (N.D. Cal. July 23, 2015) to represent a certified nationwide class of purchasers of StarKist tuna products,
15. *In re NVIDIA GTX 970 Graphics Card Litig.* (N.D. Cal. May 8, 2015) to represent a proposed nationwide class of purchasers of NVIDIA GTX 970 graphics cards,
16. *Melgar v. Zicam LLC, et al.* (E.D. Cal. March 30, 2016) to represent a certified ten-jurisdiction class of purchasers of Zicam Pre-Cold products,
17. *In re Trader Joe's Tuna Litigation* (C.D. Cal. December 21, 2016) to represent purchaser of allegedly underfilled Trader Joe's canned tuna.
18. *In re Welspun Litigation* (S.D.N.Y. January 26, 2017) to represent a proposed nationwide class of purchasers of Welspun Egyptian cotton bedding products,
19. *Retta v. Millennium Products, Inc.* (C.D. Cal. January 31, 2017) to represent a certified nationwide class of Millennium kombucha beverages,
20. *Moeller v. American Media, Inc.,* (E.D. Mich. June 8, 2017) to represent a class of magazine subscribers under the Michigan Preservation of Personal Privacy Act,
21. *Hart v. BHH, LLC* (S.D.N.Y. July 7, 2017) to represent a nationwide class of purchasers of Bell & Howell ultrasonic pest repellers,
22. *McMillion v. Rash Curtis & Associates* (N.D. Cal. September 6, 2017) to represent a certified nationwide class of individuals who received calls from Rash Curtis & Associates,
23. *Lucero v. Solarcity Corp.* (N.D. Cal. September 15, 2017) to represent a certified nationwide class of individuals who received telemarketing calls from Solarcity Corp.,

24. *Taylor v. Trusted Media Brands, Inc.* (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 17, 2017) to represent a class of magazine subscribers under the Michigan Preservation of Personal Privacy Act,
25. *Gasser v. Kiss My Face, LLC* (N.D. Cal. Oct. 23, 2017) to represent a proposed nationwide class of purchasers of cosmetic products,
26. *Gastelum v. Frontier California Inc.* (S.F. Superior Court February 21, 2018) to represent a certified California class of Frontier landline telephone customers who were charged late fees,
27. *Williams v. Facebook, Inc.* (N.D. Cal. June 26, 2018) to represent a proposed nationwide class of Facebook users for alleged privacy violations,
28. *Ruppel v. Consumers Union of United States, Inc.* (S.D.N.Y. July 27, 2018) to represent a class of magazine subscribers under the Michigan Preservation of Personal Privacy Act,
29. *Bayol v. Health-Ade* (N.D. Cal. August 23, 2018) to represent a proposed nationwide class of Health-Ade kombucha beverage purchasers,
30. *West v. California Service Bureau* (N.D. Cal. September 12, 2018) to represent a certified nationwide class of individuals who received calls from California Service Bureau,
31. *Gregorio v. Premier Nutrition Corporation* (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 14, 2018) to represent a nationwide class of purchasers of protein shake products,
32. *Moeller v. Advance Magazine Publishers, Inc. d/b/a Condé Nast* (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 24, 2018) to represent a class of magazine subscribers under the Michigan Preservation of Personal Privacy Act,
33. *Bakov v. Consolidated World Travel Inc. d/b/a Holiday Cruise Line* (N.D. Ill. Mar. 21, 2019) to represent a certified class of individuals who received calls from Holiday Cruise Line,
34. *Martinelli v. Johnson & Johnson* (E.D. Cal. March 29, 2019) to represent a certified class of purchasers of Benecol spreads labeled with the representation “No Trans Fat,”
35. *Edwards v. Hearst Communications, Inc.* (S.D.N.Y. April 24, 2019) to represent a class of magazine subscribers under the Michigan Preservation of Personal Privacy Act,
36. *Galvan v. Smashburger* (C.D. Cal. June 25, 2019) to represent a proposed class of purchasers of Smashburger’s “Triple Double” burger,
37. *Kokoszki v. Playboy Enterprises, Inc.* (E.D. Mich. Feb. 7, 2020) to represent a class of magazine subscribers under the Michigan Preservation of Personal Privacy Act,
38. *Russett v. The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.* (S.D.N.Y. May 28, 2020) to represent a class of insurance policyholders that were allegedly charged unlawful paper billing fees,
39. *In re: Metformin Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation* (D.N.J. June 3, 2020) to represent a proposed nationwide class of purchasers of generic diabetes medications that were contaminated with a cancer-causing carcinogen,
40. *Hill v. Spirit Airlines, Inc.* (S.D. Fla. July 21, 2020) to represent a proposed nationwide class of passengers whose flights were cancelled by Spirit Airlines

due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and whose tickets were not refunded,

41. *Kramer v. Alterra Mountain Co.* (D. Colo. July 31, 2020) to represent a proposed nationwide class of purchasers to recoup the unused value of their Ikon ski passes after Alterra suspended operations at its ski resorts due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19,
42. *Qureshi v. American University* (D.D.C. July 31, 2020) to represent a proposed nationwide class of students for tuition and fee refunds after their classes were moved online by American University due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19,
43. *Hufford v. Maxim Inc.* (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 13, 2020) to represent a class of magazine subscribers under the Michigan Preservation of Personal Privacy Act,
44. *Desai v. Carnegie Mellon University* (W.D. Pa. Aug. 26, 2020) to represent a proposed nationwide class of students for tuition and fee refunds after their classes were moved online by Carnegie Mellon University due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19,
45. *Heigl v. Waste Management of New York, LLC* (E.D.N.Y. Aug. 27, 2020) to represent a class of waste collection customers that were allegedly charged unlawful paper billing fees,
46. *Stellato v. Hofstra University* (E.D.N.Y. Sept. 18, 2020) to represent a proposed nationwide class of students for tuition and fee refunds after their classes were moved online by Hofstra University due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19,
47. *Kaupelis v. Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc.* (C.D. Cal. Sept. 23, 2020), to represent consumers who purchased defective chainsaws,
48. *Soo v. Lorex Corporation* (N.D. Cal. Sept. 23, 2020), to represent consumers whose security cameras were intentionally rendered non-functional by manufacturer,
49. *Miranda v. Golden Entertainment (NV), Inc.* (D. Nev. Dec. 17, 2020), to represent consumers and employees whose personal information was exposed in a data breach,
50. *Benbow v. SmileDirectClub, Inc.* (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty. Feb. 4, 2021), to represent a certified nationwide class of individuals who received text messages from SmileDirectClub, in alleged violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act,
51. *Suren v. DSV Solutions, LLC* (Cir. Ct. DuPage Cnty. Apr. 8, 2021), to represent a certified class of employees who used a fingerprint clock-in system, in alleged violation of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act,
52. *De Lacour v. Colgate-Palmolive Co.* (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 23, 2021), to represent a certified class of consumers who purchased allegedly “natural” Tom’s of Maine products,
53. *Wright v. Southern New Hampshire University* (D.N.H. Apr. 26, 2021), to represent a certified nationwide class of students for tuition and fee refunds after their classes were moved online by Southern New Hampshire University due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19,
54. *Sahlin v. Hospital Housekeeping Systems, LLC* (Cir. Ct. Williamson Cnty. May 21, 2021), to represent a certified class of employees who used a

- fingerprint clock-in system, in alleged violation of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act,
55. *Landreth v. Verano Holdings LLC, et al.* (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty. June 2, 2021), to represent a certified class of employees who used a fingerprint clock-in system, in alleged violation of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act.
 56. *Rocchio v. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey*, (Sup. Ct., Middlesex Cnty. October 27, 201), to represent a certified nationwide class of students for fee refunds after their classes were moved online by Rutgers due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19,
 57. *Malone v. Western Digital Corp.*, (N.D. Cal. Dec. 22, 2021), to represent a class of consumers who purchased hard drives that were allegedly deceptively advertised,
 58. *Jenkins v. Charles Industries, LLC*, (Cir. Ct. DuPage Cnty. Dec. 21, 2021) to represent a certified class of employees who used a fingerprint clock-in system, in alleged violation of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act,
 59. *Frederick v. Examsoft Worldwide, Inc.*, (Cir. Ct. DuPage Cnty. Jan. 6, 2022) to represent a certified class of exam takers who used virtual exam proctoring software, in alleged violation of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act,
 60. *Isaacson v. Liqui-Box Flexibles, LLC, et al.*, (Cir. Ct. Will Cnty. Jan. 18, 2022) to represent a certified class of employees who used a fingerprint clock-in system, in alleged violation of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act,
 61. *Goldstein v. Henkel Corp.*, (D. Conn. Mar. 3, 2022) to represent a proposed class of purchasers of Right Guard antiperspirants that were allegedly contaminated with benzene,
 62. *McCall v. Hercules Corp.*, (N.Y. Sup. Ct., Westchester Cnty. Mar. 14, 2022) to represent a certified class of who laundry card purchasers who were allegedly subjected to deceptive practices by being denied cash refunds,
 63. *Lewis v. Trident Manufacturing, Inc.*, (Cir. Ct. Kane Cnty. Mar. 16, 2022) to represent a certified class of workers who used a fingerprint clock-in system, in alleged violation of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act,
 64. *Croft v. Spinx Games Limited, et al.*, (W.D. Wash. Mar. 31, 2022) to represent a certified class of Washington residents who lost money playing mobile applications games that allegedly constituted illegal gambling under Washington law,
 65. *Fischer v. Instant Checkmate LLC*, (N.D. Ill. Mar. 31, 2022) to represent a certified class of Illinois residents whose identities were allegedly used without their consent in alleged violation of the Illinois Right of Publicity Act,
 66. *Rivera v. Google LLC*, (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty. Apr. 25, 2022) to represent a certified class of Illinois residents who appeared in a photograph in Google Photos, in alleged violation of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act,
 67. *Loftus v. Outside Integrated Media, LLC*, (E.D. Mich. May 5, 2022) to represent a class of magazine subscribers under the Michigan Preservation of Personal Privacy Act,
 68. *D'Amario v. The University of Tampa*, (S.D.N.Y. June 3, 2022) to represent a certified nationwide class of students for tuition and fee refunds after their

classes were moved online by The University of Tampa due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

SCOTT A. BURSOR

Mr. Bursor has an active civil trial practice, having won multi-million verdicts or recoveries in six of six civil jury trials since 2008. Mr. Bursor's most recent victory came in May 2019 in *Perez v. Rash Curtis & Associates*, in which Mr. Bursor served as lead trial counsel and won a \$267 million jury verdict against a debt collector for violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA).

In *Ayyad v. Sprint Spectrum L.P.* (2013), where Mr. Bursor served as lead trial counsel, the jury returned a verdict defeating Sprint's \$1.06 billion counterclaim and securing the class's recovery of more than \$275 million in cash and debt relief.

In *Thomas v. Global Vision Products, Inc.* (2009), the jury returned a \$50 million verdict in favor of the plaintiff and class represented by Mr. Bursor. The legal trade publication VerdictSearch reported that this was the second largest jury verdict in California in 2009.

Class actions are rarely tried to verdict. Other than Mr. Bursor and his partner Mr. Fisher, we know of no lawyer that has tried more than one class action to a jury. Mr. Bursor's perfect record of six wins in six class action jury trials, with recoveries ranging from \$21 million to \$299 million, is unmatched by any other lawyer. Each of these victories was hard-fought against top trial lawyers from the biggest law firms in the United States.

Mr. Bursor graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1996. He served as Articles Editor of the Texas Law Review, and was a member of the Board of Advocates and Order of the Coif. Prior to starting his own practice, Mr. Bursor was a litigation associate at a large New York based law firm where he represented telecommunications, pharmaceutical, and technology companies in commercial litigation.

Mr. Bursor is a member of the state bars of New York, Florida, and California, as well as the bars of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits, and the bars of the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Northern, Central, Southern and Eastern Districts of California, the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, and the Eastern District of Michigan.

Representative Cases

Mr. Bursor was appointed lead or co-lead class counsel to the largest, 2nd largest, and 3rd largest classes ever certified. Mr. Bursor has represented classes including more than 160 million class members, roughly 1 of every 2 Americans. Listed below are recent cases that are representative of Mr. Bursor's practice:

Mr. Bursor negotiated and obtained court-approval for two landmark settlements in *Nguyen v. Verizon Wireless* and *Zill v. Sprint Spectrum* (the largest and 2nd largest classes ever certified). These settlements required Verizon and Sprint to open their wireless networks to

third-party devices and applications. These settlements are believed to be the most significant legal development affecting the telecommunications industry since 1968, when the FCC's Carterfone decision similarly opened up AT&T's wireline telephone network.

Mr. Bursor was the lead trial lawyer in *Ayyad v. Sprint Spectrum, L.P.* representing a class of approximately 2 million California consumers who were charged an early termination fee under a Sprint cellphone contract, asserting claims that such fees were unlawful liquidated damages under the California Civil Code, as well as other statutory and common law claims. After a five-week combined bench-and-jury trial, the jury returned a verdict in June 2008 and the Court issued a Statement of Decision in December 2008 awarding the plaintiffs \$299 million in cash and debt cancellation. Mr. Bursor served as lead trial counsel for this class again in 2013 during a month-long jury trial in which Sprint asserted a \$1.06 billion counterclaim against the class. Mr. Bursor secured a verdict awarding Sprint only \$18.4 million, the exact amount calculated by the class's damages expert. This award was less than 2% of the damages Sprint sought, less than 6% of the amount of the illegal termination fees Sprint charged to class members. In December 2016, after more than 13 years of litigation, the case was settled for \$304 million, including \$79 million in cash payments plus \$225 million in debt cancellation.

Mr. Bursor was the lead trial lawyer in *White v. Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless* representing a class of approximately 1.4 million California consumers who were charged an early termination fee under a Verizon cellphone contract, asserting claims that such fees were unlawful liquidated damages under the California Civil Code, as well as other statutory and common law claims. In July 2008, after Mr. Bursor presented plaintiffs' case-in-chief, rested, then cross-examined Verizon's principal trial witness, Verizon agreed to settle the case for a \$21 million cash payment and an injunction restricting Verizon's ability to impose early termination fees in future subscriber agreements.

Mr. Bursor was the lead trial lawyer in *Thomas v. Global Visions Products Inc.* Mr. Bursor represented a class of approximately 150,000 California consumers who had purchased the Avacor® hair regrowth system. In January 2008, after a four-week combined bench-and-jury trial, Mr. Bursor obtained a \$37 million verdict for the class, which the Court later increased to \$40 million.

Mr. Bursor was appointed class counsel and was elected chair of the Official Creditors' Committee in *In re Nutraquest Inc.*, a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case before Chief Judge Garrett E. Brown, Jr. (D.N.J.) involving 390 ephedra-related personal injury and/or wrongful death claims, two consumer class actions, four enforcement actions by governmental agencies, and multiple adversary proceedings related to the Chapter 11 case. Working closely with counsel for all parties and with two mediators, Judge Nicholas Politan (Ret.) and Judge Marina Corodemus (Ret.), the committee chaired by Mr. Bursor was able to settle or otherwise resolve every claim and reach a fully consensual Chapter 11 plan of reorganization, which Chief Judge Brown approved in late 2006. This settlement included a \$12.8 million recovery to a nationwide class of consumers who alleged they were defrauded in connection with the purchase of Xenadrine® dietary supplement products.

Mr. Bursor was the lead trial lawyer in *In re: Pacific Bell Late Fee Litigation*. After filing the first class action challenging Pac Bell's late fees in April 2010, winning a contested

motion to certify a statewide California class in January 2012, and defeating Pac Bell's motion for summary judgment in February 2013, Mr. Bursor obtained final approval of the \$38 million class settlement. The settlement, which Mr. Bursor negotiated the night before opening statements were scheduled to commence, included a \$20 million cash payment to provide refunds to California customers who paid late fees on their Pac Bell wireline telephone accounts, and an injunction that reduced other late fee charges by \$18.6 million.

L. TIMOTHY FISHER

L. Timothy Fisher has an active practice in consumer class actions and complex business litigation and has also successfully handled a large number of civil appeals.

Mr. Fisher has been actively involved in numerous cases that resulted in multi-million dollar recoveries for consumers and investors. Mr. Fisher has handled cases involving a wide range of issues including nutritional labeling, health care, telecommunications, corporate governance, unfair business practices and consumer fraud. With his partner Scott A. Bursor, Mr. Fisher has tried five class action jury trials, all of which produced successful results. In *Thomas v. Global Vision Products*, Mr. Fisher obtained a jury award of \$50,024,611 — the largest class action award in California in 2009 and the second-largest jury award of any kind. In 2019, Mr. Fisher served as trial counsel with Mr. Bursor and his partner Yeremey Krivoshey in *Perez v. Rash Curtis & Associates*, where the jury returned a verdict for \$267 million in statutory damages under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Mr. Fisher was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1997. He is also a member of the bars of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the United States District Courts for the Northern, Central, Southern and Eastern Districts of California, the Northern District of Illinois, the Eastern District of Michigan, and the Eastern District of Missouri. Mr. Fisher taught appellate advocacy at John F. Kennedy University School of Law in 2003 and 2004. In 2010, he contributed jury instructions, a verdict form and comments to the consumer protection chapter of Justice Elizabeth A. Baron's *California Civil Jury Instruction Companion Handbook* (West 2010). In January 2014, Chief Judge Claudia Wilken of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California appointed Mr. Fisher to a four-year term as a member of the Court's Standing Committee on Professional Conduct.

Mr. Fisher received his Juris Doctor from Boalt Hall at the University of California at Berkeley in 1997. While in law school, he was an active member of the Moot Court Board and participated in moot court competitions throughout the United States. In 1994, Mr. Fisher received an award for Best Oral Argument in the first-year moot court competition.

In 1992, Mr. Fisher graduated with highest honors from the University of California at Berkeley and received a degree in political science. Prior to graduation, he authored an honors thesis for Professor Bruce Cain entitled "The Role of Minorities on the Los Angeles City Council." He is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Representative Cases

Thomas v. Global Vision Products, Inc. (Alameda County Superior Court). Mr. Fisher litigated claims against Global Vision Products, Inc. and other individuals in connection with the sale and marketing of a purported hair loss remedy known as Avacor. The case lasted more than seven years and involved two trials. The first trial resulted in a verdict for plaintiff and the class in the amount of \$40,000,000. The second trial resulted in a jury verdict of \$50,024,611, which led to a \$30 million settlement for the class.

In re Cellphone Termination Fee Cases - Handset Locking Actions (Alameda County Superior Court). Mr. Fisher actively worked on five coordinated cases challenging the secret locking of cell phone handsets by major wireless carriers to prevent consumers from activating them on competitive carriers' systems. Settlements have been approved in all five cases on terms that require the cell phone carriers to disclose their handset locks to consumers and to provide unlocking codes nationwide on reasonable terms and conditions. The settlements fundamentally changed the landscape for cell phone consumers regarding the locking and unlocking of cell phone handsets.

In re Cellphone Termination Fee Cases - Early Termination Fee Cases (Alameda County Superior Court and Federal Communications Commission). In separate cases that are a part of the same coordinated litigation as the Handset Locking Actions, Mr. Fisher actively worked on claims challenging the validity under California law of early termination fees imposed by national cell phone carriers. In one of those cases, against Verizon Wireless, a nationwide settlement was reached after three weeks of trial in the amount of \$21 million. In a second case, which was tried to verdict, the Court held after trial that the \$73 million of flat early termination fees that Sprint had collected from California consumers over an eight-year period were void and unenforceable.

Selected Published Decisions

Melgar v. Zicam LLC, 2016 WL 1267870 (E.D. Cal. Mar. 30, 2016) (certifying 10-jurisdiction class of purchasers of cold remedies, denying motion for summary judgment, and denying motions to exclude plaintiff's expert witnesses).

Salazar v. Honest Tea, Inc., 2015 WL 7017050 (E.D. Cal. Nov. 12, 2015) (denying motion for summary judgment).

Dei Rossi v. Whirlpool Corp., 2015 WL 1932484 (E.D. Cal. Apr. 27, 2015) (certifying California class of purchasers of refrigerators that were mislabeled as Energy Star qualified).

Bayol v. Zipcar, Inc., 78 F.Supp.3d 1252 (N.D. Cal. 2015) (denying motion to dismiss claims alleging unlawful late fees under California Civil Code § 1671).

Forcellati v. Hyland's, Inc., 2015 WL 9685557 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 12, 2015) (denying motion for summary judgment in case alleging false advertising of homeopathic cold and flu remedies for children).

Bayol v. Zipcar, Inc., 2014 WL 4793935 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 25, 2014) (denying motion to transfer venue pursuant to a forum selection clause).

Forcellati v. Hyland's Inc., 2014 WL 1410264 (C.D. Cal. Apr. 9, 2014) (certifying nationwide class of purchasers of homeopathic cold and flu remedies for children).

Hendricks v. StarKist Co., 30 F.Supp.3d 917 (N.D. Cal. 2014) (denying motion to dismiss in case alleging underfilling of 5-ounce cans of tuna).

Dei Rossi v. Whirlpool Corp., 2013 WL 5781673 (E.D. Cal. October 25, 2013) (denying motion to dismiss in case alleging that certain KitchenAid refrigerators were misrepresented as Energy Star qualified).

Forcellati v. Hyland's Inc., 876 F.Supp.2d 1155 (C.D. Cal. 2012) (denying motion to dismiss complaint alleging false advertising regarding homeopathic cold and flu remedies for children).

Clerkin v. MyLife.com, 2011 WL 3809912 (N.D. Cal. August 29, 2011) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss in case alleging false and misleading advertising by a social networking company).

In re Cellphone Termination Fee Cases, 186 Cal.App.4th 1380 (2010) (affirming order approving \$21 million class action settlement).

Gatton v. T-Mobile USA, Inc., 152 Cal.App.4th 571 (2007) (affirming order denying motion to compel arbitration).

Selected Class Settlements

Melgar v. Zicam (Eastern District of California) - \$16 million class settlement of claims alleging cold medicine was ineffective.

Gastelum v. Frontier California Inc. (San Francisco Superior Court) - \$10.9 million class action settlement of claims alleging that a residential landline service provider charged unlawful late fees.

West v. California Service Bureau, Inc. (Northern District of California) - \$4.1 million class settlement of claims under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Gregorio v. Premier Nutrition Corp. (Southern District of New York) - \$9 million class settlement of false advertising claims against protein shake manufacturer.

Morris v. SolarCity Corp. (Northern District of California) - \$15 million class settlement of claims under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Retta v. Millennium Products, Inc. (Central District of California) - \$8.25 million settlement to resolve claims of bottled tea purchasers for alleged false advertising.

Forcellati v. Hyland's (Central District of California) – nationwide class action settlement providing full refunds to purchasers of homeopathic cold and flu remedies for children.

Dei Rossi v. Whirlpool (Eastern District of California) – class action settlement providing \$55 cash payments to purchasers of certain KitchenAid refrigerators that allegedly mislabeled as Energy Star qualified.

In Re NVIDIA GTX 970 Graphics Chip Litigation (Northern District of California) - \$4.5 million class action settlement of claims alleging that a computer graphics card was sold with false and

misleading representations concerning its specifications and performance.

Hendricks v. StarKist Co. (Northern District of California) – \$12 million class action settlement of claims alleging that 5-ounce cans of tuna were underfilled.

In re Zakskorn v. American Honda Motor Co. Honda (Eastern District of California) – nationwide settlement providing for brake pad replacement and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in case alleging defective brake pads on Honda Civic vehicles manufactured between 2006 and 2011.

Correa v. Sensa Products, LLC (Los Angeles Superior Court) - \$9 million settlement on behalf of purchasers of the Sensa weight loss product.

In re Pacific Bell Late Fee Litigation (Contra Costa County Superior Court) - \$38.6 million settlement on behalf of Pac Bell customers who paid an allegedly unlawful late payment charge.

In re Haier Freezer Consumer Litigation (Northern District of California) - \$4 million settlement, which provided for cash payments of between \$50 and \$325.80 to class members who purchased the Haier HNCM070E chest freezer.

Thomas v. Global Vision Products, Inc. (Alameda County Superior Court) - \$30 million settlement on behalf of a class of purchasers of a hair loss remedy.

Guyette v. Viacom, Inc. (Alameda County Superior Court) - \$13 million settlement for a class of cable television subscribers who alleged that the defendant had improperly failed to share certain tax refunds with its subscribers.

JOSEPH I. MARCHESE

Joseph I. Marchese is a Partner with Bursor & Fisher, P.A. Joe focuses his practice on consumer class actions, employment law disputes, and commercial litigation. He has represented corporate and individual clients in a wide array of civil litigation, and has substantial trial and appellate experience.

Joe has diverse experience in litigating and resolving consumer class actions involving claims of mislabeling, false or misleading advertising, privacy violations, data breach claims, and violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

Joe also has significant experience in multidistrict litigation proceedings. Recently, he served on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in *In Re: Blue Buffalo Company, Ltd. Marketing And Sales Practices Litigation*, MDL No. 2562, which resulted in a \$32 million consumer class settlement. Currently, he serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for Economic Reimbursement in *In Re: Valsartan Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2875.

Joe is admitted to the State Bar of New York and is a member of the bars of the United States District Courts for the Southern District of New York, the Eastern District of New York, and the Eastern District of Michigan, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Joe graduated from Boston University School of Law in 2002 where he was a member of The Public Interest Law Journal. In 1998, Joe graduated with honors from Bucknell University.

Selected Published Decisions:

Boelter v. Hearst Communications, Inc., 269 F. Supp. 3d 172 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 7, 2017), granting plaintiff's motion for partial summary judgment on state privacy law violations in putative class action.

Boelter v. Hearst Communications, Inc., 192 F. Supp. 3d 427 (S.D.N.Y. June 17, 2016), denying publisher's motion to dismiss its subscriber's allegations of state privacy law violations in putative class action.

In re Scotts EZ Seed Litigation, 304 F.R.D. 397 (S.D.N.Y. 2015), granting class certification of false advertising and other claims brought by New York and California purchasers of grass seed product.

Ebin v. Kangadis Food Inc., 297 F.R.D. 561 (S.D.N.Y. 2014), granting nationwide class certification of false advertising and other claims brought by purchasers of purported "100% Pure Olive Oil" product.

In re Michaels Stores Pin Pad Litigation, 830 F. Supp. 2d 518 (N.D. Ill. 2011), denying retailer's motion to dismiss its customers' state law consumer protection and privacy claims in data breach putative class action.

Selected Class Settlements:

Edwards v. Hearst Communications, Inc., Case No. 15-cv-09279-AT (S.D.N.Y. 2019) – final approval granted for \$50 million class settlement to resolve claims of magazine subscribers for alleged statutory privacy violations.

Moeller v. Advance Magazine Publishers, Inc. d/b/a Condé Nast, Case No. 15-cv-05671-NRB (S.D.N.Y. 2019) – final approval granted for \$13.75 million class settlement to resolve claims of magazine subscribers for alleged statutory privacy violations.

In re Scotts EZ Seed Litigation, Case No. 12-cv-4727-VB (S.D.N.Y. 2018) – final approval granted for \$47 million class settlement to resolve false advertising claims of purchasers of combination grass seed product.

In Re: Blue Buffalo Marketing And Sales Practices Litigation, Case No. 14-MD-2562-RWS (E.D. Mo. 2016) – final approval granted for \$32 million class settlement to resolve claims of pet owners for alleged false advertising of pet foods.

Rodriguez v. Citimortgage, Inc., Case No. 11-cv-4718-PGG (S.D.N.Y. 2015) – final approval granted for \$38 million class settlement to resolve claims of military servicemembers for alleged foreclosure violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, where each class member was entitled to \$116,785 plus lost equity in the foreclosed property and interest thereon.

O'Brien v. LG Electronics USA, Inc., et al., Case No. 10-cv-3733-DMC (D.N.J. 2011) – final approval granted for \$23 million class settlement to resolve claims of Energy Star refrigerator purchasers for alleged false advertising of the appliances' Energy Star qualification.

JOSHUA D. ARISOHN

Joshua D. Arisohn is a Partner with Bursor & Fisher, P.A. Josh has litigated precedent-setting cases in the areas of consumer class actions and terrorism. He participated in the first ever trial to take place under the Anti-Terrorism Act, a statute that affords U.S. citizens the right to assert federal claims for injuries arising out of acts of international terrorism. Josh's practice continues to focus on terrorism-related matters as well as class actions.

Josh is admitted to the State Bar of New York and is a member of the bars of the United States District Courts for the Southern District of New York and the Eastern District of New York.

Josh previously practiced at Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP and DLA Piper LLP. He graduated from Columbia University School of Law in 2006, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and received his B.A. from Cornell University in 2002. Josh has been honored as a 2015 and 2016 Super Lawyer Rising Star.

Selected Published Decisions:

Morris v. SolarCity Corp., 2016 WL 1359378 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 4, 2016), denying defendant's motion to dismiss claims that solar company illegally called consumers using an artificial or prerecorded voice and an automatic telephone dialing system.

Boelter v. Hearst Commc'ns, Inc., 192 F. Supp. 3d 427 (S.D.N.Y. 2016), denying defendant's motion to dismiss and finding that the Michigan Video Rental Privacy Act does not violate the First Amendment.

Edwards v. Oportun, Inc., 193 F. Supp. 3d 1096 (N.D. Cal. 2016), denying defendant's motion dismiss and rejecting its argument that providing a class representative with a cashier's check for his individual damages mooted his individual and class claims.

Selected Class Settlements:

Morris v. SolarCity Corp., Case No. 3:15-cv-05107-RS (N.D. Cal.) - final approval granted for \$15 million class settlement to resolve claims under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227 *et seq.*

JOEL D. SMITH

Joel D. Smith is a Partner with Bursor & Fisher, P.A. Joel is a trial attorney who has practiced in lower court and appeals courts across the country, as well as the U.S. Supreme Court.

Prior to joining Bursor & Fisher, Joel was a litigator at Crowell & Moring, where he represented Fortune 500 companies, privately held businesses, and public entities in a wide variety of commercial, environmental, and class action matters. Among other matters, Joel served as defense counsel for AT&T, Enterprise-Rent-A-Car, Flowers Foods, and other major U.S. businesses in consumer class actions, including a class action seeking to hold U.S. energy companies accountable for global warming. Joel represented four major U.S. retailers in a case arising from a devastating arson fire and ensuing state of emergency in Roseville, California, which settled on the eve of a trial that was expected to last several months and involve several dozen witnesses. Joel also was part of the trial team in a widely publicized trial over the death of a contestant who died after participating in a Sacramento radio station's water drinking contest.

More recently, Joel's practice focuses on consumer class actions involving automotive and other product defects, financial misconduct, false advertising, and privacy violations.

Joel received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of California at Berkeley. While at Berkeley School of Law, he was a member of the California Law Review, received several academic honors, externed for the California Attorney General's office and published an article on climate change policy and litigation.

Joel is admitted to the State Bar of California, as well as the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third and Ninth Circuits; all California district courts; the Eastern District of Michigan; and the Northern District of Illinois.

Selected Published Decisions:

Javier v. Assurance IQ, LLC, --- Fed App'x --- 2022 WL 1744107 (9th Cir. May 31, 2022), reversing dismissal in a class action alleging surreptitious monitoring of internet communications.

Revitch v. DIRECTV, LLC, 977 F.3d 713 (9th Cir. 2020), affirming denial of motion to compel arbitration in putative class action alleging unlawful calls under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Kaupelis v. Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc., 2020 WL 5901116 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 23, 2020), granting class certification of consumer protection claims brought by purchasers of defective chainsaws.

Selected Class Settlements:

Crandell et al. v. Volkswagen Group of America, Case No. 2:18-cv-13377-JSA (D.N.J.) – final approval granted for a settlement providing relief for Volkswagen Touareg owners to resolve allegations that defects in Touareg vehicles caused the engines to ingest water when driving in the rain.

Isley et al. v. BMW of N. America, LLC, Case No. 2:19-cv-12680-ESK (D.N.J.) – final approval granted for settlement providing BMW owners with reimbursements and credit vouchers to resolve allegations that defects in the BMW N63TU engine caused excessive oil consumption.

Kaupelis v. Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc., 8:19-cv-01203-JVS-DFM (C.D. Cal.) – final approval granted for a settlement valued up to \$40 million to resolve allegations that Harbor Freight sold chainsaws with a defective power switch that could prevent the chainsaws from turning off.

Morris v. SolarCity Corp., Case No. 3:15-cv-05107-RS (N.D. Cal.) - final approval granted for \$15 million class settlement to resolve claims under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (“TCPA”), 47 U.S.C. § 227 *et seq.*

NEAL J. DECKANT

Neal J. Deckant is a Partner with Bursor & Fisher, P.A., where he serves as the firm's Head of Information & e-Discovery. Neal focuses his practice on complex business litigation and consumer class actions. Prior to joining Bursor & Fisher, Neal counseled low-income homeowners facing foreclosure in East Boston.

Neal is admitted to the State Bars of California and New York, and is a member of the bars of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and the bars of the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second and Ninth Circuits.

Neal received his Juris Doctor from Boston University School of Law in 2011, graduating cum laude with two Dean’s Awards. During law school, Neal served as a Senior Articles Editor for the Review of Banking and Financial Law, where he authored two published articles about securitization reforms, both of which were cited by the New York Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state. Neal was also awarded Best Oral Argument in his moot court section, and he served as a Research Assistant for his Securities Regulation professor. Neal has also been honored as a 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 Super Lawyers Rising Star. In 2007, Neal graduated with Honors from Brown University with a dual major in East Asian Studies and Philosophy.

Selected Published Decisions:

Martinelli v. Johnson & Johnson, 2019 WL 1429653 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 29, 2019), granting class certification of false advertising and other claims brought by purchasers of Benecol spreads labeled with the representation “No Trans Fats.”

Dzielak v. Whirlpool Corp., 2017 WL 6513347 (D.N.J. Dec. 20, 2017), granting class certification of consumer protection claims brought by purchasers of Maytag Centennial washing machines marked with the “Energy Star” logo.

Duran v. Obesity Research Institute, LLC, 204 Cal. Rptr. 3d 896 (Cal. Ct. App. 2016), reversing and remanding final approval of a class action settlement on appeal, regarding allegedly mislabeled dietary supplements, in connection with a meritorious objection.

Marchuk v. Faruqi & Faruqi, LLP, et al., 100 F. Supp. 3d 302 (S.D.N.Y. 2015), granting individual and law firm defendants' motion for judgment as a matter of law on plaintiff's claims for retaliation and defamation, as well as for all claims against law firm partners, Nadeem and Lubna Faruqi.

Ebin v. Kangadis Food Inc., 297 F.R.D. 561 (S.D.N.Y. 2014), granting nationwide class certification of false advertising and other claims brought by purchasers of purported "100% Pure Olive Oil" product.

Ebin v. Kangadis Food Inc., 2014 WL 737878 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 25, 2014), denying distributor's motion for summary judgment against nationwide class of purchasers of purported "100% Pure Olive Oil" product.

Selected Class Settlements:

In Re NVIDIA GTX 970 Graphics Chip Litigation, Case No. 15-cv-00760-PJH (N.D. Cal. Dec. 7, 2016) – final approval granted for \$4.5 million class action settlement to resolve claims that a computer graphics card was allegedly sold with false and misleading representations concerning its specifications and performance.

Hendricks v. StarKist Co., 2016 WL 5462423 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 29, 2016) – final approval granted for \$12 million class action settlement to resolve claims that 5-ounce cans of tuna were allegedly underfilled.

In re: Kangadis Food Inc., Case No. 8-14-72649 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. Dec. 17, 2014) – class action claims resolved for \$2 million as part of a Chapter 11 plan of reorganization, after a corporate defendant filed for bankruptcy, following claims that its olive oil was allegedly sold with false and misleading representations.

Selected Publications:

Neal Deckant, *X. Reforms of Collateralized Debt Obligations: Enforcement, Accounting and Regulatory Proposals*, 29 Rev. Banking & Fin. L. 79 (2009) (cited in *Quadrant Structured Products Co., Ltd. v. Vertin*, 16 N.E.3d 1165, 1169 n.8 (N.Y. 2014)).

Neal Deckant, *Criticisms of Collateralized Debt Obligations in the Wake of the Goldman Sachs Scandal*, 30 Rev. Banking & Fin. L. 407 (2010) (cited in *Quadrant Structured Products Co., Ltd. v. Vertin*, 16 N.E.3d 1165, 1169 n.8 (N.Y. 2014)); *Lyon Village Venetia, LLC v. CSE Mortgage LLC*, 2016 WL 476694, at *1 n.1 (Md. Ct. Spec. App. Feb. 4, 2016); Ivan Ascher, *Portfolio Society: On the Capitalist Mode of Prediction*, at 141, 153, 175 (Zone Books / The MIT Press 2016); Devon J. Steinmeyer, *Does State National Bank of Big Spring v. Geithner Stand a Fighting Chance?*, 89 Chi.-Kent. L. Rev. 471, 473 n.13 (2014)).

YITZCHAK KOPEL

Yitzchak Kopel is a Partner with Bursor & Fisher, P.A. Yitz focuses his practice on consumer class actions and complex business litigation. He has represented corporate and individual clients before federal and state courts, as well as in arbitration proceedings.

Yitz has substantial experience in successfully litigating and resolving consumer class actions involving claims of consumer fraud, data breaches, and violations of the telephone consumer protection act. Since 2014, Yitz has obtained class certification on behalf of his clients five times, three of which were certified as nationwide class actions. Bursor & Fisher was appointed as class counsel to represent the certified classes in each of the cases.

Yitz is admitted to the State Bars of New York and New Jersey, the bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Eleventh, and Ninth Circuits, and the bars of the United States District Courts for the Southern District of New York, Eastern District of New York, Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Northern District of Illinois, and District of New Jersey.

Yitz received his Juris Doctorate from Brooklyn Law School in 2012, graduating *cum laude* with two Dean's Awards. During law school, Yitz served as an Articles Editor for the Brooklyn Law Review and worked as a Law Clerk at Shearman & Sterling. In 2009, Yitz graduated *cum laude* from Queens College with a B.A. in Accounting.

Selected Published Decisions:

Bassaw v. United Industries Corp., --- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2020 WL 5117916 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 31, 2020), denying motion to dismiss claims in putative class action concerning insect foggers.

Poppiti v. United Industries Corp., 2020 WL 1433642 (E.D. Mo. Mar. 24, 2020), denying motion to dismiss claims in putative class action concerning citronella candles.

Bakov v. Consolidated World Travel, Inc., 2019 WL 6699188 (N.D. Ill. Dec. 9, 2019), granting summary judgment on behalf of certified class in robocall class action.

Krumm v. Kittrich Corp., 2019 WL 6876059 (E.D. Mo. Dec. 17, 2019), denying motion to dismiss claims in putative class action concerning mosquito repellent.

Crespo v. S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc., 394 F. Supp. 3d 260 (S.D.N.Y. 2019), denying defendant's motion to dismiss fraud and consumer protection claims in putative class action regarding Raid insect fogger.

Bakov v. Consolidated World Travel, Inc., 2019 WL 1294659 (N.D. Ill. Mar. 21, 2019), certifying a class of persons who received robocalls in the state of Illinois.

Bourbia v. S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc., 375 F. Supp. 3d 454 (S.D.N.Y. 2019), denying defendant's motion to dismiss fraud and consumer protection claims in putative class action regarding mosquito repellent.

Hart v. BHH, LLC, 323 F. Supp. 3d 560 (S.D.N.Y. 2018), denying defendants' motion for summary judgment in certified class action involving the sale of ultrasonic pest repellents.

Hart v. BHH, LLC, 2018 WL 3471813 (S.D.N.Y. July 19, 2018), denying defendants' motion to exclude plaintiffs' expert in certified class action involving the sale of ultrasonic pest repellents.

Penrose v. Buffalo Trace Distillery, Inc., 2018 WL 2334983 (E.D. Mo. Feb. 5, 2018), denying bourbon producers' motion to dismiss fraud and consumer protection claims in putative class action.

West v. California Service Bureau, Inc., 323 F.R.D. 295 (N.D. Cal. 2017), certifying a nationwide class of "wrong-number" robocall recipients.

Hart v. BHH, LLC, 2017 WL 2912519 (S.D.N.Y. July 7, 2017), certifying nationwide class of purchasers of ultrasonic pest repellents.

Browning v. Unilever United States, Inc., 2017 WL 7660643 (C.D. Cal. Apr. 26, 2017), denying motion to dismiss fraud and warranty claims in putative class action concerning facial scrub product.

Brenner v. Procter & Gamble Co., 2016 WL 8192946 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 20, 2016), denying motion to dismiss warranty and consumer protection claims in putative class action concerning baby wipes.

Hewlett v. Consolidated World Travel, Inc., 2016 WL 4466536 (E.D. Cal. Aug. 23, 2016), denying telemarketer's motion to dismiss TCPA claims in putative class action.

Bailey v. KIND, LLC, 2016 WL 3456981 (C.D. Cal. June 16, 2016), denying motion to dismiss fraud and warranty claims in putative class action concerning snack bars.

Hart v. BHH, LLC, 2016 WL 2642228 (S.D.N.Y. May 5, 2016) denying motion to dismiss warranty and consumer protection claims in putative class action concerning ultrasonic pest repellents.

Marchuk v. Faruqi & Faruqi, LLP, et al., 100 F. Supp. 3d 302 (S.D.N.Y. 2015), granting clients' motion for judgment as a matter of law on claims for retaliation and defamation in employment action.

In re Scotts EZ Seed Litigation, 304 F.R.D. 397 (S.D.N.Y. 2015), granting class certification of false advertising and other claims brought by New York and California purchasers of grass seed product.

Brady v. Basic Research, L.L.C., 101 F. Supp. 3d 217 (E.D.N.Y. 2015), denying diet pill manufacturers' motion to dismiss its purchasers' allegations for breach of express warranty in putative class action.

Ward v. TheLadders.com, Inc., 3 F. Supp. 3d 151 (S.D.N.Y. 2014), denying online job board's motion to dismiss its subscribers' allegations of consumer protection law violations in putative class action.

Ebin v. Kangadis Food Inc., 297 F.R.D. 561 (S.D.N.Y. 2014), granting nationwide class certification of false advertising and other claims brought by purchasers of purported "100% Pure Olive Oil" product.

Ebin v. Kangadis Food Inc., 2014 WL 737878 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 25, 2014), denying distributor's motion for summary judgment against nationwide class of purchasers of purported "100% Pure Olive Oil" product.

Selected Class Settlements:

Hart v. BHH, LLC, Case No. 1:15-cv-04804 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 22, 2020), resolving class action claims regarding ultrasonic pest repellers.

In re: Kangadis Food Inc., Case No. 8-14-72649 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. Dec. 17, 2014), resolving class action claims for \$2 million as part of a Chapter 11 plan of reorganization, after a corporate defendant filed for bankruptcy following the certification of nationwide claims alleging that its olive oil was sold with false and misleading representations.

West v. California Service Bureau, Case No. 4:16-cv-03124-YGR (N.D. Cal. Jan. 23, 2019), resolving class action claims against debt-collector for wrong-number robocalls for \$4.1 million.

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Selected Published Decisions:

Revitch v. New Moosejaw, LLC, 2019 WL 5485330 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 23, 2019), denying defendants' motions to dismiss consumer's allegations of state privacy law violations in putative class action.

In re Welspun Litigation, 2019 WL 2174089 (S.D.N.Y. May 20, 2019), denying retailers' and textile manufacturer's motion to dismiss consumers' allegations of false advertising relating to purported "100% Egyptian Cotton" linen products.

Martinelli v. Johnson & Johnson, 2019 WL 1429653 (E.D. Cal. Mar. 29, 2019), granting class certification of California false advertising claims and multi-state express warranty claims brought by purchasers of a butter substitute.

Porter v. NBTY, Inc., 2016 WL 6948379 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 28, 2016), denying supplement manufacturer's motion to dismiss consumers' allegations of false advertising relating to whey protein content.

Weisblum v. Prophase Labs, Inc., 88 F. Supp. 3d 282 (S.D.N.Y. 2015), denying supplement manufacturer's motion to dismiss consumers' allegations of false advertising relating to a homeopathic cold product.

In re Scotts EZ Seed Litigation, 304 F.R.D. 397 (S.D.N.Y. 2015), granting class certification of false advertising and other claims brought by New York and California purchasers of grass seed product.

Marchuk v. Faruqi & Faruqi, LLP, et al., 100 F. Supp. 3d 302 (S.D.N.Y. 2015), granting individual and law firm defendants' motion for judgment as a matter of law on plaintiff's claims for retaliation and defamation, as well as for all claims against law firm partners, Nadeem and Lubna Faruqi.

Ebin v. Kangadis Food Inc., Case No. 13-4775 (2d Cir. Apr. 15, 2015), denying olive oil manufacturer's Rule 23(f) appeal following grant of nationwide class certification.

Ebin v. Kangadis Food Inc., 297 F.R.D. 561 (S.D.N.Y. 2014), granting nationwide class certification of false advertising and other claims brought by purchasers of purported "100% Pure Olive Oil" product.

Ebin v. Kangadis Food Inc., 2014 WL 737878 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 25, 2014), denying distributor's motion for summary judgment against nationwide class of purchasers of purported "100% Pure Olive Oil" product.

Selected Class Settlements:

Gregorio v. Premier Nutrition Corp., Case No. 17-cv-05987-AT (S.D.N.Y. 2019) – final approval granted for \$9 million class settlement to resolve claims of protein shake purchasers for alleged false advertising.

Ruppel v. Consumers Union of United States, Inc., Case No. 16-cv-02444-KMK (S.D.N.Y. 2018) – final approval granted for \$16.375 million class settlement to resolve claims of magazine subscribers for alleged statutory privacy violations.

In Re: Blue Buffalo Marketing And Sales Practices Litigation, Case No. 14-MD-2562-RWS (E.D. Mo. 2016) – final approval granted for \$32 million class settlement to resolve claims of pet owners for alleged false advertising of pet foods.

In re: Kangadis Food Inc., Case No. 8-14-72649 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. Dec. 17, 2014) – resolved class action claims for \$2 million as part of a Chapter 11 plan of reorganization, after a corporate defendant filed for bankruptcy following the certification of nationwide claims alleging that its olive oil was sold with false and misleading representations.

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Representative Cases:

Perez v. Rash Curtis & Associates, Case No. 16-cv-03396-YGR (N.D. Cal. May 13, 2019). Mr. Krivoshey litigated claims against a national health-care debt collection agency on behalf of people that received autodialed calls on their cellular telephones without their prior express consent. Mr. Krivoshey successfully obtained nationwide class certification, defeated the defendant's motion for summary judgment, won summary judgment as to the issue of prior express consent and the use of automatic telephone dialing systems, and navigated the case towards trial. With his partner, Scott Bursor, Mr. Krivoshey obtained a jury verdict finding that the defendant violated the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA") 534,712 times. Under the TCPA, class members are entitled to \$500 per each call made in violation of the TCPA – in this case, \$267 million for 534,712 unlawful calls.

Selected Published Decisions:

Goodrich, et al. v. Alterra Mountain Co., et al., 2021 WL 2633326 (D. Col. June 25, 2021), denying ski pass company's motion to dismiss its customers' allegations concerning refunds owed due to cancellation of ski season due to COVID-19.

Bayol v. Zipcar, Inc., 2014 WL 4793935 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 25, 2014), denying enforcement of forum selection clause based on public policy grounds.

Bayol v. Zipcar, Inc., 78 F. Supp. 3d 1252 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 29, 2015), denying car-rental company's motion to dismiss its subscriber's allegations of unlawful late fees.

Brown v. Comcast Corp., 2016 WL 9109112 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 12, 2016), denying internet service provider's motion to compel arbitration of claims alleged under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Chaisson, et al. v. University of Southern California (Cal. Sup. Ct. Mar. 25, 2021), denying university's demurrer as to its students' allegations of unfair and unlawful late fees.

Choi v. Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., 2019 WL 4894120 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 28, 2019), denying tampon manufacturer's motion to dismiss its customer's design defect claims.

Horanzy v. Vemma Nutrition Co., Case No. 15-cv-298-PHX-JJT (D. Ariz. Apr. 16, 2016), denying multi-level marketer's and its chief scientific officer's motion to dismiss their customer's fraud claims.

McMillion, et al. v. Rash Curtis & Associates, 2017 WL 3895764 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 6, 2017), granting nationwide class certification of Telephone Consumer Protection Act claims by persons receiving autodialed and prerecorded calls without consent.

McMillion, et al. v. Rash Curtis & Associates, 2018 WL 692105 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 2, 2018), granting plaintiffs' motion for partial summary judgment on Telephone Consumer Protection Act violations in certified class action.

Perez v. Indian Harbor Ins. Co., 2020 WL 2322996 (N.D. Cal. May 11, 2020), denying insurance company's motion to dismiss or stay assigned claims of bad faith and fair dealing arising out of \$267 million trial judgment.

Perez v. Rash Curtis & Associates, 2020 WL 1904533 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 17, 2020), upholding constitutionality of \$267 million class trial judgment award.

Salazar v. Honest Tea, Inc., 2015 WL 7017050 (E.D. Cal. Nov. 12, 2015), denying manufacturer's motion for summary judgment as to customer's false advertising claims.

Sholopa v. Turk Hava Yollari A.O., Inc. (d/b/a Turkish Airlines), 2022 WL 976825 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 31, 2022), denying airline's motion to dismiss its customers claims for failure to refund flights cancelled due to COVID-19.

Selected Class Settlements:

Perez v. Rash Curtis & Associates, Case No. 16-cv-03396-YGR (N.D. Cal. Oct. 1, 2021) granting final approval to a \$75.6 million non-reversionary cash common fund settlement, the largest ever consumer class action settlement stemming from a violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Strassburger v. Six Flags Theme Parks Inc., et al. (Ill. Cir. Ct. 2022) granting final approval to \$83.6 million settlement to resolve claims of theme park members for alleged wrongful charging of fees during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Juarez-Segura, et al. v. Western Dental Services, Inc. (Cal. Sup. Ct. Aug. 9, 2021) granting final approval to \$35 million settlement to resolve claims of dental customers for alleged unlawful late fees.

Moore v. Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. (Ill. Cir. Ct. July 22, 2020) granting final approval to \$11.2 million settlement to resolve claims of tampon purchasers for alleged defective products.

Retta v. Millennium Prods., Inc., 2017 WL 5479637 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 22, 2017) granting final approval to \$8.25 million settlement to resolve claims of kombucha purchasers for alleged false advertising.

Cortes v. National Credit Adjusters, L.L.C. (E.D. Cal. Dec. 7, 2020) granting final approval to \$6.8 million settlement to resolve claims of persons who received alleged autodialed calls without prior consent in violation of the TCPA.

Bayol et al. v. Health-Ade LLC, et al. (N.D. Cal. Oct. 11, 2019) – granting final approval to \$3,997,500 settlement to resolve claims of kombucha purchasers for alleged false advertising.

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Selected Published Decisions:

Fischer v. Instant Checkmate LLC, 2022 WL 971479 (N.D. Ill. Mar. 31, 2022), certifying class of Illinois residents for alleged violations of Illinois' Right of Publicity Act by background reporting website.

Kolebuck-Utz v. Whitepages Inc., 2021 WL 157219 (W.D. Wash. Apr. 22, 2021), denying defendant's motion to dismiss for alleged violations of Ohio's Right to Publicity Law.

Bergeron v. Rochester Institute of Technology, 2020 WL 7486682 (W.D.N.Y. Dec. 18, 2020), denying university's motion to dismiss for failure to refund tuition and fees for the Spring 2020 semester in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Porter v. NBTY, Inc., 2019 WL 5694312 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 4, 2019), denying supplement manufacturer's motion for summary judgment on consumers' allegations of false advertising relating to whey protein content.

Boelter v. Hearst Communications, Inc., 269 F. Supp. 3d 172 (S.D.N.Y. 2017), granting plaintiff's motion for partial summary judgment on state privacy law violations in putative class action.

Selected Class Settlements:

Edwards v. Hearst Communications, Inc., Case No. 15-cv-09279-AT (S.D.N.Y. 2019) – final approval granted for \$50 million class settlement to resolve claims of magazine subscribers for alleged statutory privacy violations.

Ruppel v. Consumers Union of United States, Inc., Case No. 16-cv-02444-KMK (S.D.N.Y. 2018) – final approval granted for \$16.375 million class settlement to resolve claims of magazine subscribers for alleged statutory privacy violations.

Moeller v. Advance Magazine Publishers, Inc. d/b/a Condé Nast, Case No. 15-cv-05671-NRB (S.D.N.Y. 2019) – final approval granted for \$13.75 million class settlement to resolve claims of magazine subscribers for alleged statutory privacy violations.

Benbow v. SmileDirectClub, LLC, Case No. 2020-CH-07269 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty. 2021) – final approval granted for \$11.5 million class settlement to resolve claims for alleged TCPA violations.

Gregorio v. Premier Nutrition Corp., Case No. 17-cv-05987-AT (S.D.N.Y. 2019) – final approval granted for \$9 million class settlement to resolve claims of protein shake purchasers for alleged false advertising.

Taylor v. Trusted Media Brands, Inc., Case No. 16-cv-01812-KMK (S.D.N.Y. 2018) – final approval granted for \$8.225 million class settlement to resolve claims of magazine subscribers for alleged statutory privacy violations.

Moeller v. American Media, Inc., Case No. 16-cv-11367-JEL (E.D. Mich. 2017) – final approval granted for \$7.6 million class settlement to resolve claims of magazine subscribers for alleged statutory privacy violations.

Rocchio v. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Case No. MID-L-003039-20 (Sup. Ct. Middlesex Cnty. 2022) – final approval granted for \$5 million class settlement to resolve claims for failure to refund mandatory fees for the Spring 2020 semester in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Heigl v. Waste Management of New York, LLC, Case No. 19-cv-05487-WFK-ST (E.D.N.Y. 2021) – final approval granted for \$2.7 million class settlement to resolve claims for charging allegedly unlawful fees pertaining to paper billing.

Frederick v. Examsoft Worldwide, Inc., Case No. 2021L001116 (Cir. Ct. DuPage Cnty. 2022) – final approval granted for \$2.25 million class settlement to resolve claims for alleged BIPA violations.

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Ms. Westcot also has significant experience in high-profile, multi-district litigations. She currently serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Zantac (Ranitidine) Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2924 (S.D. Florida).

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Selected Class Settlements:

Gregorio v. Premier Nutrition Corp., Case No. 17-cv-05987-AT (S.D.N.Y. 2019) – final approval granted for class settlement to resolve claims of protein shake purchasers for alleged false advertising.

Wright v. Southern New Hampshire Univ., Case No. 1:20-cv-00609-LM (D.N.H. 2021) – final approval granted for class settlement to resolve claims over COVID-19 tuition and fee refunds to students.

Mendoza et al. v. United Industries Corp., Case No. 21PH-CV00670 (Phelps Cnty. Mo. 2021) – final approval granted for class settlement to resolve false advertising claims on insect repellent products.

Kaupelis v. Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc., Case No. 8:19-cv-01203-JVS-DFM (C.D. Cal. 2021) – final approval granted for class settlement involving allegedly defective and dangerous chainsaws.

Rocchio v. Rutgers Univ., Case No. MID-L-003039-20 (Middlesex Cnty. N.J. 2021) – final approval granted for class settlement to resolve claims over COVID-19 fee refunds to students.

Malone v. Western Digital Corporation, Case No. 5:20-cv-03584-NC (N.D. Cal.) – final approval granted for class settlement to resolve false advertising claims on hard drive products.

Frederick et al. v. ExamSoft Worldwide, Inc., Case No. 2021L001116 (DuPage Cnty. Ill. 2021) – final approval granted for class settlement to resolve claims over alleged BIPA violations with respect to exam proctoring software.

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Selected Class Settlements:

Morrissey v. Tula Life, Inc., Case No. 2021L0000646 (18th Judicial Circuit Court DuPage County 2021) – final approval granted for \$4 million class settlement to resolve claims of cosmetics purchasers for alleged false advertising.

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Selected Published Decisions:

Javier v. Assurance IQ, LLC, 2022 WL 1744107 (9th Cir. May 31, 2022), reversing district court and holding that the California Invasion of Privacy Act § 631 requires prior consent to wiretapping. Max personally argued the appeal before the Ninth Circuit, which can be viewed [here](#).

Soo v. Lorex Corp., 2020 WL 5408117 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 9, 2020), denying defendants' motion to compel arbitration and denying in part motion dismiss consumer protection claims in putative class action concerning security cameras.

Salerno v. Florida Southern College, 488 F. Supp. 3d 1211 (M.D. Fla. 2020), denying motion to dismiss student's allegations that university committed a breach of contract by failing to refund students after it shifted to online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Saleh v. Nike, Inc., --- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2021 WL 4437734 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 27, 2021), denying in part motion to dismiss alleged violations of California Invasion of Privacy Act.

Bugarin v. All Nippon Airways Co., 2021 WL 4974978 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 26, 2021), denying motion to compel arbitration of airline passenger's breach of contract claims.

Sholopa v. Turk Hava Yollari A.O., Inc. d/b/a Turkish Airlines, 2022 WL 976825 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 31, 2022), denying motion to dismiss passenger's allegations that airline committed a breach of contract by failing to refund passengers for cancelled flights during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Selected Class Settlements:

Miranda v. Golden Entertainment (NV), Inc., Case No. 2:20-cv-534-AT (D. Nev. 2021) – final approval granted for class settlement valued at over \$4.5 million to resolve claims of customers and employees of casino company stemming from data breach.

Malone v. Western Digital Corp., Case No. 5:20-cv-3584-NC (N.D. Cal. 2021) – final approval granted for class settlement valued at \$5.7 million to resolve claims of hard drive purchasers for alleged false advertised.

Frederick v. ExamSoft Worldwide, Inc., Case No. 2021-L-001116 (18th Judicial Circuit Court DuPage County, Illinois 2021) – final approval granted for \$2.25 million class settlement to resolve claims of Illinois students for alleged violations of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act.

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Chris received his Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center in 2020. During law school, Chris clerked for the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he worked on antitrust and food and drug law matters under Senator Richard Blumenthal. He has also clerked for the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office, the ACLU Prison Project, and the Pennsylvania General Counsel's Office. Chris served as Senior Editor of Georgetown's Journal of Law and Public Policy. In 2017, Chris graduated from the University of Florida with a B.A. in Political Science.

JULIA VENDITTI

Julia Venditti is an Associate with Bursor & Fisher, P.A. Julia focuses her practice on complex civil litigation and class actions. Julia was a Summer Associate with Bursor & Fisher prior to joining the firm.

Julia is admitted to the State Bar of California and is a member of the bars of the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of California.

Julia received her Juris Doctor in 2020 from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where she graduated *cum laude* with two CALI Awards for the highest grade in her Evidence and California Community Property classes. During law school, Julia was a member of the UC Hastings Moot Court team and competed at the Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition, where she finished as a national quarterfinalist and received a best brief award. Julia was also inducted into the UC Hastings Honors Society and was awarded Best Brief and an Honorable Mention for Best Oral Argument in her First-Year Moot Court section. In addition, Julia served as a Research Assistant for her Constitutional Law professor, as a Teaching Assistant for Legal Writing & Research, and as a Law Clerk at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. In 2017, Julia graduated *magna cum laude* from Baruch College/CUNY, Weissman School of Arts and Sciences, with a B.A. in Political Science.

SEAN L. LITTERAL

Sean L. Litteral is an Associate with Bursor & Fisher, P.A. Sean focuses his practice on complex business litigation, consumer class actions, and employment law disputes. He holds degrees from Berea College, the London School of Economics and Political Science, and Berkeley Law.

Sean has represented clients in a variety of matters, including survivors against the Boy Scouts of America for covering up decades of sexual abuse; warehouse workers against Walmart for failing to comply with COVID-19 health and safety guidelines; and drivers against Corinthian International Parking Services for systematically violating California's wage and hour laws.

Sean clerked for the Alaska Supreme Court and served as a fellow for the U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor and the Atlanta City Council. He previously externed for the Special Litigation Section, Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice; the Berkeley Environmental Law Clinic; and the Corporate Sustainability Program at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

He has published in the UC Davis Environmental Law & Policy Journal, the Harvard Latinx Law Review, and the Stanford Law and Policy Review on a broad scope of matters, including corporate sustainability, international trade, and national security.

JULIAN DIAMOND

Julian Diamond is an Associate with Bursor & Fisher, P.A. Julian focuses his practice on privacy law and class actions. Julian was a Summer Associate with Bursor & Fisher prior to joining the firm.

Julian received his Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. During law school, Julian was Articles Editor for the Columbia Journal of Environmental Law. Prior to law school, Julian worked in education. Julian graduated from

California State University, Fullerton with a B.A. in History and a single subject social science teaching credential.

MATTHEW GIRARDI

Matt Girardi is an Associate with Bursor & Fisher, P.A. Matt focuses his practice on complex civil litigation and class actions, and has focused specifically on consumer class actions involving product defects, financial misconduct, false advertising, and privacy violations. Matt was a Summer Associate with Bursor & Fisher prior to joining the firm.

Matt is admitted to the State Bar of New York, and is a member of the bars of the United States District Courts for the Southern District of New York, the Eastern District of New York, and the Eastern District of Michigan

Matt received his Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School in 2020, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. During law school, Matt was the Commentary Editor for the Columbia Journal of Tax Law, and represented fledgling businesses for Columbia's Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic. In addition, Matt worked as an Honors Intern in the Division of Enforcement at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Prior to law school, Matt graduated from Brown University in 2016 with a B.A. in Economics, and worked as a Paralegal Specialist at the U.S. Department of Justice in the Antitrust Division.

EXHIBIT B

In Re: GE/CBPS Data Breach Litigation Lodestar Summary				
ATTORNEY	TITLE	HOURS	RATE	TOTAL
L. Timothy Fisher (LTF)	Partner	76.9	\$1,000.00	\$76,900.00
Joseph I. Marchese (JIM)	Partner	0.8	\$950.00	\$760.00
Alec M. Leslie (AML)	Partner	126.4	\$650.00	\$82,160.00
Debbie Schroeder (DLS)	Senior Litigation Support Specialist	4.5	\$300.00	\$1,350.00
Rebecca Richter (RSR)	Senior Litigation Support Specialist	1.2	\$300.00	\$360.00
Erin Wald (EMW)	Senior Litigation Support Specialist	1.2	\$300.00	\$360.00
J. Georgina McCulloch (JGM)	Senior Litigation Support Specialist	0.3	\$300.00	\$90.00
Molly Sasseen (MCS)	Senior Litigation Support Specialist	5.5	\$300.00	\$1,650.00
Steven Riley (SER)	Litigation Support Specialist	0.4	\$275.00	\$110.00
Judy Fontanilla (JMF)	Litigation Support Specialist	2.0	\$275.00	\$550.00
Alexander Riggsby (AJR)	Litigation Support Specialist	0.3	\$275.00	\$82.50
Teresa Clark (TEC)	Litigation Support Specialist	0.4	\$275.00	\$110.00
		219.9		\$164,482.50
			Expenses:	\$12,080.54
			Total:	\$176,563.04

In Re: GE/CBPS Data Breach Litigation Expenses			
		\$1,705.00	Filing Fees
		\$9,925.00	Mediation Fees
		\$450.54	Service of Process Fees
		\$12,080.54	Total Expenses
Filing Fees			
DATE	MATTER	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
2020.04.02	GE Canon Data Breach	\$400.00	US District Court NDCA
2020.04.08	GE Canon Data Breach	\$400.00	Courts USDC NY-S
2020.08.11	GE Canon Data Breach	\$400.00	Courts USDC NY-S
2020.10.01	GE Canon Data Breach	\$505.00	Courts USDC-NY-S
		\$1,705.00	Total Filing Fees
Mediation Fees			
DATE	MATTER	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
2021.12.07	GE Canon Data Breach	\$4,000.00	Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young LLP
2021.12.29	GE Canon Data Breach	\$1,775.00	Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young LLP
2022.02.24	GE Canon Data Breach	\$4,150.00	Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young LLP
		\$9,925.00	Total Mediation Fees
Service of Process Fees			
DATE	MATTER	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
2020.05.04	GE Canon Data Breach	\$450.54	First Legal - Complaint Service
		\$450.54	Total Service of Process Fees

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE: GE/CBPS DATA BREACH
LITIGATION

Case No. 1:20-cv-02903-KPF

**DECLARATION OF GARY M. KLINGER IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR
AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES, REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES, AND SERVICE
AWARD**

I, Gary M. Klinger, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a Partner for the law firm of Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman LLC (“Milberg”). I was a former partner with Mason Lietz & Klinger, LLP (“MLK”) from the inception of this case until March 14, 2021 and joined Milberg effective March 17, 2021. I am an attorney at law licensed to practice in the State of Illinois, and I am admitted to practice *pro hac vice* in this action.

2. Pursuant to the Court’s June 11, 2020 Order, I, along with Rosemary M. Rivas and Joseph I. Marchese, were appointed as Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel in this litigation, and on August 24, 2022, the Court appointed Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC, Bursor & Fisher, P.A., and Gibbs Law Group LLP as Class Counsel.

3. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto. I make this declaration in support of Plaintiff’s motion for award of attorneys’ fees, reimbursement of expenses, and service award.

4. Class Counsel have been responsible for the prosecution of this litigation against Defendants General Electric Company (“GE”) and Canon Business Process Services, Inc. (“Canon”) (collectively, “Defendants”), and for the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement.¹ We

¹ All capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein have the definitions set forth in the

have vigorously represented the interests of the Settlement Class Members throughout the course of the litigation and settlement negotiations.

5. As one of three lawyers appointed Class Counsel, I believe that the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Settlement is the product of extensive arm's-length negotiations between experienced attorneys familiar with the legal and factual issues of this case. Moreover, the parties have been actively pursuing this Litigation for almost three years, engaging in motion practice and informal discovery, and have ample knowledge of the legal claims and defenses, the risks presented by the case, and the value achieved by the proposed Settlement.

6. We have conducted a thorough examination and investigation of the facts and law relating to the matter in this case, as discussed below. Moreover, we are well versed in complex class action litigation, including complex data breach class actions. We regularly participate in complex litigation and have extensive experience in consumer class actions that are similar in size, scope, and complexity to this case. *See* ECF No. 93-2 (Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC Firm Resume); ECF No. 93-3 (Bursor & Fisher, P.A. Firm Resume); and ECF No. 93-4 (Gibbs Law Group LLP Firm Resume). In negotiating this Settlement, we had the benefit of years of relevant experience and familiarity with the facts of this case and the substantive case law at issue.

7. I discuss below, in the following order: (a) a history of the litigation and settlement negotiations; (b) the work performed in this case by Milberg/MLK; and (c) the lodestar of Milberg/MLK.

History of the Litigation and Settlement Negotiations

8. In April 2020, plaintiff Fowler engaged MLK to represent him in a class action suit against Defendants GE and Canon arising out of a data breach incident that came to light in March 2020. MLK investigated the data breach, researched the potential causes of action, and filed a class action complaint styled as *Fowler v. Canon Business Process Services, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 1:20-

Settlement Agreement, which was attached as Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Gary M. Klinger in support of Preliminary Approval. *See* ECF No. 93-1. (“Settlement Agreement”).

cv-02903-KPF (“*Fowler*”) in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against Canon and GE. Mr. Fowler alleged that cybercriminals used a phishing scheme to gain access to a dedicated email box operated by Canon (the “Data Incident”). Current and former employees of GE used Canon’s dedicated email box to send benefits-related information to GE (“Canon Email Box”). The Canon Email Box reportedly contained documents such as direct deposit forms, driver’s licenses, passports, birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates, medical child support orders, tax withholding forms, beneficiary designation forms and applications for benefits such as retirement, severance and death benefits and related forms and documents, may have included names, addresses, Social Security numbers, driver’s license numbers, bank account numbers, passport numbers, dates of birth, and other information (collectively, “Personal Financial Information” or “PFI”).

9. Thereafter, the Court related the *Baz* action (*Baz v. General Electric Co., et al.*, Case No. 20-cv-3149 (“*Baz*”) with *Fowler* because it was filed first in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against Canon and GE. ECF No. 1.

10. On May 15, 2020, the Court ordered the consolidation of the *Fowler* and *Baz* actions (ECF No. 14) and on June 11, 2020, the Court appointed Joseph I. Marchese of Bursor & Fisher, P.A., Rosemary M. Rivas of Levi & Korsinsky, and myself as Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel.² ECF No. 35.

11. On August 11, 2020, Plaintiffs Fowler and Baz filed the operative Consolidated Class Action Complaint in the newly styled action *IN RE: GE/CBPS DATA BREACH LITIGATION*, Case No. 1:20-cv-02903-KPF, against Defendants (the “Litigation”). ECF No. 40. The causes of action in the Consolidated Class Action Complaint included claims for: (1) negligence; (2) negligence per se; (3) breach of express contract; (4) breach of implied contract; (5) violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; (6) violation of the New

² I am now affiliated with Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, LLC and Ms. Rivas is now affiliated with Gibbs Law Group LLP.

York General Business Law § 349; and (7) breach of fiduciary duty.

12. On November 5, 2020, Defendants filed a motion to compel Baz to arbitration. ECF No. 48. After considering and analyzing Defendants' motion to compel arbitration, on December 14, 2020, Baz filed a notice of voluntary dismissal pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(i). ECF Nos. 53, 54. Plaintiff Fowler remained as the only named plaintiff and proposed class representative on behalf of the proposed class members.

13. On January 21, 2021, Defendants moved to dismiss the Consolidated Class Action Complaint for lack of Article III standing under Rule 12(b)(1) and for failure to state a claim under Rule 12(b)(6) as to the six causes of action. ECF Nos. 57, 58. The parties fully briefed the motion to dismiss. ECF Nos. 64, 65.

14. On August 4, 2021, the Court denied in part, and granted in part, Defendants' motion to dismiss. The Court determined that Plaintiff had Article III standing and upheld the claims for negligence and breach of implied contract, but granted the motion to dismiss as to Plaintiff's claims for negligence *per se*, breach of express contract, and for violation of GBL § 349. ECF No. 72.

15. On August 26, 2021, upon the parties' joint request, the Court entered a stay to allow the parties to focus their efforts on resolving the case. ECF No. 74. Over the next several months the parties engaged in arm's length negotiations, and on December 20, 2021, the parties participated in a mediation before a neutral, experienced mediator, Bennett G. Picker, of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP. The parties were unable to reach a resolution at the mediation but continued to engage in settlement discussions thereafter, with the assistance of Mr. Picker. Following additional negotiation, including the sharing of certain information regarding security enhancements, the parties reached an agreement in principle on all material terms of the class settlement in February 2022. ECF No. 81. The parties then began negotiating the remaining terms of settlement, the settlement agreement, and class notice over the course of the next six months, and during that process exchanged several drafts. ECF Nos. 82-89. The proposed Settlement Agreement is the result of that mediation process and the parties' extensive effort thereafter.

16. On August 15, 2022, in accordance with the August 2, 2022 Order, Plaintiff Fowler filed the proposed Settlement Agreement, along with a motion for preliminary approval. ECF No. 91. On August 24, 2022, the Court issued its Order, certifying a settlement class, ordering notice to be directed to the class, preliminarily approving the Settlement, appointing Gary M. Klinger of Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC, Joseph I. Marchese of Bursor & Fisher, P.A., and Rosemary M. Rivas of Gibbs Law Group LLP as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class, and appointing Plaintiff Fowler as named Class Representative. ECF No. 94.

Summary of Work Performed

17. After the Court's appointment of Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel, we worked on preparing and filing the Consolidated Class Action Complaint, using the research and factual development that began with the separate complaints that were filed in April 2020. Afterwards, when counsel for Defendants informed Plaintiffs and the Court at the October 21, 2020 Pretrial Conference that Defendants intended to file a motion to compel Mr. Baz to arbitration and to stay Plaintiff Fowler's claims before filing a motion to dismiss, Plaintiffs asked that Defendants share the purported arbitration agreement for evaluation. Defendants declined, and instead proceeded with filing the motion to compel Mr. Baz to arbitration and motion to stay Plaintiff Fowler's claims. We considered the arbitration clause, Mr. Baz's chances of prevailing on the motion to compel arbitration, and the delay that would ensue from opposing the motions or if Defendants lost the arbitration motion and appealed. Thereafter, Mr. Baz voluntarily dismissed his case without prejudice and filed a notice of voluntary dismissal on December 14, 2020.

18. Defendants moved to dismiss the Consolidated Class Action Complaint in January 2021. To avoid duplicative efforts, Interim Co-Lead Counsel divided the briefing of the opposition to Defendants' motion to dismiss. I worked on analyzing the arguments and cases supporting Defendants' arguments as to certain common law claims asserted in the operative Complaint, and researched and drafted the opposing arguments. This process involved researching and analyzing numerous district court cases both within and outside the Second Circuit.

19. Plaintiff was ultimately successful in defeating several of Defendants' dismissal

arguments. Plaintiff's ability to defeat the motion to dismiss ultimately caused Defendant to engage in preliminary settlement discussions.

20. After the Court issued its August 2021 order denying in part, and granting in part, Defendants' motion to dismiss, the parties agreed to engage in preliminary settlement discussions and asked that the Court stay the case for a brief 60 days, and then asked for a second extension. ECF Nos. 73, 75. The Court granted both requests. During that time period, we exchanged drafts of potential settlement terms with Defendants and participated in a full-day of mediation in December 2021 before an experienced mediator, Bennett G. Picker, of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP.

21. In connection with the mediation and settlement process, I reviewed Defendants' informal discovery and assisted with drafting the mediation submission to the mediator summarizing Plaintiff's positions.

22. The parties were not successful at the December 20, 2021 mediation and afterwards proposed to the Court that they submit a joint case management plan by January 31, 2022, and that the Court maintain the stay until ruling on the proposed case management plan. ECF No. 77.

23. Notwithstanding the failed December 20, 2021 mediation, the parties continued arms' length settlement negotiations, both through Mr. Picker and directly with each other. The parties engaged in nearly 8 months of hard-fought negotiations over the proposed terms and several drafts of settlement agreements and counteroffers, and during certain impasses nearly walked away. Ultimately, the parties were able to finalize the Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel then drafted and prepared the motion for preliminary approval, which my firm assisted with.

24. After the Court granted preliminary approval on August 24, 2022, we have continued to devote substantial resources to the case, including by monitoring the activities of the claims administrator and providing input on the settlement website to make it very simple for Settlement Class members to submit claims and enroll in the Credit Financial Protections.

25. MLK and Milberg maintained contemporaneous time records in this case. MLK and Milberg's combined lodestar is as follows:

Time Keeper & Title	Hours	Rate	Lodestar
Gary Klinger, Partner	40.95	800.00	32,960.00
	22.49	850.00	19,295.00
David Lietz, Partner	14.9	800.00	11,920.00
	1.1	919.00	1,010.90
Gary Mason, Partner	12.3	875.00	10,762.50
David Beiss, Attorney	4.2	350.00	1,470.00
Sandra Martin, Paralegal	1.75	170.00	306.00
	1.1	208.00	228.80
Amanda Mkamanga	.2	208.00	20.80
Taylor Heath, Paralegal	11.5	170.00	1,955.00
Beth Griffin, Paralegal	13.6	170.00	2,312.00
Morgan Beauchamp	1.2	170.00	204.00
Carol Corneilse, Client Specialist	6.8	125.00	850.00
Total	132.09		83,295.00

26. Attached as Exhibit A is my biography and Milberg's firm resume.

27. The above lodestar does not include any time related to the appointment of lead counsel motion or this fee petition. Moreover, I expect my firm's lodestar to increase because we will continue to work on this case and (1) draft and file a motion for final approval of the Settlement; (2) prepare for and attend the Final Approval Hearing before the Court; (3) address any objections that may be raised to the Settlement; (4) communicate with Settlement Class members to answer any questions they may have or address any issues with the claims process; and (5) if the Settlement is approved, continue to work with the Settlement Administrator to ensure that the Settlement is fully implemented and all claims are timely and accurately paid. This additional work further supports the reasonableness of the requested fee. Since notice in this case

went out, I have monitored the claims process.

28. To date, my firm has also expended \$492.62 in out-of-pocket costs and expenses in connection with the prosecution of this case. These costs and expenses are reflected in the records of my firm, and were necessary to prosecute this litigation. Cost and expense items are billed separately, and such charges are not duplicated in my firm's billing rates. The costs and expenses are primarily comprised of case filing fees.

Contingent Nature of Representation

29. We undertook this matter solely on a contingent basis, without charging Plaintiff or any Settlement Class members for fees or expenses, and with no guarantee of recovery. There were substantial uncertainties in the viability of this case as a class action, as well as substantial uncertainties in the merits of the underlying claims, and the ability to collect on any judgment that might be obtained. This was particularly true given the complex nature of the cases (i.e., a data breach class action). Based on our research, a data breach class action has never reached a trial, which poses uncertainty and risk for proceeding with litigation. Although we believe the case to be meritorious, a realistic assessment shows that the risks inherent in the resolution of the liability issues, protracted litigation in this action as well as the probable appeals process, are great.

30. Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, any liability to Plaintiff and the Settlement Class as well as any and all fault, wrongdoing, and liability for Plaintiff's claims. Plaintiff is convinced that the case has merit, but recognizes the substantial risk that comes along with continued litigation. Based on our extensive investigation and informal discovery, Plaintiff believes he could obtain class certification, defeat all pending and dispositive motions filed by Defendants, and proceed to trial on the merits.

31. Nonetheless, after taking into account the foregoing, along with the risks and costs of further litigation, we are satisfied that the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement are fair, reasonable and adequate, and this Settlement is in the best interest of the Settlement Class.

32. The Settlement Agreement is an exceptional result for the Settlement Class because, despite the significant risks of further litigation, Plaintiff secured substantial benefits for the

Settlement Class.

33. Class Counsel have dedicated time, effort, and resources to this litigation for over two years without receiving any compensation for their work or reimbursement for any expenses advanced in this litigation. Additional work in connection with the Settlement and final approval will also be required. Given the time demands necessary to successfully prosecute this case, Class Counsel have forgone of other employment opportunities.

34. Pursuant to Rule 23(e)(3), we hereby inform the Court that no agreements have been made in connection with the proposed Settlement apart from those identified in the Motion.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 8, 2022 in Chicago, Illinois.

/s/ Gary M. Klinger
Gary M. Klinger

EXHIBIT A

Milberg.
COLEMAN BRYSON PHILLIPS GROSSMAN

Gary M. Klinger is a Partner at Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman PLLC (“Milberg”).¹ At only 37-years old, Mr. Klinger has gained extensive experience serving as leadership in numerous high-profile consumer and privacy class actions. Notably, Mr. Klinger has settled on a class-wide basis more than forty class actions, the majority of which were privacy cases, as lead or co-lead counsel recovering more than a hundred million dollars for consumers in the process. Some of Mr. Klinger’s representative cases include the following:

- *Carrera Aguallo v. Kemper Corp.*, Case No. 1:21-cv-01883 (N.D. Ill. Oct. 27, 2021) (where Mr. Klinger obtained final approval of a class-wide settlement valued at \$17.6 million for a major class action involving more than six million consumers);
- *Heath v. Insurance Technologies Corp.*, No. 21-cv-01444 (N.D. Tex.) (where Mr. Klinger obtained approval of a class-wide settlement for \$11 million);
- *In Re: Procter & Gamble Aerosol Products Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, 2:22-md-03025-MHW-CMV (N.D. Ohio) (where Mr. Klinger serves as one of the lead attorneys in multi-district litigation against Procter & Gamble and successfully reached a settlement valued over \$10 million);
- *Smid v. Nutranext, LLC*, Case No. 20L0190 (Cir. Ct. St. Clair, County) (class counsel in consumer class action involving heavy metals in prenatal vitamins; final approval granted to \$7M settlement)
- *In re: Herff Jones Data Breach Litigation*, Master File No. 1:21-cv-1329-TWP-DLP (S.D. Ind.) (where Mr. Klinger obtained approval of a class-wide settlement for \$4.35 million);
- *In re: CaptureRx Data Breach Litigation*, No. 5:21-cv-00523-OLG (W.D. Tex.) (where Mr. Klinger obtained approval of a class-wide settlement for \$4.75 million);
- *In re Arthur J. Gallagher Data Breach Litigation*, No. 1:21-cv-04056 (N.D. Ill.) (where Mr. Klinger serves as appointed co-lead counsel to represent more than 3 million class members in a major class action).

Mr. Klinger has also successfully litigated class actions through contested class certification. In *Karpilovsky v. All Web Leads, Inc.*, No. 17 C 1307, 2018 WL 3108884, at *1 (N.D. Ill. June 25, 2018), Mr. Klinger certified, over objection, a nationwide privacy class action involving more than one million class members. *Id.* At the time, it was the largest litigation class ever to be certified for violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. In a nationwide class settlement hearing in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, Judge Richard Seeborg personally commended Mr. Klinger for “quite a substantial recovery for class members.” Judge Seeborg further stated he could not recall any class action case where “the amounts going to each class member were as substantial” as that obtained by Mr. Klinger (and his co-counsel).

Mr. Klinger is admitted to practice in the State of Illinois and the following federal courts: The U.S. District Court of Colorado, The U.S. District Court of Central District of Illinois, The U.S.

¹ A copy of Milberg’s Firm Resume is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

District Court of Northern District of Illinois, The U.S. District Court of Southern District of Illinois, The U.S. District Court of Southern District of Indiana, The U.S. District Court of Eastern District of Michigan, The U.S. District Court of District of Nebraska, The U.S. District Court of Eastern District of Texas, and The U.S. District Court of Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Mr. Klinger received his undergraduate degree and juris doctorate (*cum laude*) from the University of Illinois.

Mr. Klinger is presently pursuing his Masters of Laws (LLM) in Data Privacy and Cybersecurity from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law.

Mr. Klinger is also a member of the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

EXHIBIT 1

Milberg.
COLEMAN BRYSON PHILLIPS GROSSMAN

Who We Are

Established by members of Milberg Phillips Grossman LLP, Sanders Phillips Grossman LLC, Greg Coleman Law PC, and Whitfield Bryson LLP, the firm represents plaintiffs in the areas of antitrust, securities, financial fraud, consumer protection, automobile emissions claims, defective drugs and devices, environmental litigation, financial and insurance litigation, and cyber law and security.

For over 50 years, Milberg and its affiliates have been protecting victims' rights and have recovered over \$50 billion for our clients. Our attorneys possess a renowned depth of legal expertise, employ the highest ethical and legal standards, and pride ourselves on providing stellar client service. We have repeatedly been recognized as leaders in the plaintiffs' bar and appointed to leadership roles in prominent national mass torts and class actions.

Milberg challenges corporate wrongdoing through class action, mass tort, consumer, and shareholder rights services, both domestically and globally.

Milberg's previous litigation efforts helped to create a new era of corporate accountability that put big companies on notice. The strategic combination of four leading plaintiffs' firms offers clients expanded capabilities, greater geographical coverage, enhanced financial breadth, and increased operational capacity. It also enables the firm to serve diverse and global clients who are seeking to enforce their rights against well-financed corporations—wherever they operate.

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Practice Areas

Antitrust & Competition Law

Today, on a global scale, consolidated corporate entities exercise dominating market power, but proper enforcement of antitrust law ensures a fair, competitive marketplace. Milberg prosecutes complex antitrust class actions against large, well-funded corporate defendants in healthcare, technology, agriculture, and manufacturing. Our leading practitioners successfully represent plaintiffs affected by price-fixing, monopolization, monopoly leveraging tying arrangements, exclusive dealing, and refusals to deal. The firm continues aggressively vindicating rights of plaintiffs victimized by antitrust violations, holding companies accountable for anticompetitive behavior.

Complex Litigation

With 50 years of vetted success, Milberg handles complex, high-stakes cases at any stage of the litigation process. Our attorneys have experience litigating complex cases for business and plaintiffs outside of class action context, business torts, contract disputes, anti-SLAPP motions, corporations, LLCs, partnerships, real estate, and intellectual property. The repeated success of our attorneys against well-funded adversaries with top-tier counsel has established Milberg as the go-to firm for complex litigation.

Consumer Products

Milberg's consumer litigation group focuses on protecting victims of deceptive marketing and advertising of goods and services, or those who have bought defective products. Our attorneys are experienced in handling a wide array of consumer protection lawsuits, including breach of contract, failure to warn, false or deceptive advertising of goods and services, faulty, dangerous, or defective products, warranty claims, unfair trade practices, and notable product cases. Milberg has achieved real-world recoveries for clients, often requiring corporations to change the way they do business. Our team of attorneys has extensive experience representing plaintiffs against well-resourced and sophisticated defendants.

Consumer Services

Consumers have rights, and companies providing consumer services have a legal obligation to abide by contractual agreements made with customers. Companies must also follow state and federal laws that prohibit predatory, deceptive, and unscrupulous business practices. Milberg's Consumer Services litigation group protects consumers whose rights have been violated by improperly charged fees, predatory and discriminatory lending, illegal credit reporting practices, and invasion of privacy. We also enforce consumer rights by upholding The Fair Credit Reporting Act and Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Class Action Lawsuits

Milberg pioneered federal class action litigation and is recognized as a leader in defending the rights of victims of corporate and large-scale wrongdoings. We have the manpower, resources, technology, and experience necessary to provide effective representation in nationwide class action lawsuits. Our attorneys have led class actions resulting in settlements up to billions of dollars across a variety of practice areas, including defective consumer products, pharmaceutical drugs, insurance, securities, antitrust, environmental and toxic torts, consumer protection, and breach of contract.

Dangerous Drugs & Devices

For some patients, medication and medical devices improve their lives. For others, the drugs and equipment have questionable benefits, at best, and serious, unintended side effects at worst. Taking on drug and device makers requires a law firm that can stand up to the world's largest, most powerful companies. Our defective drug lawyers have held leadership roles in many national drug and device litigations, recovering billions of dollars in compensation.

Data Breach, Cyber Security & Biometric Data Lawsuits

Technology changes faster than laws regulate it. Staying ahead of legal technical issues requires a law firm that can see the full picture of innovation and apply past lessons to navigate fast-moving developments, putting consumers ahead of corporate interests. Our data breach and privacy lawyers work at the cutting edge of technology and law, creating meaningful checks and balances against technology and the companies that wield it. Cyber security threats continue evolving and posing new consumer risks. Milberg will be there every step of the way to protect consumer privacy and hold big companies accountable.

Environmental and Toxic Torts Litigation

Litigation is key in fighting to preserve healthy ecosystems and hold environmental lawbreakers accountable. But in today's globalized world, pollutants—and polluters—are not always local. Corporations have expanded their reach and ability to cause harm. Our environmental litigation practice focuses on representing clients in mass torts, class actions, multi-district litigation, regulatory enforcement, citizen suits, and other complex environmental and toxic tort matters. The companies involved in harmful environmental practices are large, wealthy, and globally influential, but as an internationally recognized plaintiffs' firm, Milberg has the strength and resources to present clients seeking to enforce their environmental rights against well-financed corporations—wherever they operate.

Finance & Insurance Litigation

Big banks and public insurance firms are obligated by their corporate charters to put shareholders' interests ahead of client interests. However, that doesn't mean they can deceive clients to profit at their expense. Milberg's attorneys handle hundreds of insurance-related disputes, including first party bad faith insurance cases, business interruption cases, and hurricane insurance cases. As one of the nation's top class action law firms, we are well-positioned to pursue insurance bad faith cases on a statewide or nationwide basis.

Public Client Representation

The ability of governments to serve and protect their residents is often threatened by the combination of lower revenues and rising costs. Budget shortfalls are increasing in part because private companies externalize costs, but while corporate profits grow, public interest pays the price. Effectuating meaningful change through litigation, Milberg partners with state and local governments to address the harms facing its residents. Internationally, Milberg's Public Client Practice has achieved success against global powerhouse corporations, including drug, tobacco, mining, and oil and gas companies.

Securities Litigation

Over 50 years ago, Milberg pioneered litigation claims involving investment products, securities, and the banking industry by using class action lawsuits. Our litigation set the standard for case theories, organization, discovery, methods of settlement, and amounts recovered for clients. Milberg continues to aggressively pursue these cases on behalf of institutional and individual investors harmed by financial wrongdoing. Inventors of securities class actions, Milberg has decades of experience holding companies accountable both in the United States and globally.

Whistleblower & Qui Tam

Blowing the whistle on illegal or unethical conducted is a form of legally protected speech. Milberg's whistleblower attorneys have led actions that returned hundreds of millions of dollars in ill-gotten gains, resulting in significant awards of our clients. Our legacy of standing up to corporate power extends to advocating for greater transparency. In addition to representing whistleblowers, we fight back against corporate-backed laws seeking to deter them from making disclosures.

“Scoring impressive victories against companies guilty of outrageous behavior.”

- Forbes

“ A powerhouse that compelled miscreant and recalcitrant businesses to pay billions of dollars to aggrieved shareholders and customers”

- New York Times

Recent Leadership Roles

In re **Google Play** Consumer Antitrust Litigation, 20-CV-05761 (N.D. Cal.)

In re: **Elmiron** (Pentosan Polysulfate Sodium) Products Liability Litigation MDL No. 2973

In re: **Johnson & Johnson** Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practices & Products Liability Litigation

In re: **Blackbaud** Data Privacy MDL No. 2972

In re: **Paragard** IUD Products Liability Litigation MDL No. 2974

In re: **Seresto** Flea & Tick Collar, Marketing Sales Practices & Product Liability Litigation MDL No. 3009, Master Case No. 21-cv-04447

In re: **Zicam**

In re: **Ortho Evra**

In re: **Yaz**

In re: **Kugel Mesh**

In re: **Medtronic Sprint Fidelis Leads**

In re: **Depuy Pinnacle**

In re: **Stand 'N Seal**

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In re: **Zimmer Nexgen Knee**

In re: **Fresenius Granuflo**

In re: **Propecia**

In re: **Transvaginal Mesh**

In re: **Guidant Corp.** Implantable Defibrillators

In re: **Onglyza (Saxagliptin) And Kombiglyze XR**

State Court:

In Re **Risperdal & Invega** Product Liability Cases, CA

In Re **Chantix**, NY

In Re **Reglan**, NJ

In Re **Propecia**, NJ

In Re **Levaquin** Litigation, NJ

Notable Recoveries

\$3.2 Billion Settlement – In re **Tyco International Ltd.**, Securities Litigation, MDL 1335 (D.N.H.)

\$4 Billion Settlement – In re **Prudential Insurance Co.** Sales Practice Litigation, No. 95-4704 (D.N.J.)

\$1.14 Billion Settlement – In re **Nortel Networks Corp.** Securities Litigation, No. 01-1855 (S.D.N.Y.)

\$1 Billion-plus Trial Verdict – **Vivendi Universal, S.A.** Securities Litigation

\$1 Billion Settlement – **NASDAQ Market-Makers** Antitrust Litigation

\$1 Billion Settlement – **W.R. Grace & Co**

\$1 Billion-plus Settlement – **Merck & Co., Inc.** Securities Litigation

\$775 Million Settlement – **Washington Public Power Supply System** Securities Litigation

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE: GE/CBPS DATA BREACH
LITIGATION

Case No. 1:20-cv-02903-KPF

**DECLARATION OF COURTNEY E. MACCARONE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES, REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES, AND
SERVICE AWARD**

I, Courtney E. Maccarone, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Levi & Korsinsky, LLP ("Firm"). I am a member of the New York Bar and I am licensed to practice law before this Court.

2. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto. I make this declaration in support of Plaintiff's motion for award of attorneys' fees, reimbursement of expenses, and service award.

3. In December of 2020, Rosemary M. Rivas departed Levi & Korsinsky, LLP, and thereafter she joined the Gibbs Law Group LLP. In February of 2021, Rosanne L. Mah departed Levi & Korsinsky, LLP, and thereafter she joined the Gibbs Law Group LLP. Ms. Rivas and Ms. Mah continued to work on this matter after their departure. To calculate Levi & Korsinsky's lodestar, I have included only those hours billed by Ms. Rivas and Ms. Mah that predate their departure from our firm.

4. The firm has kept contemporaneous time records. The firm's timekeepers, their hours, and current rates are as follows:

TIME KEEPER	TITLE	HOURS	RATE	LODESTAR
Rosemary M. Rivas	Partner	24.7	\$905.00	\$22,353.50
Rosanne L. Mah	Associate	65.3	\$700.00	\$45,710.00
Courtney Maccarone	Associate	50.8	\$675.00	\$34,290.00
Christopher Schmitt	Doc. Review Attorney	13.8	\$475.00	\$6,555.00
TOTAL HOURS		154.6	TOTAL LODESTAR	\$108,908.50

5. A copy of the Levi & Korsinsky, LLP firm resume is attached as **Exhibit A**.

6. Expenses are accounted for and billed separately and are not duplicated in my firm's professional billing rate. Levi & Korsinsky, LLP has not received reimbursement for expenses incurred in connection with this litigation. As of November 3, 2022, my firm had incurred a total of \$300.00 in unreimbursed actual third-party expenses in connection with the prosecution of this case. A summary of expenses incurred is set forth in the following chart:

COST	DATE	AMOUNT
<i>Pro hac vice</i> fees (Rosemary Rivas)	05/01/2020	\$200.00
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TOTAL		\$300.00

7. The actual expenses incurred in prosecuting this case are reflected on the computerized accounting records of my firm prepared by bookkeeping staff, based on receipts and check records, and accurately reflect all expenses incurred.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 4, 2022
Dix Hills, New York

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EXHIBIT A

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ABOUT THE FIRM

Levi & Korsinsky, LLP is a national law firm with decades of combined experience litigating complex securities, class, and consumer actions in state and federal courts throughout the country. Our main office is located in New York City and we also maintain offices in Connecticut, California, and Washington, D.C.

We represent the interests of aggrieved shareholders in class action and derivative litigation through the vigorous prosecution of corporations that have committed securities fraud and boards of directors who have breached their fiduciary duties. We have served as Lead and Co-Lead Counsel in many precedent-setting litigations, recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for shareholders via securities fraud lawsuits, and obtained fair value, multi-billion-dollar settlements in merger transactions.

We also represent clients in high-stakes consumer class actions against some of the largest corporations in America. Our legal team has a long and successful track record of litigating high-stakes, resource-intensive cases and consistently achieving results for our clients.

Our attorneys are highly skilled and experienced in the field of securities class action litigation. They bring a vast breadth of knowledge and skill to the table and, as a result, are frequently appointed Lead Counsel in complex shareholder and consumer litigations in various jurisdictions. We are able to allocate substantial resources to each case, reviewing public documents, interviewing witnesses, and consulting with experts concerning issues particular to each case. Our attorneys are supported by exceptionally qualified professionals including financial experts, investigators, and administrative staff, as well as cutting-edge technology and e-discovery systems. Consequently, we are able to quickly mobilize and produce excellent litigation results. Our ability to try cases, and win them, results in substantially better recoveries than our peers.

We do not shy away from uphill battles – indeed, we routinely take on complex and challenging cases, and we prosecute them with integrity, determination, and professionalism.



PRACTICE AREAS

Securities Class Actions

Over the last four years, Levi & Korsinsky has been lead, or co-lead counsel in 35 separate settlements that have resulted in nearly \$200 million in recoveries for shareholders. During that time, Levi & Korsinsky has consistently ranked in the Top 10 in terms of number of settlements achieved for shareholders each year, according to reports published by ISS. In Lex Machina's Securities Litigation Report, Levi & Korsinsky ranked as one of the Top 5 Securities Firm for the period from 2018 to 2020. Law360 dubbed the Firm one of the "busiest securities firms" in what is "on track to be one of the busiest years for federal securities litigation" in 2018. In 2019, Lawdragon Magazine ranked multiple members of Levi & Korsinsky among the 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America. Our firm has been appointed Lead Counsel in a significant number of class actions filed in both federal and state courts across the country.

In **In re Tesla Inc. Securities Litigation**, Case No. 18-cv-4865-EMC (N.D. Cal.), the firm represents a certified class of Tesla investors who sustained damages when Elon Musk tweeted "Am considering taking Tesla private at \$420. Funding secured," on August 7, 2018. In a monumental win for the class, our attorneys successfully obtained partial summary judgment against Mr. Musk on the issues of falsity and scienter, meaning that trial will primarily focus on damages, which are presently estimated to be well in excess of \$2 billion. Trial is scheduled to begin on January 17, 2023.

In **In re U.S. Steel Consolidated Cases**, Case No. 17-559-CB (W.D. Pa.), the firm represents a certified class of U.S. Steel investors who sustained damages in connection with the company's false and materially misleading statements about its Carnegie Way initiative.

As Lead Counsel in **In re Avon Products Inc. Securities Litigation**, Case No. 19-cv-1420-MKV (S.D.N.Y.), having been commenced in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, the Firm achieved a \$14.5 million cash settlement to successfully end claims alleged by a class of investors that the beauty company loosened its recruiting standards in its critical market in Brazil, eventually causing the company's stock price to crater. The case raised important issues concerning the use of confidential witnesses located abroad in support of scienter allegations and the scope of the attorney work product doctrine with respect to what discovery could be sought of confidential sources who are located in foreign countries.

In **Rougier v. Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.**, Case No. 17-cv-2399 (S.D. Tex.), the Firm served as sole Lead Counsel, prevailed against Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, and achieved class certification before the Parties reached a settlement. The Court granted final approval of a \$15.5 million settlement on November 24, 2020.



“Class Counsel have demonstrated that they are skilled in this area of the law and therefore adequate to represent the Settlement Class as well.”

The Honorable Barry Ted Moskowitz in In re Regulus Therapeutics Inc. Sec. Litig., No. 3:17-CV-182-BTM-RBB (S.D. Cal. Oct. 30, 2020)

In **In Re Helios and Matheson Analytics, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, Case No. 18-cv-6965-JGK (S.D.N.Y.), the Firm served as sole Lead Counsel. Although the company had filed a voluntary Bankruptcy petition for liquidation and had numerous creditors (including private parties and various state and federal regulatory agencies), the Firm was able to reach a settlement. The settlement was obtained at a time when a motion to dismiss filed by the defendants was still pending and a risk to the Class. In its role as Lead Counsel, the Firm achieved a settlement of \$8.25 million on behalf of the class. The Court granted final approval of the settlement on May 13, 2021.

In **In re Restoration Robotics, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, Case No. 18-cv-03712-EJD (N.D. Cal.), the Firm was sole Lead Counsel and achieved a settlement of \$4,175,000 for shareholders.

In **Kirkland, et al. v. WideOpenWest, Inc., et al.**, Index No. 653248/2018 (N.Y. Sup.) the Firm was Co-Lead Counsel and achieved a settlement of \$7,025,000 for shareholders.

In **Stein v. U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc., et al.**, Case No. 1:19-cv-98-TRM-CHS (E.D. Tenn.), the Firm is Co-Lead Counsel representing a certified class of USX investors and has prevailed on a Motion to Dismiss. The class action is in the early stages of discovery and shareholders stand to recover damages in connection with an Initial Public Offering.

We have also been appointed Lead or Co-Lead Counsel in the following securities class actions:

- **In re Nano-X Imaging Ltd. Securities Litigation**, 1:20-cv-04355-WFK (E.D.N.Y. August 30, 2022)
- **Patterson v. Cabaletta Bio, Inc., et al**, 2:22-cv-00737-JMY (E.D. Pa. August 10, 2022)
- **Rose v. Butterfly Network, Inc., et al**, 2:22-cv-00854-EP-JBC (D.N.J. August 8, 2022)
- **Winter v. Stronghold Digital Mining, Inc., et al.**, 1:22-cv-03088-RA (S.D.N.Y. August 4, 2022)
- **Poirer v. Bakkt Holdings, Inc.**, 1:22-cv-02283-EK-PK (E.D.N.Y. August 3, 2022)
- **In re Meta Materials Inc. Securities Litigation**, 1:21-cv-07203-CBA-JRC (E.D.N.Y. July 15, 2022)

- **Deputy v. Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. et al.**, 1:22-cv-01411-AMD-VMS (E.D.N.Y. June 28, 2022)
- **In re Grab Holdings Limited Securities Litigation**, 1:22-cv-02189-VM (S.D.N.Y. June 7, 2022)
- **Jiang v. Bluecity Holdings Limited et al.**, 1:21-cv-04044-FB-CLP (E.D.N.Y. December 22, 2021)
- **In re AppHarvest Securities Litigation**, 1:21-cv-07985-LJL (S.D.N.Y. December 13, 2021)
- **In re Coinbase Global, Inc. Securities Litigation**, 3:21-cv-05634-VC (N.D. Cal. November 5, 2021)
- **Miller v. Rekor Systems, Inc. et al.**, 1:21-cv-01604-GLR (D. Md. September 16, 2021)
- **John P. Norton, On Behalf Of The Norton Family Living Trust UAD 11/15/2002 V. Nutanix, Inc. Et Al**, 3:21-cv-04080-WHO (N.D. Cal. September 8, 2021)



In appointing the Firm Lead Counsel, the Honorable Analisa Torres noted our “extensive experience” in securities litigation.

White Pine Invs. v. CVR Ref., LP, No. 20 CIV. 2863 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 5, 2021)

- **The Daniels Family 2001 Revocable Trust v. Las Vegas Sands Corp., et al.**, 1:20-cv-08062-JMF (D. Nev. Jan. 5, 2021)
- **Zaker v. Ebang International Holdings Inc. et al.**, 1:21-cv-03060-KPF (S.D.N.Y. July 21, 2021)
- **Valdes v. Kandi Technologies Group, Inc. et al.**, 2:20-cv-06042-LDH-AYS (E.D.N.Y. April 20, 2021)
- **In re QuantumScape Securities Class Action Litigation**, 3:21-cv-00058-WHO (N.D. Cal. April 20, 2021)
- **In re Minerva Neurosciences, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 1:20-cv-12176-GAO (D. Mass. March 5, 2021)
- **White Pine Investments v. CVR Refining, LP, et al.**, 1:20-cv-02863-AT (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 5, 2021)
- **Yaroni v. Pintec Technology Holdings Limited, et al.**, 1:20-cv-08062-JMF (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 15, 2020)



“I find the firm to be well-qualified to serve as Lead Counsel.”

The Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr. In Snyder v. Baozun Inc., No. 1:19-CV-11290 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 8, 2020)

- **Nickerson v. American Electric Power Company, Inc., et al.**, 2:20-cv-04243-SDM-EPD (S.D. Ohio Nov. 24, 2020)
- **Ellison v. Tufin Software Technologies Ltd., et al.**, 1:20-cv-05646-GHW (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 19, 2020)
- **Hartel v. The GEO Group, Inc., et al.**, 9:20-cv-81063-RS (S.D. Fla. Oct. 1, 2020)
- **Posey, Sr. v. Brookdale Senior Living, Inc., et al.**, 3:20-cv-00543-AAT (M.D. Tenn. Sept. 14, 2020)
- **Snyder v. Baozun Inc.**, 1:19-cv-11290-ALC (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 8, 2020)
- **In re eHealth Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 4:20-cv-02395-JST (N.D. Cal. Jun. 24, 2020)
- **Mehdi v. Karyopharm Therapeutics Inc.**, 1:19-cv-11972-NMG (D. Mass. Apr. 29, 2020)

- **Brown v. Opera Ltd.**, 1:20-cv-00674-JGK (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 17, 2020)
- **In re Dropbox Sec. Litig.**, 5:19-cv-06348-BLF (N.D. Cal. Jan. 16, 2020)
- **In re Yunji Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 1:19-cv-6403-LDH-SMG (E.D.N.Y. Feb. 3, 2020)
- **Zhang v. Valaris plc**, 1:19-cv-7816-NRB (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 23, 2019)
- **In re Sundial Growers Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 1:19-cv-08913-ALC (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 20, 2019)
- **Costanzo v. DXC Technology Co.**, 5:19-cv-05794-BLF (N.D. Cal. Nov. 20, 2019)
- **Ferraro Family Foundation, Inc. v. Corcept Therapeutics Incorporated**, 5:19-cv-1372-LHK (N.D. Cal. Oct. 7, 2019)
- **Roberts v. Bloom Energy Corp.**, 4:19-cv-02935-HSG (N.D. Cal. Sept. 3, 2019)
- **Luo v. Sogou Inc.**, 1:19-cv-00230-JPO (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 2, 2019)
- **In re Aphria Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 1:18-cv-11376-GBD (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 27, 2019)
- **Chew v. MoneyGram International, Inc.**, 1:18-cv-07537 (N.D. Ill. Feb. 12, 2019)
- **Johnson v. Costco Wholesale Corp.**, 2:18-cv-01611-TSZ (W.D. Wash. Jan. 30, 2019)
- **Tung v. Dycom Industries, Inc.**, 9:18-cv-81448-RLR (S.D. Fla. Jan. 11, 2019)

“Plaintiffs’ selected Class Counsel, the law firm of Levi & Korsinsky, LLP, has demonstrated the zeal and competence required to adequately represent the interests of the Class. The attorneys at Levi & Korsinsky have experience in securities and class actions issues and have been appointed lead counsel in a significant number of securities class actions across the country.”

The Honorable Christina Bryan in Rougier v. Applied Optoelectronics, Inc., No. 4:17-CV-02399 (S.D. Tex. Nov. 13, 2019)

- **Guyer v. MGT Capital Investments, Inc.**, 1:18-cv-09228-LAP (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 9, 2019)
- **In re Adient plc Sec. Litig.**, 1:18-CV-09116 (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 21, 2018)
- **In re Prothena Corp. plc Sec. Litig.**, 1:18-cv-06425 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 31, 2018)
- **Pierrelouis v. Gogo Inc.**, 1:18-cv-04473 (N.D. Ill. Oct. 10, 2018)
- **Balestra v. Cloud With Me Ltd.**, 2:18-cv-00804-LPL (W.D. Pa. Oct. 18, 2018)

- **Balestra v. Giga Watt, Inc.**, 2:18-cv-00103-SMJ (E.D. Wash. June 28, 2018)
- **Chandler v. Ulta Beauty, Inc.**, 1:18-cv-01577 (N.D. Ill. June 26, 2018)
- **In re Longfin Corp. Sec. Litig.**, 1:18-cv-2933 (S.D.N.Y. June 25, 2018)
- **Chahal v. Credit Suisse Group AG**, 1:18-cv-02268-AT (S.D.N.Y. June 21, 2018)
- **In re Bitconnect Sec. Litig.**, 9:18-cv-80086-DMM (S.D. Fla. June 19, 2018)
- **In re Aqua Metals Sec. Litig.**, 4:17-cv-07142-HSG (N.D. Cal. May 23, 2018)
- **Davy v. Paragon Coin, Inc.**, 4:18-cv-00671-JSW (N.D. Cal. May 10, 2018)

“ Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock, III said “it’s always a pleasure to have counsel who are articulate and exuberant...” and referred to our approach to merger litigation as “wholesome” and “a model of... plaintiffs’ litigation in the merger arena.”

Ocieczanek v. Thomas Properties Group, C.A. No. 9029-VCG (Del. Ch. May 15, 2014)

- **Rensel v. Centra Tech, Inc.**, 1:17-cv-24500-JLK (S.D. Fla. Apr. 11, 2018)
- **Cullinan v. Cemtrex, Inc.** 2:17-cv-01067 (E.D.N.Y. Mar. 3, 2018)
- **In re Navient Corporation Sec. Litig.**, 1:17-cv-08373-RBK-AMD (D.N.J. Feb. 2, 2018)
- **Huang v. Depomed, Inc.**, 3:17-cv-04830-JST (N.D. Cal. Dec. 8, 2017)
- **In re Regulus Therapeutics Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 3:17-cv-00182-BTM-RBB (D. Mass. Oct. 26, 2017)
- **Murphy III v. JBS S.A.**, 1:17-cv-03084-ILG-RER (E.D.N.Y. Oct. 10, 2017)
- **Ohren v. Amyris, Inc.**, 3:17-cv-002210-WHO (N.D. Cal. Aug. 8, 2017)
- **Beezley v. Fenix Parts, Inc.**, 2:17-cv-00233 (D.N.J. June 28, 2017)
- **M & M Hart Living Trust v. Global Eagle Entertainment, Inc.**, 2:17-cv-01479 (C.D. Cal. June 26, 2017)
- **In re Insys Therapeutics, Inc.**, 1:17-cv-1954 (S.D.N.Y. May 31, 2017)
- **Clevlen v. Anthera Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**, 3:17-cv-00715 (N.D. Cal. May 18, 2017)
- **In re Agile Therapeutics, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 3:17-cv-00119-AET-LHG (D.N.J. May 15, 2017)
- **Roper v. SITO Mobile Ltd.**, 2:17-cv-01106-ES-MAH (D.N.J. May 8, 2017)
- **In re Illumina, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 3:16-cv-03044-L-KSC (S.D. Cal. Mar. 30, 2017)

- **In re PTC Therapeutics, Inc.**, 2:16-cv-01224-KM-MAH (D.N.J. Nov. 14, 2016)
- **The TransEnterix Investor Group v. TransEnterix, Inc.**, 5:16-cv-00313-D (E.D.N.C. Aug. 30, 2016)
- **Gormley v. magicJack VocalTec Ltd.**, 1:16-cv-01869-VM (S.D.N.Y. July 12, 2016)
- **Azar v. Blount Int’l Inc.**, 3:16-cv-00483-SI (D. Or. July 1, 2016)
- **Plumley v. Sempra Energy**, 3:16-cv-00512-BEN-RBB (S.D. Cal. June 6, 2016)
- **Francisco v. Abengoa, S.A.**, 1:15-cv-06279-ER (S.D.N.Y. May 24, 2016)
- **De Vito v. Liquid Holdings Group, Inc.**, 2:15-cv-06969-KM-JBC (D.N.J. Apr. 7, 2016)
- **Ford v. Natural Health Trends Corp.**, 2:16-cv-00255-TJH-AFM (C.D. Cal. Mar. 29, 2016)
- **Levin v. Resource Capital Corp.**, 1:15-cv-07081-LLS (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 24, 2015)
- **Martin v. Altisource Residential Corp.**, 1:15-cv-00024 (D.V.I. Oct. 7, 2015)
- **Paggos v. Resonant, Inc.**, 2:15-cv-01970 SJO (VBKx) (C.D. Cal. Aug. 7, 2015)
- **Fragala v. 500.com Ltd.**, 2:15-cv-01463-MMM (C.D. Cal. July 7, 2015)
- **Stevens v. Quiksilver Inc.**, 8:15-cv-00516-JVS-JCGx. (C.D. Cal. June 26, 2015)
- **In re Ocean Power Technologies, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 3:14-cv-3799 (FLW) (LHG) (D.N.J. Mar. 17, 2015)
- **In re Energy Recovery Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 3:15-cv-00265 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 20, 2015)
- **Ford v. TD Ameritrade Holding Corporation, et al.**, 8:14-cv-00396 (D. Neb. Dec. 2, 2014)
- **In re China Commercial Credit Sec. Litig.**, 1:15-cv-00557 (ALC) (D.N.J. Oct. 31, 2014)
- **In re Violin Memory, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 4:13-cv-05486-YGR (N.D. Cal. Feb. 26, 2014)
- **Berry v. KiOR, Inc.**, 4:13-cv-02443 (S.D. Tex. Nov. 25, 2013)
- **In re OCZ Technology Group, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 3:12-cv-05265-RS (N.D. Cal. Jan. 4, 2013)
- **In re Digital Domain Media Group, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 2:12-cv-14333 (JEM) (S.D. Fla. Sept. 20, 2012)

“ Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock, III said “it’s always a pleasure to have counsel who are articulate and exuberant...” and referred to our approach to merger litigation as “wholesome” and “a model of... plaintiffs’ litigation in the merger arena.”

Ocieczanek v. Thomas Properties Group, C.A. No. 9029-VCG (Del. Ch. May 15, 2014)

Derivative, Corporate Governance & Executive Compensation

As a leader in achieving important corporate governance reforms for the benefit of shareholders, the Firm protects shareholders by enforcing the obligations of corporate fiduciaries. Our efforts include the prosecution of derivative actions in courts around the country, making pre-litigation demands on corporate boards to investigate misconduct, and taking remedial action for the benefit of shareholders. In situations where a company's board responds to a demand by commencing its own investigation, we frequently work with the board's counsel to assist with and monitor the investigation, ensuring that the investigation is thorough and conducted in an appropriate manner.

We have also successfully prosecuted derivative and class action cases to hold corporate executives and board members accountable for various abuses and to help preserve corporate assets through longlasting and meaningful corporate governance changes, thus ensuring that prior misconduct does not reoccur. We have extensive experience challenging executive compensation and recapturing assets for the benefit of companies and their shareholders. We have secured corporate governance changes to ensure that executive compensation is consistent with shareholder-approved compensation plans, company performance, and federal securities laws.

In **Franchi v. Barabe**, C.A. No. 2020-0648-KSJM (Del. Ch.), the Firm secured \$6.7 million in economic benefits for Selecta Biosciences, Inc. in connection with insiders' participation in a private placement while in possession of material non-public information as well as the adoption of significant governance reforms designed to prevent a recurrence of the alleged misconduct.

The Firm was lead counsel in the derivative action styled **Police & Retirement System of the City of Detroit et al. v. Robert Greenberg et al.**, C.A. No. 2019-0578 (Del. Ch.). The action resulted in a settlement where Skechers Inc. cancelled nearly \$20 million in equity awards issued to Skechers' founder Robert Greenberg and two top officers in 2019 and 2020. Also, under the settlement, Skechers' board of directors must retain a consultant to advise on compensation decisions going forward.

In **In re Google Inc. Class C Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 7469-CS (Del. Ch.), we challenged a stock recapitalization transaction to create a new class of nonvoting shares and strengthen the corporate control of the Google founders. We helped achieve an agreement that provided an adjustment payment to existing shareholders harmed by the transaction as well as providing enhanced board scrutiny of the Google founders' ability to transfer stock. Ultimately, Google's shareholders received payments of \$522 million and total net benefits estimated as exceeding \$3 billion.

In **In re Activision, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation**, Case No. 06-cv-04771-MRP (JTLX) (C.D. Cal.), we were Co-Lead Counsel and challenged executive compensation related to the dating of options. This effort resulted in the recovery of more than \$24 million in excessive compensation and expenses, as well as the implementation of substantial corporate governance changes.

In **Pfeiffer v. Toll** (Toll Brothers Derivative Litigation), C.A. No. 4140-VCL (Del. Ch.), we prevailed in defeating defendants' motion to dismiss in a case seeking disgorgement of profits that company insiders reaped through a pattern of insider-trading. After extensive discovery, we secured a settlement returning \$16.25 million in cash to the company, including a significant contribution from the individuals who traded on inside information.

In **Rux v. Meyer**, C.A. No. 11577-CB (Del. Ch.), we challenged the re-purchase by Sirius XM of its stock from its controlling stockholder, Liberty Media, at an inflated, above-market price. After defeating a motion to dismiss and discovery, we obtained a settlement where SiriusXM recovered \$8.25 million, a substantial percentage of its over-payment.

In **In re EZCorp Inc. Consulting Agreement Derivative Litig.**, C.A. No. 9962-VCL (Del. Ch.), we challenged lucrative consulting agreements between EZCorp and its controlling stockholders. After surviving multiple motions to dismiss, we obtained a settlement where EZCorp was repaid \$6.5 million it had paid in consulting fees, or approximately 33% of the total at issue and the consulting agreements were discontinued.

In **Scherer v. Lu** (Diodes Incorporated), Case No. 13-358-GMS (D. Del.), we secured the cancellation of \$4.9 million worth of stock options granted to the company's CEO in violation of a shareholder-approved plan, and obtained additional disclosures to enable shareholders to cast a fullyinformed vote on the adoption of a new compensation plan at the company's annual meeting.

In **MacCormack v. Groupon, Inc.**, Case No. 13-940-GMS (D. Del.), we caused the cancellation of \$2.3 million worth of restricted stock units granted to a company executive in violation of a shareholder-approved plan, as well as the adoption of enhanced corporate governance procedures designed to ensure that the board of directors complies with the terms of the plan; we also obtained additional material disclosures to shareholders in connection with a shareholder vote on amendments to the plan.

In **Edwards v. Benson** (Headwaters Incorporated), Case No. 13-cv-330 (D. Utah), we caused the cancellation of \$3.2 million worth of stock appreciation rights granted to the company's CEO in violation of a shareholder-approved plan and the adoption of enhanced corporate governance procedures designed to ensure that the board of directors complies with the terms of the plan.

In **Pfeiffer v. Begley** (DeVry, Inc.), Case No. 12-CH-5105 (Ill. Cir. Ct. DuPage Cty.), we secured the cancellation of \$2.1 million worth of stock options granted to the company's CEO in 2008-2012 in violation of a shareholder-approved incentive plan.

In **Basch v. Healy** (EnerNOC), Case No. 13-cv-766 (D. Del.), we obtained a cash payment to the company to compensate for equity awards issued to officers in violation of the company's compensation plan and caused significant changes in the company's compensation policies and procedures designed to ensure that future compensation decisions are made consistent with the company's plans, charters and policies. We also impacted the board's creation of a new compensation plan and obtained additional disclosures to stockholders concerning the board's administration of the company's plan and the excess compensation.

In **Kleba v. Dees**, C.A. 3-1-13 (Tenn. Cir. Ct. Knox Cty.), we recovered approximately \$9 million in excess compensation given to insiders and the cancellation of millions of shares of stock options issued in violation of a shareholder-approved compensation plan. In addition, we obtained the adoption of formal corporate governance procedures designed to ensure that future compensation decisions are made independently and consistent with the plan.



“...a model for how [the] great legal profession should conduct itself”

*Justice Timothy S. Driscoll in Grossman v. State Bancorp, Inc., Index No. 600469/2011
(N.Y. Sup. Ct. Nassau Cnty. Nov. 29, 2011)*

In **Lopez v. Nudelman** (CTI BioPharma Corp.), 14-2-18941-9 SEA (Wash. Super. Ct. King Cty.), we recovered approximately \$3.5 million in excess compensation given to directors and obtained the adoption of a cap on director compensation, as well as other formal corporate governance procedures designed to implement best practices with regard to director and executive compensation.

In **In re i2 Technologies, Inc. Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 4003-CC (Del. Ch.), as Counsel for the Lead Plaintiff, we challenged the fairness of certain asset sales made by the company and secured a \$4 million recovery.

In **In re Corinthian Colleges, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation**, Case No. 06-cv-777-AHS (C.D. Cal.), we were Co-Lead Counsel and achieved a \$2 million benefit for the company, resulting in the re-pricing of executive stock options and the establishment of extensive corporate governance changes.

In **Pfeiffer v. Alpert** (Beazer Homes Derivative Litigation), Case No. 10-cv-1063-PD (D. Del.), we successfully challenged certain aspects of the company's executive compensation structure, ultimately forcing the company to improve its compensation practices.

In **In re Cincinnati Bell, Inc., Derivative Litigation**, Case No. A1105305 (Ohio, Hamilton Cty. C.P.), we achieved significant corporate governance changes and enhancements related to the company's compensation policies and practices in order to better align executive compensation with company performance. Reforms included the formation of an entirely independent compensation committee with staggered terms and term limits for service.

In **Woodford v. Mizel** (M.D.C. Holdings, Inc.), Case No. 1:11-cv-879 (D. Del.), we challenged excessive executive compensation, ultimately obtaining millions of dollars in reductions of that compensation, as well as corporate governance enhancements designed to implement best practices with regard to executive compensation and increased shareholder input.

Mergers & Acquisitions

Levi & Korsinsky has achieved an impressive record in obtaining injunctive relief for shareholders, and we are one of the premier law firms engaged in mergers & acquisitions and takeover litigation, consistently striving to maximize shareholder value. In these cases, we regularly fight to obtain settlements that enable the submission of competing buyout bid proposals, thereby increasing consideration for shareholders.

We have litigated landmark cases that have altered the landscape of mergers & acquisitions law and resulted in multi-million dollar awards to aggrieved shareholders.

In **In re Schuff International, Inc. Stockholders Litigation**, C.A. No. 10323-VCZ (Del. Ch.), we served as Co-Lead Counsel for the plaintiff class in achieving the largest recovery as a percentage of the underlying transaction consideration in Delaware Chancery Court merger class action history, obtaining an aggregate recovery of more than \$22 million -- a gross increase from \$31.50 to \$67.45 in total consideration per share (a 114% increase) for tendering stockholders.

In **In re Bluegreen Corp. Shareholder Litigation**, Case No. 502011CA018111 (Cir. Ct. for Palm Beach Cty., FL), as Co-Lead Counsel, we achieved a common fund recovery of \$36.5 million for minority shareholders in connection with a management-led buyout, increasing gross consideration to shareholders in connection with the transaction by 25% after three years of intense litigation.

In **In re CNX Gas Corp. Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 5377-VCL (Del. Ch.), as Plaintiffs' Executive Committee Counsel, we obtained a landmark ruling from the Delaware Chancery Court that set forth a unified standard for assessing the rights of shareholders in the context of freeze-out transactions and ultimately led to a common fund recovery of over \$42.7 million for the company's shareholders.

In **Chen v. Howard-Anderson**, C.A. No 5878-VCL (Del. Ch.), we represented shareholders in challenging the merger between Occam Networks, Inc. and Calix, Inc., obtaining a preliminary injunction against the merger after showing that the proxy statement by which the shareholders were solicited to vote for the merger was materially false and misleading. Post-closing, we took the case to trial and recovered an additional \$35 million for the shareholders.

In **In re Sauer-Danfoss Stockholder Litig.**, C.A. No. 8396 (Del. Ch.), as one of plaintiffs' co-lead counsel, we recovered a \$10 million common fund settlement in connection with a controlling stockholder merger transaction.

In **In re Yongye International, Inc. Shareholders' Litigation**, Consolidated Case No.: A-12-670468-B (District Court, Clark County, Nevada), as one of plaintiffs' co-lead counsel, we recovered a \$6 million common fund settlement in connection with a management-led buyout of minority stockholders in a China-based company incorporated under Nevada law.

In **In re Great Wolf Resorts, Inc. Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 7328-VCN (Del. Ch.), we achieved tremendous results for shareholders, including partial responsibility for a \$93 million (57%) increase in merger consideration and the waiver of several "don't-ask-don't-waive" standstill agreements that were restricting certain potential bidders from making a topping bid for the company.

In **In re Talecris Biotherapeutics Holdings Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 5614-VCL (Del. Ch.), we served as counsel for one of the Lead Plaintiffs, achieving a settlement that increased the merger consideration to Talecris shareholders by an additional 500,000 shares of the acquiring company's stock and providing shareholders with appraisal rights.

In **In re Minerva Group LP v. Mod-Pac Corp.**, Index No. 800621/2013 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. Erie Cty.), we obtained a settlement in which defendants increased the price of an insider buyout from \$8.40 to \$9.25 per share, representing a recovery of \$2.4 million for shareholders.

In **Stephen J. Dannis v. J.D. Nichols**, C.A. No. 13-CI-00452 (Ky. Cir. Ct. Jefferson Cty.), as Co-Lead Counsel, we obtained a 23% increase in the merger consideration (from \$7.50 to \$9.25 per unit) for shareholders of NTS Realty Holdings Limited Partnership. The total benefit of \$7.4 million was achieved after two years of hard-fought litigation, challenging the fairness of the going-private, squeeze-out merger by NTS's controlling unitholder and Chairman, Defendant Jack Nichols. The unitholders bringing the action alleged that Nichols' proposed transaction grossly undervalued NTS's units. The 23% increase in consideration was a remarkable result given that on October 18, 2013, the Special Committee appointed by the Board of Directors had terminated the existing merger agreement with Nichols. Through counsel's tenacious efforts the transaction was resurrected and improved.

In **Dias v. Purches**, C.A. No. 7199-VCG (Del. Ch.), Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock, III of the Delaware Chancery Court partially granted shareholders' motion for preliminary injunction and ordered that defendants correct a material misrepresentation in the proxy statement related to the acquisition of Parlux Fragrances, Inc. by Perfumania Holding, Inc.

In **In re Complete Genomics, Inc. Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 7888-VCL (Del. Ch.), we obtained preliminary injunctions of corporate merger and acquisition transactions, and Plaintiffs successfully enjoined a "don't-ask-don't-waive" standstill agreement.

In **Forgo v. Health Grades, Inc.**, C.A. No. 5716-VCS (Del. Ch.), as Co-Lead Counsel, our attorneys established that defendants had likely breached their fiduciary duties to Health Grades' shareholders by failing to maximize value as required under *Revlon, Inc. v. MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings, Inc.*, 506 A.2d 173 (Del. 1986). We secured an agreement with defendants to take numerous steps to seek a superior offer for the company, including making key modifications to the merger agreement, creating an independent committee to evaluate potential offers, extending the tender offer period, and issuing a "Fort Howard" release affirmatively stating that the company would participate in good faith discussions with any party making a bona fide acquisition proposal.

In **In re Pamrapo Bancorp Shareholder Litigation**, Docket C-89-09 (N.J. Ch. Hudson Cty.) & HUD-L-3608- 12 (N.J. Law Div. Hudson Cty.), we defeated defendants' motion to dismiss shareholders' class action claims for money damages arising from the sale of Pamrapo Bancorp to BCB Bancorp at an allegedly unfair price through an unfair process. We then survived a motion for summary judgment, ultimately securing a settlement recovering \$1.95 million for the Class plus the Class's legal fees and expenses up to \$1 million (representing an increase in consideration of 15-23% for the members of the Class).

In **In re Integrated Silicon Solution, Inc. Stockholder Litigation**, Lead Case No. 115CV279142 (Super. Ct. Santa Clara, Cal.), we won an injunction requiring corrective disclosures concerning "don't-ask-don't-waive" standstill agreements and certain financial advisor conflicts of interests, and contributed to the integrity of a post-agreement bidding contest that led to an increase in consideration from \$19.25 to \$23 per share, a bump of almost 25 percent.

“I think you've done a superb job and I really appreciate the way this case was handled.”

The Honorable Ronald B. Rubin in Teoh v. Ferrantino, C.A. No. 356627 (Cir. Ct. for Montgomery Cnty., MD 2012)

Consumer Litigation

Levi & Korsinsky works hard to protect consumers by holding corporations accountable for defective products, false and misleading advertising, unfair or deceptive business practices, antitrust violations, and privacy right violations.

Our litigation and class action expertise combined with our in-depth understanding of federal and state laws enable us to fight for consumers who have been aggrieved by deceptive and unfair business practices and who purchased defective products, including automobiles, appliances, electronic goods, and other consumer products. The Firm also represents consumers in cases involving data breaches and privacy right violations. The Firm's attorneys have received a number of leadership appointments in consumer class action cases, including multidistrict litigation ("MDL"). Recently, Law.com identified the Firm as one of the top firms with MDL leadership appointments in the article titled, "There Are New Faces Leading MDLs. And They Aren't All Men" (July 6, 2020). Representative settled and ongoing cases include:

In **NV Security, Inc. v. Fluke Networks**, Case No. CV05-4217 GW (SSx) (C.D. Cal. 2005), we negotiated a settlement on behalf of purchasers of Test Set telephones in an action alleging that the Test Sets contained a defective 3-volt battery. We benefited the consumer class by obtaining the following relief: free repair of the 3-volt battery, reimbursement for certain prior repair, an advisory concerning the 3-volt battery on the outside of packages of new Test Sets, an agreement that defendants would cease to market and/or sell certain Test Sets, and a 42-month warranty on the 3-volt battery contained in certain devices sold in the future.

In Re: Apple Inc. Device Performance Litig., Case No. 5:18-md-02827-EJD (N.D. Cal.): Plaintiffs' Executive Committee Counsel in proposed nationwide class action alleging that Apple purposefully throttled iPhone; Apple has agreed to pay up to \$500 million in cash (proposed settlement pending).

In Re: Intel Corp. CPU Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litig., Case No. 3:18-md-02828 (D. Or.): Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel in proposed nationwide class action alleging that Intel manufactured and sold defective central processing units that allowed unauthorized access to consumer stored confidential information.

In Re: ZF-TRW Airbag Control Units Products Liability Litig., Case No. 2:19-ml-02905-JAK-FFM (C.D. Cal.): Plaintiffs' Steering Committee Counsel in proposed nationwide class action alleging that defendant auto manufacturers sold vehicles with defective airbags.

In Re: EpiPen (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Marketing, Sales Practices and Antitrust Litig., Case No. 17-md-02785 (D. Kan.): Plaintiffs' Executive Committee Counsel in action alleging that Mylan and Pfizer violated antitrust laws and committed other violations relating to the sale of EpiPens. Nationwide class and multistate classes certified.

Sung, et al. v. Schurman Retail Group, Case No. 17-cv-02760-LB (N.D. Cal.): Co-Lead Class Counsel in nationwide class action alleging unauthorized disclosure of employee financial information; obtained final approval of nationwide class action settlement providing credit monitoring and identity theft restoration services through 2022 and cash payments of up to \$400.

Scott, et al. v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Case No. 1:17-cv-00249 (D.D.C.): Co-Lead Class Counsel in nationwide class action settlement of claims alleging improper fees deducted from payments awarded to jurors; 100% direct refund of improper fees collected.

In Re: Citrix Data Breach Litig., Case No. 19-cv-61350-RKA (S.D. Fla.): Interim Class Counsel in action alleging company failed to implement reasonable security measures to protect employee financial information; common fund settlement of \$2.25 million pending.

Bustos v. Vonage America, Inc., Case No. 06 Civ. 2308 (HAA) (D.N.J.): Common fund settlement of \$1.75 million on behalf of class members who purchased Vonage Fax Service in an action alleging that Vonage made false and misleading statements in the marketing, advertising, and sale of Vonage Fax Service by failing to inform consumers that the protocol defendant used for the Vonage Fax Service was unreliable and unsuitable for facsimile communications.

Masterson v. Canon U.S.A., Case No. BC340740 (Cal. Super. Ct. L.A. Cty.): Settlement providing refunds to Canon SD camera purchasers for certain broken LCD repair charges and important changes to the product warranty.

“The quality of the representation... has been extremely high, not just in terms of the favorable outcome in terms of the substance of the settlement, but in terms of the diligence and the hard work that has gone into producing that outcome.”

The Honorable Joseph F. Bianco, in Landes v. Sony Mobile Communications, 17-cv-02264-JFB-SIL (E.D.N.Y. Dec. 1, 2017)

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Managing Partners



EDUARD KORSINSKY

MANAGING PARTNER

Eduard Korsinsky is the Managing Partner and Co-Founder of Levi & Korsinsky LLP, a national securities firm that has recovered billions of dollars for investors since its formation in 2003. For more than 24 years Mr. Korsinsky has represented investors and institutional shareholders in complex securities matters. He has achieved significant recoveries for stockholders, including a \$79 million recovery for investors of E-Trade Financial Corporation and a payment ladder indemnifying investors of Google, Inc. up to \$8 billion in losses on a ground-breaking corporate governance case. His firm serves as lead counsel in some of the largest securities matters involving Tesla, US Steel, Kraft Heinz and others. He has been named a New York "Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters and is recognized as one of the country's leading practitioners in class action and derivative matters.

Mr. Korsinsky is also a co-founder of CORE Monitoring Systems LLC, a technology platform designed to assist institutional clients more effectively monitor their investment portfolios and maximize recoveries on securities litigation.

Cases he has litigated include:

- **E-Trade Financial Corp. Sec. Litig.**, No. 07-cv-8538 (S.D.N.Y. 2007), \$79 million recovery
- **In re Activision, Inc. S'holder Derivative Litig.**, No. 06-cv-04771-MRP (JTLX)(C.D. Cal. 2006), recovered \$24 million in excess compensation
- **Corinthian Colleges, Inc., S'holder Derivative Litig.**, SACV-06-0777-AHS (C.D. Cal. 2009), obtained repricing of executive stock options providing more than \$2 million in benefits to the company
- **Pfeiffer v. Toll**, C.A. No. 4140-VCL (Del. Ch. 2010), \$16.25 million in insider trading profits recovered
- **In re Net2Phone, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, Case No. 1467-N (Del. Ch. 2005), obtained increase in tender offer price from \$1.70 per share to \$2.05 per share
- **In re Pamrapo Bancorp S'holder Litig.**, C-89-09 (N.J. Ch. Hudson Cty. 2011) & HUD-L-3608-12 (N.J. Law Div. Hudson Cty. 2015), obtained supplemental disclosures following the filing of a motion for preliminary injunction, pursued case post-closing, defeated motion for summary judgment, and obtained an increase in consideration of between 15-23% for the members of the Class
- **In re Google Inc. Class C S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. 19786 (Del. Ch. 2012), obtained payment ladder indemnifying investors up to \$8 billion in losses stemming from trading discounts expected to affect the new stock
- **Woodford v. M.D.C. Holdings, Inc.**, 1:2011cv00879 (D. Del. 2012), one of a few successful challenges to say on pay voting, recovered millions of dollars in reductions to compensation
- **i2 Technologies, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. 4003-CC (Del. Ch. 2008), \$4 million recovered, challenging fairness of certain asset sales made by the company

- **Pfeiffer v. Alpert (Beazer Homes)**, C.A. No. 10-cv-1063-PD (D. Del. 2011), obtained substantial revisions to an unlawful executive compensation structure
- **In re NCS Healthcare, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, C.A. CA 19786, (Del. Ch. 2002), case settled for approximately \$100 million
- **Paraschos v. YBM Magnex Int'l, Inc.**, No. 98-CV-6444 (E.D. Pa.), United States and Canadian cases settled for \$85 million Canadian

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- "Board Diversity: The Time for Change is Now, Will Shareholders Step Up?," *National Council on Teacher Retirement. FYI Newsletter* May 2021
- "The Dangers of Relying on Custodians to Collect Class Action Settlements.," *The Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (TEXPERS) Investment Insights April-May Edition* (2021)
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- "The Dangers of Relying on Custodians to Collect Class Action Settlements.," *Florida Public Pension Trustees Association (FPPTA)* (2021)
- "NY Securities Rulings Don't Constitute Cyan Backlash", *Law360* (March 8, 2021)
- "Best Practices for Monitoring Your Securities Portfolio in 2021.," *Building Trades News Newsletter* (2020-2021)
- "Best Practices for Monitoring Your Securities Portfolio in 2021.," *The Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (TEXPERS) Monitor* (2021)
- "Best Practices for Monitoring Your Securities Portfolio in 2021.," *Michigan Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (MAPERS) Newsletter* (2021)
- "Best Practices for Monitoring Your Securities Portfolio in 2021.," *Florida Public Pension Trustees Association (FPPTA)* (2021)
- Delaware Court Dismisses Compensation Case Against Goldman Sachs, *ABA Section of Securities Litigation News & Developments* (Nov. 7, 2011)
- SDNY Questions SEC Settlement Practices in Citigroup Settlement, *ABA Section of Securities Litigation News & Developments* (Nov. 7, 2011)
- New York Court Dismisses Shareholder Suit Against Goldman Sachs, *ABA Section of Securities Litigation News & Developments* (Oct. 31, 2011)

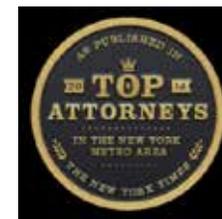
EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law, LL.M. Master of Law(s) Taxation (1997)
- Brooklyn Law School, J.D. (1995)
- Brooklyn College, B.S., Accounting, *summa cum laude* (1992)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (1996)
- New Jersey (1996)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (1998)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (1998)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2006)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2010)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York (2011)
- United States District Court of New Jersey (2012)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2013)

AWARDS





JOSEPH E. LEVI

MANAGING PARTNER

Joseph E. Levi is a central figure in shaping and managing the Firm's securities litigation practice. Mr. Levi has been lead or co-lead in dozens of cases involving the enforcement of shareholder rights in the context of mergers & acquisitions and securities fraud. In addition to his involvement in class action litigation, he has represented numerous patent holders in enforcing their patent rights in areas including computer hardware, software, communications, and information processing, and has been instrumental in obtaining substantial awards and settlements.

Mr. Levi and the Firm achieved success on behalf of the former shareholders of Occam Networks in litigation challenging the Company's merger with Calix, Inc., obtaining a preliminary injunction against the merger due to material representations and omissions in the proxy solicitation. **Chen v. Howard-Anderson**, No. 5878-VCL (Del. Ch.). Vigorous litigation efforts continued to trial, resulting in a \$35 million recovery for shareholders.

Mr. Levi and the Firm served as lead counsel in **Weigard v. Hicks**, No. 5732-VCS (Del. Ch.), which challenged the acquisition of Health Grades by affiliates of Vestar Capital Partners. Mr. Levi successfully demonstrated to the Court of Chancery that the defendants had likely breached their fiduciary duties to Health Grades' shareholders by failing to maximize shareholder value. This ruling was used to reach a favorable settlement where defendants agreed to a host of measures designed to increase the likelihood of superior bid. Vice Chancellor Strine "applaud[ed]" the litigation team for their preparation and the extraordinary high-quality of the briefing.

“ “[The court] appreciated very much the quality of the argument..., the obvious preparation that went into it, and the ability of counsel...”

Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock, III in Dias v. Purches, C.A. No. 7199-VCG (Del. Ch. Apr. 5, 2012)

EDUCATION

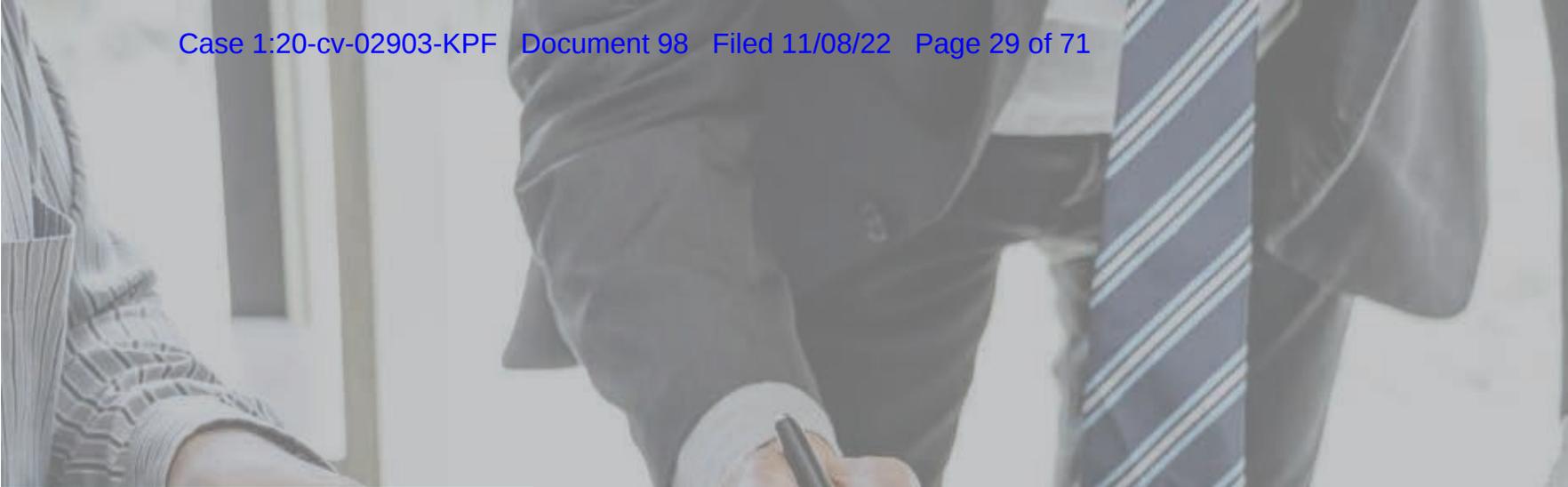
- Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude* (1995)
- Polytechnic University, B.S., *summa cum laude* (1984); M.S. (1986)

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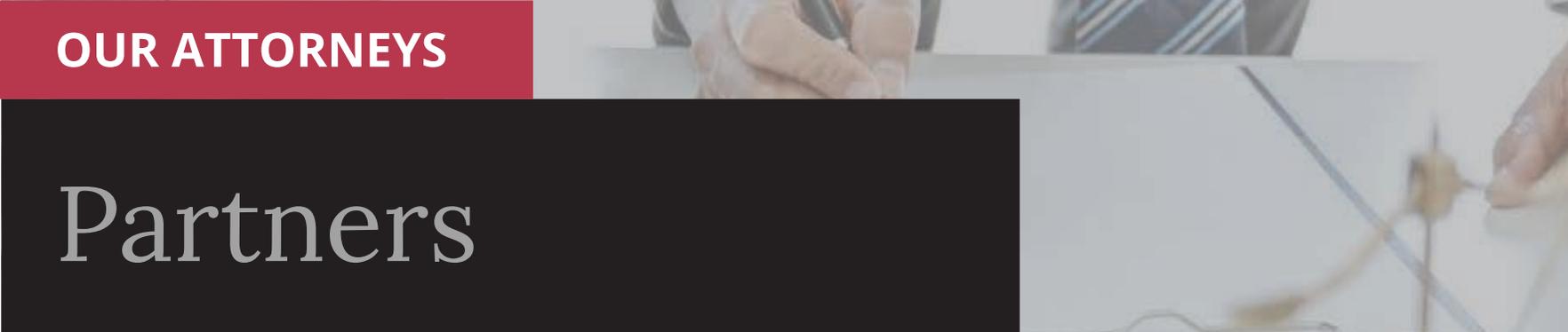
- New York (1996)
- New Jersey (1996)
- United States Patent and Trademark Office (1997)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (1997)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (1997)

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NICHOLAS I. PORRITT

PARTNER

Nicholas Porritt prosecutes securities class actions, shareholder class actions, derivative actions, and mergers and acquisitions litigation. He has extensive experience representing plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of complex commercial litigation, including civil fraud, breach of contract, and professional malpractice, as well as defending SEC investigations and enforcement actions. Mr. Porritt has helped recover hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of shareholders. He was one of the Lead Counsel in **In re Google Inc. Class C Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 7469-CS (Del. Ch.), which resulted in a payment of \$522 million to shareholders and overall benefit of over \$3 billion to Google's minority shareholders. He was one of the lead counsel in **Chen v. Howard-Anderson**, No. 5878-VCL (Del. Ch.) that settled during trial resulting in a \$35 million payment to the former shareholders of Occam Networks, Inc., one of the largest quasi-appraisal recoveries for shareholders. Amongst other cases, he is currently lead counsel in **In re Tesla, Inc. Securities Litigation**, No. 3:18-cv-04865-EMC (N.D. Cal.), representing Tesla investors who were harmed by Elon Musk's "funding secured" tweet from August 7, 2018 as well as lead counsel in **Ford v. TD Ameritrade Holding Corp.**, No. 14-cv-396 (D. Neb.), representing TD Ameritrade customers harmed by its improper routing of their orders. Both cases involve over \$1 billion in estimated damages.

Some of Mr. Porritt's recent cases include:

- **In re Tesla, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 2020 WL 1873441 (N.D. Cal.2020)
- **In Re Aphria, Inc. Securities Litigation**, 2020 WL 5819548 (S.D.N.Y. 2020)
- **Voulgaris, v. Array Biopharma Inc.**, 2020 WL 8367829 (D. Colo. 2020)
- **In Re Aphria, Inc. Securities Litigation**, No. 18 CIV. 11376 (GBD), 2020 WL 5819548 (S.D.N.Y. 2020)
- **In re Clovis Oncology, Inc. Deriv. Litig.**, 2019 WL 4850188 (Del. Ch. 2019)
- **Martin v. Altisource Residential Corp.**, 2019 WL 2762923 (D.V.I. 2019)
- **In re Navient Corp. Sec. Litig.**, 2019 WL 7288881 (D.N.J. 2019)
- **In re Bridgestone Inv. Corp.**, 789 Fed. App'x 13 (9th Cir. 2019)
- **Klein v. TD Ameritrade Holding Corp.**, 327 F.R.D. 283 (D. Neb. 2018)
- **Beezley v. Fenix Parts, Inc.**, 2018 WL 3454490 (N.D. Ill. 2018)
- **In re PTC Therapeutics Sec. Litig.**, 2017 WL 3705801 (D.N.J. 2017)
- **Zaghian v. Farrell**, 675 Fed. Appx. 718 (9th Cir. 2017)
- **Gormley v. magicJack VocalTec Ltd.**, 220 F. Supp. 3d 510 (S.D.N.Y. 2016)
- **Carlton v. Cannon**, 184 F. Supp. 3d 428 (S.D. Tex. 2016)

- **In re Violin Memory Sec. Litig.**, 2014 WL 5525946 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 31, 2014)
- **Garnitschnig v. Horovitz**, 48 F. Supp. 3d 820 (D. Md. 2014)
- **SEC v. Cuban**, 620 F.3d 551 (5th Cir. 2010)
- **Cozzarelli v. Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**, 549 F.3d 618 (4th Cir. 2008)
- **Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana v. Hunter**, 477 F.3d 162 (4th Cir. 2007)

Mr. Porritt was selected by Lawdragon as one of the 500 leading plaintiff lawyers in financial litigation and was selected to the 2020 DC Super Lawyers list published by Thomson Reuters.

Mr. Porritt speaks frequently on current topics relating to securities laws and derivative actions, including presentations on behalf of the Council for Institutional Investors, Nasdaq, and the Practising Law Institute. He currently serves as co-chair of the American Bar Association Sub-Committee on Derivative Actions.

Before joining the Firm, Mr. Porritt practiced as a partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and prior to that was a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC. Mr. Porritt formerly practiced as a Barrister and Solicitor in Wellington, New Zealand and is a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England & Wales.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Current Trends in Securities Litigation: How Companies and Counsel Should Respond," *Inside the Minds. Recent Developments in Securities Law* (Aspatore Press 2010)

EDUCATION

- University of Chicago Law School, J.D., With Honors (1996)
- University of Chicago Law School, LL.M. (1993)
- Victoria University of Wellington, LL.B. (Hons.), With First Class Honors, Senior Scholarship (1990)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (1997)
- District of Columbia (1998)
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia (1999)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2004)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2004)
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (2006)
- United States Supreme Court (2006)
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland (2007)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2012)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2014)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2015)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2015)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (2016)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (2017)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (2019)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2019)

AWARDS





DONALD J. ENRIGHT

PARTNER

During his 24 years as a litigator and trial lawyer, Mr. Enright has handled matters in the fields of securities, commodities, consumer fraud and commercial litigation, with a particular emphasis on shareholder M&A and securities fraud class action litigation. He has been named as one of the leading financial litigators in the nation by Lawdragon, as a Washington, DC "Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters, and as one of the city's "Top Lawyers" by Washingtonian magazine.

Mr. Enright has shown a track record of achieving victories in federal trials and appeals, including:

- **Nathenson v. Zonagen, Inc.**, 267 F. 3d 400, 413 (5th Cir. 2001)
- **SEC v. Butler**, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 7194 (W.D. Pa. April 18, 2005)
- **Belizan v. Hershon**, 434 F. 3d 579 (D.C. Cir. 2006)
- **Rensel v. Centra Tech, Inc.**, 2021 WL 2659784 (11th Cir. June 29, 2021)

Most recently, in **In re Schuff International, Inc. Stockholders Litigation**, Case No. 10323-VCZ, Mr. Enright served as Co-Lead Counsel for the plaintiff class in achieving the largest recovery as a percentage of the underlying transaction consideration in Delaware Chancery Court merger class action history, obtaining an aggregate recovery of more than \$22 million -- a gross increase from \$31.50 to \$67.45 in total consideration per share (a 114% increase) for tendering stockholders.

Similarly, as Co-Lead Counsel in **In re Bluegreen Corp. Shareholder Litigation**, Case No. 502011CA018111 (Cir. Ct. for Palm Beach Cnty., Fla.), Mr. Enright achieved a \$36.5 million common fund settlement in the wake of a majority shareholder buyout, representing a 25% increase in total consideration to the minority stockholders.

Also, in **In re CNX Gas Corp. Shareholders Litigation**, C.A. No. 53377-VCL (Del. Ch. 2010), in which Levi & Korsinsky served upon plaintiffs' Executive Committee, Mr. Enright helped obtain the recovery of a common fund of over \$42.7 million for stockholders.

Mr. Enright has also played a leadership role in numerous securities and shareholder class actions from inception to conclusion. Most recently, he has served as lead counsel in several cryptocurrency-related securities class actions. His leadership has produced multi-million-dollar recoveries in shareholder class actions involving such companies as:

- Allied Irish Banks PLC
- Iridium World Communications, Ltd.
- En Pointe Technologies, Inc.
- PriceSmart, Inc.
- Polk Audio, Inc.
- Meade Instruments Corp.
- Xicor, Inc.
- Streamlogic Corp.
- Interbank Funding Corp.
- Riggs National Corp.
- UTStarcom, Inc.
- Manugistics Group, Inc.

Mr. Enright also has a successful track record of obtaining injunctive relief in connection with shareholder M&A litigation, having won preliminary injunctions or other injunctive relief in the cases of:

- **In re Portec Rail Products, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, G.D. 10-3547 (Ct. Com. Pleas Pa. 2010)
- **In re Craftmade International, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. 6950-VCL (Del. Ch. 2011)
- **Dias v. Purches**, C.A. No. 7199-VCG (Del. Ch. 2012)
- **In re Complete Genomics, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. 7888-VCL (Del. Ch. 2012)
- **In re Integrated Silicon Solution, Inc. Stockholder Litig.**, Lead Case No. 115CV279142 (Sup. Ct. Santa Clara, CA 2015)

Mr. Enright has also demonstrated considerable success in obtaining deal price increases for shareholders in M&A litigation. As Co-Lead Counsel in the matter of **In re Great Wolf Resorts, Inc. Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 7328-VCN (Del. Ch. 2012), Mr. Enright was partially responsible for a \$93 million (57%) increase in merger consideration and waiver of several “don’t-ask-don’t-waive” standstill agreements that were precluding certain potential bidders from making a topping bid for the company.

Similarly, Mr. Enright served as Co-Lead Counsel in the case of **Berger v. Life Sciences Research, Inc.**, No. SOM-C-12006-09 (NJ Sup. Ct. 2009), which caused a significant increase in the transaction price from \$7.50 to \$8.50 per share, representing additional consideration for shareholders of approximately \$11.5 million.

Mr. Enright also served as Co-Lead Counsel in **Minerva Group, LP v. Keane**, Index No. 800621/2013 (NY Sup. Ct. of Erie Cnty.) and obtained a settlement in which Defendants increased the price of an insider buyout from \$8.40 to \$9.25 per share.

The courts have consistently recognized and praised the quality of Mr. Enright’s work. In **In re Interbank Funding Corp. Securities Litigation** (D.D.C. 02-1490), Judge Bates of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia observed that Mr. Enright had “...skillfully, efficiently, and zealously represented the class, and... worked relentlessly throughout the course of the case.”

Similarly, in **Freeland v. Iridium World Communications, LTD**, (D.D.C. 99-1002), Judge Nanette Laughrey stated that Mr. Enright had done “an outstanding job” in connection with the recovery of \$43.1 million for the shareholder class.

And, in the matter of **Osieczanek v. Thomas Properties Group**, C.A. No. 9029-VCG (Del. Ch. 2013), Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock of the Chancery Court of Delaware observed that “it’s always a pleasure to have counsel [like Mr. Enright] who are articulate and exuberant in presenting their position,” and that Mr. Enright’s prosecution of a merger case was “wholesome” and served as “a model of . . . plaintiffs’ litigation in the merger arena.”

PUBLICATIONS

- "SEC Enforcement Actions and Investigations in Private and Public Offerings," Securities: Public and Private Offerings, Second Edition, West Publishing 2007
- "Dura Pharmaceuticals: Loss Causation Redefined or Merely Clarified?" J. Tax'n & Reg. Fin. Inst. September/October 2007, Page 5

EDUCATION

- George Washington University School of Law, J.D. (1996), where he was a Member Editor of The George Washington University Journal of International Law and Economics from 1994 to 1996
- Drew University, B.A., Political Science and Economics, *cum laude* (1993)

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland (1996)
- New Jersey (1996)
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland (1997)
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (1997)
- District of Columbia (1999)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1999)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1999)
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia (1999)
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (2004)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2005)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2006)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2017)

AWARDS





SHANNON L. HOPKINS

PARTNER

Shannon L. Hopkins manages the Firm's Connecticut office. She was selected in 2013 as a New York "Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters. For more than a decade Ms. Hopkins has been prosecuting a wide range of complex class action matters in securities fraud, mergers and acquisitions, and consumer fraud litigation on behalf of individuals and large institutional clients. Ms. Hopkins has played a lead role in numerous shareholder securities fraud and merger and acquisition matters and has been involved in recovering multimillion-dollar settlements on behalf of shareholders, including:

- **In re Force Protection, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. A-11-651336-B (D. Nev. 2015), \$11 million shareholder recovery
- **Craig Telke v. New Frontier Media, Inc.**, C.A. No. 1:12-cv-02941-JLK (D. Co. 2015), \$2.25 million shareholder recovery
- **Shona Investments v. Callisto Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**, C.A. No. 652783/2012 (NY Sup. Ct. 2015), shareholder recovery of \$2.5 million and increase in exchange ratio from 0.1700 to 0.1799
- **E-Trade Financial Corp. S'holder Litig.**, No. 07-cv-8538 (S.D.N.Y. 2007), \$79 million recovery for the shareholder class
- **In re Cogent, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. 5780-VCP (Del. Ch. 2010), \$1.9 million shareholder recovery and corrective disclosures relating to the Merger
- **In re CMS Energy Sec. Litig.**, Civil No. 02 CV 72004 (GCS) (E.D. Mich. Sept. 6, 2007), \$200 million recovery
- **In re Sears, Roebuck and Co. Sec. Litig.**, No. 02-cv-07527 (N.D. Ill. Jan. 8, 2007), \$200 million recovery
- **In re El Paso Electric Co. Sec. Litig.**, C.A. No. 3:03-cv-00004-DB (W.D. Tex. Sept. 15, 2005), \$10 million recovery
- **In re Novastar Fin. Sec. Litig.**, 4:04-cv-00330-ODS (W.D. Mo. Apr. 14, 2009), \$7.25 million recovery

The quality of Ms. Hopkin's work has been noted by courts. In **In re Health Grades, Inc. Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 5716-VCS (Del. Ch. 2010), where Ms. Hopkins was significantly involved with the briefing of the preliminary injunction motion, then Vice Chancellor Strine "applaud[ed]" Co-Lead Counsel for their preparation and the extraordinary high-quality of the briefing.

In addition to her legal practice, Ms. Hopkins is a Certified Public Accountant (1998 Massachusetts). Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Hopkins was a senior auditor with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, where she led audit engagements for large publicly held companies in a variety of industries.

PUBLICATIONS

- “Cybercrime Convention: A Positive Beginning to a Long Road Ahead,” 2 J. High Tech. L. 101 (2003)

EDUCATION

- Suffolk University Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude* (2003), where she served on the Journal for High Technology and as Vice Magister of the Phi Delta Phi International Honors Fraternity
- Bryant University, B.S.B.A., Accounting and Finance, *cum laude* (1995), where she was elected to the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society

ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts (2003)
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (2004)
- New York (2004)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2004)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2004)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2004)
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (2008)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2010)
- Connecticut (2013)

AWARDS



“ In appointing the Firm Lead Counsel, the Honorable Gary Allen Feess noted our “significant prior experience in securities litigation and complex class actions.”

Zaghian v. THQ, Inc., 2:12-cv-05227-GAF-JEM (C.D. Cal. Sept. 14, 2012)



GREGORY M. NESPOLE

PARTNER

Gregory Mark Nespole is a Partner of the Firm, having been previously a member of the management committee of one of the oldest firms in New York, as well as chair of that firm's investor protection practice. He specializes in complex class actions, derivative actions, and transactional litigation representing institutional investors such as public and labor pension funds, labor health and welfare benefit funds, and private institutions. Prior to practicing law, Mr. Nespole was a strategist on an arbitrage desk and an associate in a major international investment bank where he worked on structuring private placements and conducting transactional due diligence.

For over twenty years, Mr. Nespole has played a lead role in numerous shareholder securities fraud and merger and acquisition matters and has been involved in recovering multi-million-dollar settlements on behalf of shareholders, including:

- Served as co-chair of a Madoff Related Litigation Task Force that recovered over several hundred million dollars for wronged investors;
- Obtained a \$90 million award on behalf of a publicly listed company against a global bank arising out of fraudulently marketed auction rated securities;
- Successfully obtained multi-million-dollar securities litigation recoveries and/or corporate governance reforms from Cablevision, JP Morgan, American Pharmaceutical Partners, Sepracor, and MBIA, among many others.

Mr. Nespole is a member of The Federalist Society, the Federal Bar Council, and the FBC's Securities Litigation Committee. Mr. Nespole's peers have elected him a "Super Lawyer" in the class action field annually since 2009. He is active in his community as a youth sports coach.

EDUCATION

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D. (1993)
- Bates College, B.A. (1989)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (1994)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (1994)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (1994)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (1994)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1994)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1994)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York (2018)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (2019)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2020)

AWARDS





DANIEL TEPPER

PARTNER

Daniel Tepper is a Partner of the Firm with extensive experience in shareholder derivative suits, class actions and complex commercial litigation. Before he joined Levi & Korsinsky, Mr. Tepper was a partner in one of the oldest law firms in New York. He is an active member of the CPLR Committee of the New York State Bar Association and was an early member of its Electronic Discovery Committee. Mr. Tepper has been selected as a New York “Super Lawyer” in 2016 – 2021.

Some of the notable matters where Mr. Tepper had a leading role include:

- **Siegmund v. Bian**, Case No. 16-62506 (S.D. Fla.), achieving an estimated recovery of \$29.93 per share on behalf of a class of public shareholders of Linkwell Corp. who were forced to sell their stock at \$0.88 per share.
- **In re Platinum-Beechwood Litigation**, Case No. 18-06658 (S.D.N.Y.), achieved dismissal on behalf of an individual investor in Platinum Partners-affiliated investment fund.
- **Lakatamia Shipping Co. Ltd. v. Nobu Su**, Index No. 654860/2016 (Sup. Ct., N.Y. Co. 2016), achieved dismissal on suit attempting to domesticate a \$40 million UK judgment in New York State.
- **Zelouf Int’l Corp. v. Zelouf**, 45 Misc.3d 1205(A) (Sup.Ct. N.Y. Co., 2014), representing the plaintiff in an appraisal proceeding triggered by freeze-out merger of closely-held corporation. Achieved a \$10 million verdict after eleven day trial, with the Court rejecting a discount for lack of marketability.
- **Sacher v. Beacon Assocs. Mgmt. Corp.**, 114 A.D.3d 655 (2d Dep’t 2014), affirming denial of defendants’ motion to dismiss shareholder derivative suit by Madoff feeder fund against fund’s auditor for accounting malpractice.
- **In re Belzberg**, 95 A.D.3d 713 (1st Dep’t 2012), compelling a non-signatory to arbitrate brokerage agreement dispute arising under doctrine of direct benefits estoppel.
- **Estate of DeLeo**, Case No. 353758/A (Surrog. Ct., Nassau Co. 2011), achieving a full plaintiff’s verdict after a seven day trial which restored a multi-million dollar family business to its rightful owner.
- **CMIA Partners Equity Ltd. v. O’Neill**, 2010 NY Slip Op 52068(U) (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Co., 2010). Representing the independent directors of a Cayman Islands investment fund, won a dismissal on the pleadings in the first New York state case examining shareholder derivative suits under Cayman Islands law.
- **Hecht v. Andover Assocs. Mgmt. Corp.**, 27 Misc 3d 1202(A) (Sup. Ct. Nassau Co., 2010), *aff’d*, 114 A.D.3d 638 (2d Dep’t 2014). Participated in a \$213 million global settlement in the first Madoff-related feeder fund in the country to defeat a motion to dismiss.

EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law, J.D. (2000)
- The University of Texas at Austin, B.A. with Honors (1997), National Merit Scholar

ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts (2001)
- New York (2002)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2004)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2010)
- United States District Court for the Western District of New York (2019)

AWARDS





ELIZABETH K. TRIPODI

PARTNER

Elizabeth K. Tripodi focuses her practice on shareholder protection, representing investors in securities fraud litigation, corporate derivative litigation, and litigation involving mergers, acquisitions, tender offers, and change-in-control transactions. Ms. Tripodi has been named as a Washington, D.C. “Super Lawyer” in the securities field and was selected as a “Rising Star” by Thomson Reuters for several consecutive years.

Ms. Tripodi’s current representations include:

- **In re Tesla, Inc. Securities Litigation**, No. 3:18-cv-04865-EMC (N.D. Cal.) (lead counsel in class action representing Tesla investors who were harmed by Elon Musk’s “funding secured” tweet from August 7, 2018)

Ms. Tripodi has played a lead role in obtaining monetary *recoveries* for shareholders in M&A litigation:

- **In re Schuff International, Inc. Stockholders Litigation**, Case No. 10323-VCZ, achieving the largest recovery as a percentage of the underlying transaction consideration in Delaware Chancery Court merger class action history, obtaining an aggregate recovery of more than \$22 million -- a gross increase from \$31.50 to \$67.45 in total consideration per share (a 114% increase) for tendering stockholders
- **In re Bluegreen Corp. S’holder Litig.**, Case No. 502011CA018111 (Circuit Ct. for Palm Beach Cty., FL), creation of a \$36.5 million common fund settlement in the wake of a majority shareholder buyout, representing a 25% increase in total consideration to the minority stockholders
- **In re Cybex International S’holder Litig**, Index No. 653794/2012 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2014), recovery of \$1.8 million common fund, which represented an 8% increase in stockholder consideration in connection with management-led cash-out merger
- **In re Great Wolf Resorts, Inc. S’holder Litig**, C.A. No. 7328-VCN (Del. Ch. 2012), where there was a \$93 million (57%) increase in merger consideration
- **Minerva Group, LP v. Keane**, Index No. 800621/2013 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2013), settlement in which Defendants increased the price of an insider buyout from \$8.40 to \$9.25 per share

Ms. Tripodi has played a key role in obtaining injunctive relief while representing shareholders in connection with M&A litigation, including obtaining preliminary injunctions or other injunctive relief in the following actions:

- **In re Portec Rail Products, Inc. S'holder Litig**, G.D. 10-3547 (Ct. Com. Pleas Pa. 2010)
- **In re Craftmade International, Inc. S'holder Litig**, C.A. No. 6950-VCL (Del. Ch. 2011)
- **Dias v. Purches, et al.**, C.A. No. 7199-VCG (Del. Ch. 2012)
- **In re Complete Genomics, Inc. S'holder Litig**, C.A. No. 7888-VCL (Del. Ch. 2012)
- **In re Integrated Silicon Solution, Inc. Stockholder Litig.**, Lead Case No. 115CV279142 (Sup. Ct. Santa Clara, CA 2015)

Prior to joining Levi & Korsinsky, Ms. Tripodi was a member of the litigation team that served as Lead Counsel in, and was responsible for, the successful prosecution of numerous class actions, including: **Rudolph v. UTStarcom** (stock option backdating litigation obtaining a \$9.5 million settlement); **Grecian v. Meade Instruments** (stock option backdating litigation obtaining a \$3.5 million settlement).

EDUCATION

- American University Washington College of Law, *cum laude* (2006), where she served as Co-Editor in Chief of the Business Law Journal (f/k/a Business Law Brief), was a member of the National Environmental Moot Court team, and interned for Environmental Enforcement Section at the Department of Justice
- Davidson College, B.A., Art History (2000)

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia (2006)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2006)
- District of Columbia (2008)
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia (2010)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (2018)

AWARDS





ADAM M. APTON

PARTNER

Adam M. Apton focuses his practice on investor protection. He represents institutional investors and high net worth individuals in securities fraud, corporate governance, and shareholder rights litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Apton defended corporate clients against complex mass tort, commercial, and products liability lawsuits. Thomson Reuters has selected Mr. Apton to the Super Lawyers Washington, DC “Rising Stars” list every year since 2016, a distinction given to only the top 2.5% of lawyers.

Mr. Apton’s past representations and successes include:

- **In re Tesla, Inc. Securities Litigation**, No. 3:18-cv-04865-EMC (N.D. Cal.) (lead counsel in class action representing Tesla investors who were harmed by Elon Musk’s “funding secured” tweet from August 7, 2018)
- **In re Navient Corp. Securities Litigation**, 17-8373 (RBK/AMD) (D.N.J.) (lead counsel in class action against leading provider of student loans for alleged false and misleading statements about compliance with consumer protection laws)
- **In re Prothena Corporation Plc Securities Litigation**, 1:18-cv-06425-ALC (S.D.N.Y.) (\$15.75 million settlement fund against international drug company for false statements about development of lead biopharmaceutical product)
- **Martin v. Altisource Residential Corporation**, et al., 15-00024 (AET) (GWC) (D.V.I.) (\$15.5 million settlement fund against residential mortgage company for false statements about compliance with consumer regulations and corporate governance protocols)
- **Levin v. Resource Capital Corp., et al.**, 1:15-cv-07081-LLS (S.D.N.Y.) (\$9.5 million settlement in class action over fraudulent statements about toxic mezzanine loan assets)
- **Rux v. Meyer (Sirius XM Holdings Inc.)**, No. 11577 (Del. Ch.) (recovery of \$8.25 million against SiriusXM’s Board of Directors for engaging in harmful related-party transactions with controlling stockholder, John. C. Malone and Liberty Media Corp.)

PUBLICATIONS

- “Pleading Section 11 Liability for Secondary Offerings” American Bar Association: *Practice Points* (Jan. 4, 2017)
- “Second Circuit Rules in *Indiana Public Retirement System v. SAIC, Inc.*” American Bar Association: *Practice Points* (Apr. 4, 2016)
- “Second Circuit Applies *Omnicare* to Statements of Opinion in *Sanofi*” American Bar Association: *Practice Points* (Mar. 30, 2016)
- “Second Circuit Rules in *Action AG v. China North*” American Bar Association: *Practice Points* (Sept. 14, 2015)

EDUCATION

- New York Law School, J.D., *cum laude* (2009), where he served as Articles Editor of the New York Law School Law Review and interned for the New York State Supreme Court, Commercial Division
- University of Minnesota, B.A., Entrepreneurial Management & Psychology, With Distinction (2006)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (2010)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2010)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2010)
- District of Columbia (2013)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2015)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2016)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2016)
- California (2017)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California (2017)
- United States District Court for the Central District of California (2017)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California (2017)
- New Jersey (2020)
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (2020)

AWARDS





MARK S. REICH

PARTNER

Mark Samuel Reich is a Partner of the Firm. Mark's practice focuses on consumer class actions, including cases involving privacy and data breach issues, deceptive and unfair trade practices, advertising injury, product defect, and antitrust violations. Mark, who has experience and success outside the consumer arena, also supports the Firm's securities and derivative practices.

Mark is attentive to clients' interests and fosters their activism on behalf of class members. Clients he has worked with consistently and enthusiastically endorse Mark's work:



Mark attentively guided me through each stage of the litigation, prepared me for my deposition, and ensured that I and other wronged consumers were compensated and that purchasers in the future could not be duped by the appliance manufacturer's misleading marketing tactics."

- Katherine Danielkiewicz, Michigan



After my experience working with Mark and his colleague, any hesitancy I may have had in the past about leading or participating in a class action has gone away. Mark expertly countered every roadblock that the corporate defendant tried using to dismiss our case and we ultimately reached a resolution that exceeded my expectations'

- Barry Garfinkle, Pennsylvania

Before joining Levi Korsinsky, Mark practiced at the largest class action firm in the country for more than 15 years, including 8 years as a Partner. Prior to becoming a consumer and shareholder advocate, Mark practiced commercial litigation with an international law firm based in New York, where he defended litigations on behalf of a variety of corporate clients.

Mark has represented investors in securities litigation, devoted to protecting the rights of institutional and individual investors who were harmed by corporate misconduct. His case work involved **State Street Yield Plus Fund Litig.** (\$6.25 million recovery); **In re Doral Fin. Corp. Sec. Litig., SDNY** (\$129 million recovery); **Lockheed Martin Corp. Sec. Litig.** (\$19.5 million recovery); **Tile Shop Holdings, Inc.** (\$9.5 million settlement); **Curran v. Freshpet Inc.** (\$10.1 million settlement); **In re Jakks Pacific, Inc.** (\$3,925,000 settlement); **Fidelity Ultra Short Bond Fund Litig.** (\$7.5 million recovery); and **Cha v. Kinross Gold Corp.** (\$33 million settlement).



Never having been involved in a class action, I was uninformed and apprehensive. Mark and his colleagues not only explained the complexities, but maintained extensive ongoing communications, involved us fully in all phases of the process; provided appropriate professional counsel and guidance to each participant, and achieved results that satisfied the original goals of the litigation”

- Fred Sharp, New York



It was a pleasure being represented by Mark. Above all he was patient throughout the tedious process of litigation. He is a good listener and a good communicator, which enhanced my participation and understanding of the process. He also provided excellent follow up throughout, making the process feel more like a team effort.”

- Louise Miljenovic, New Jersey

At his prior firm, Mark achieved notable success challenging unfair mergers and acquisitions in courts throughout the country. Among the M&A litigation that Mark handled or participated in, his notable cases include: **In re Aramark Corp. S’holders Litig.**, where he attained 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; **In re TD Banknorth S’holders Litig.**, where Mark 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. Mark has also been part of ERISA litigation teams that led to meaningful results, including **In re Gen. Elec. Co. ERISA Litig.**, which resulting in structural changes to company’s 401(k) plan valued at over \$100 million, benefiting current and future plan participants.



We contacted Mark about our concerns about our oven’s failure to perform as advertised. He worked with us to formulate a strategy that ultimately led to a settlement that achieved our and others’ goals and specific needs.”

- Candace Oliarny, Idaho



My wife and I never having been involved with a law firm or Class Action had no idea what to expect. Within the first few phone meetings with Mark, we became assured as Mark explained in detail how the process worked, Mark is a great communicator. Mr. Reich is a true professional, his integrity through the years he worked with us was impeccable. Working with Mark was a truly positive experience, and have no reservations if we ever had to call on his services again.”

- Richard Thome, California

Before joining the Firm, Mark graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Queens College in New York. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School, where he served on the Moot Court Honor Society and The Journal of Law and Policy.

Mark regularly practices in federal and state courts throughout the country and is a member of the bar in New York. He has been recognized for his legal work by being named a New York Metro Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers Magazine every year since 2013. Mark is active in his local community and has been distinguished for his neighborhood support with a Certificate of Recognition by the Town of Hempstead.

EDUCATION

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D. (2000)
- Queens College, B.A., Psychology and Journalism (1997)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (2001)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2001)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2001)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York (2005)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (2017)

AWARDS





GREGORY M. POTREPKA

PARTNER

Gregory M. Potrepka is a partner of the Firm in its Connecticut office. Mr. Potrepka's practice specializes in vindicating investor rights, including the interests of shareholders of publicly traded companies. Specifically, Mr. Potrepka has considerable experience prosecuting complex class actions, securities fraud matters, and similar commercial litigation. Mr. Potrepka's role in the Firm's securities litigation practice has significantly contributed to many of the Firm's successes, including the following representative matters:

In re U.S. Steel Consolidated Cases, No. 17-579 (W.D. Pa.) (\$40 million recovery)

Rougier v. Applied Optoelectronics, Inc., No. 4:17-cv-2399 (S.D. Tex.) (\$15.5 million recovery)

In re Helios and Matheson Analytics, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 1:18-cv-06965 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$8.25 million recovery)

In re Aqua Metals Securities Litigation, 17-cv-07142-HSG (N.D. Cal.) (\$7 million recovery)

EDUCATION

- University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D. (2015)
- University of Connecticut Department of Public Policy, M.P.A. (2015)
- University of Connecticut, B.A., Political Science (2010)

ADMISSIONS

- Connecticut (2015)
- Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court (2015)
- United States District Court for the District of Connecticut (2016)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2018)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2018)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2020)

OUR ATTORNEYS

Counsel



ANDREW E. LENCYK

COUNSEL

Andrew E. Lencyk is Counsel to the Firm. Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Lencyk was a partner in an established boutique firm in New York specializing in securities litigation. He was graduated magna cum laude from Fordham College, New York, with a B.A. in Economics and History, where he was a member of the College's Honors Program, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Lencyk received his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law, where he was a member of the Fordham Urban Law Journal. He was named to the 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 Super Lawyers ®, New York Metro Edition.

Mr. Lencyk has co-authored the following articles for the Practising Law Institute's Accountants' Liability Handbooks:

- Liability in Forecast and Projection Engagements: Impact of Luce v. Edelstein
- An Accountant's Duty to Disclose Internal Control Weaknesses
- Whistle-blowing: An Accountants' Duty to Disclose A Client's Illegal Acts
- Pleading Motions under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995
- Discovery Issues in Cases Involving Auditors (co-authored and appeared in the 2002 PLI Handbook on Accountants' Liability After Enron.)

In addition, he co-authored the following article for the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Corporate & Securities Law Updates:

- Safe Harbor Provisions for Forward-Looking Statements (co-authored and published by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Corporate & Securities Law Updates, Vol. II, May 12, 2000)

Cases in which Mr. Lencyk actively represented plaintiffs include:

- **Kirkland et al. v. WideOpenWest, Inc.**, Index No. 653248/2018 (Sup. Ct, NY County) (substantially denying defendants' motion to dismiss Section 11 and 12(a)(2) claims)
- **In re Community Psychiatric Centers Securities Litigation**, SA CV-91-533-AHS (Eex) (C.D. Cal.) and McGann v. Ernst & Young, SA CV-93-0814-AHS (Eex) (C.D. Cal.)(recovery of \$54.5 million against company and its outside auditors)
- **In re Danskin Securities Litigation**, Master File No. 92 CIV. 8753 (JSM) (S.D.N.Y.);
- **In re JWP Securities Litigation**, Master File No. 92 Civ. 5815 (WCC) (S.D.N.Y.) (class recovery of approximately \$36 million)

- **In re Porta Systems Securities Litigation**, Master File No. 93 Civ. 1453 (TCP) (E.D.N.Y.);
 - **In re Leslie Fay Cos. Securities Litigation**, No. 92 Civ. 8036 (S.D.N.Y.)((\$35 million recovery)
 - **Berke v. Presstek, Inc.**, Civ. No. 96-347-M (MDL Docket No. 1140) (D.N.H.) (\$22 million recovery)
 - **In re Micro Focus Securities Litigation**, No. C-01-01352-SBA-WDB (N.D. Cal.)
 - **Dusek v. Mattel, Inc., et al.**, CV99-10864 MRP (C.D. Cal.) (\$122 million global settlement)
 - **In re Sonus Networks, Inc. Securities Litigation-II**, No. 06-CV-10040 (MLW) (D. Mass.)
 - **In re AIG ERISA Litigation**, No. 04 Civ. 9387 (JES) (S.D.N.Y.) (\$24.2 million recovery)
 - **In re Mutual Funds Investment Litigation**, MDL No. 1586 (D. Md.)
 - **In re Alger, Columbia, Janus, MFS, One Group, Putnam, Allianz Dresdner**, MDL No. 15863-JFM - Allianz Dresdner subtrack (D. Md.)
 - **In re Alliance, Franklin/Templeton, Bank of America/Nations Funds and Pilgrim Baxter**, MDL No. 15862-AMD – Franklin/Templeton subtrack (D. Md.)
 - **In re AIG ERISA Litigation II**, No. 08 Civ. 5722 (LTS) (S.D.N.Y.) (\$40 million recovery); and
 - **Flynn v. Sientra, Inc.**, CV-15-07548 SJO (RAOx) (C.D. Cal.) (\$10.9 million recovery) (co-lead counsel)
- Court decisions in which Mr. Lencyk played an active role on behalf of plaintiffs include:
- **Pub. Empls' Ret. Sys. of Miss. v. TreeHouse Foods**, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22717 (N.D. Ill. Feb. 12, 2018) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss in its entirety)
 - **Flynn v. Sientra, Inc.**, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 83409 (C.D. Cal. June 9, 2016) (denying in substantial part defendants' motions to dismiss Section 10(b), Section 11 and 12(b)(2) claims), motion for reconsideration denied, slip op. (C.D. Cal. Aug 12, 2016)
 - **In re Principal U.S. Property Account ERISA Litigation**, 274 F.R.D. 649 (S.D. Iowa 2011) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss)
 - **In re AIG ERISA Litigation II**, No. 08 Civ. 5722(LTS), 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35717 (S.D.N.Y. May 31, 2011) (denying in substantial part defendants' motions to dismiss), renewed motion to dismiss denied, slip op. (S.D.N.Y. June 26, 2014)
 - **In re Mutual Funds Investment Litigation**, 384 F. Supp. 2d 845 (D. Md. 2005) (denying in substantial part defendants' motions to dismiss), **In re Alger, Columbia, Janus, MFS, One Group, Putnam, Allianz Dresdner**, MDL No. 15863-JFM - Allianz Dresdner subtrack (D. Md. Nov. 3, 2005) (denying in substantial part defendants' motions to dismiss), and **In re Alliance, Franklin/Templeton, Bank of America/Nations Funds and Pilgrim Baxter**, MDL No. 15862-AMD – Franklin/Templeton subtrack (D. Md. June 27, 2008) (same)
 - **In re AIG ERISA Litigation**, No. 04 Civ. 9387 (JES) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 12, 2006) (denying defendants' motions to dismiss in their entirety)

- **Dusek v. Mattel, Inc., et al.**, CV99-10864 MRP (C.D. Cal. Dec. 17, 2001) (denying defendants' motions to dismiss Section 14(a) complaint in their entirety)
- **In re Micro Focus Sec. Litig.**, Case No. C-00-20055 SW (N.D. Cal. Dec. 20, 2000) (denying motion to dismiss Section 11 complaint);
- **Zuckerman v. FoxMeyer Health Corp.**, 4 F. Supp.2d 618 (N.D. Tex. 1998) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss in its entirety in one of the first cases decided in the Fifth Circuit under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995)
- **In re U.S. Liquids Securities Litigation**, Master File No. H-99-2785 (S.D. Tex. Jan. 23, 2001) (denying motion to dismiss Section 11 claims)
- **Sands Point Partners, L.P., et al. v. Pediatrix Medical Group, Inc., et al.**, Case No. 99-6181-CIV-Zloch (S.D. Fla. June 6, 2000) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss in its entirety)
- **Berke v. Presstek, Inc.**, Civ. No. 96-347-M (MDL Docket No. 1140) (D.N.H. Mar. 30, 1999) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss)
- **Chalverus v. Pegasystems, Inc.**, 59 F. Supp. 2d 226 (D. Mass. 1999) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss);
- **Danis v. USN Communications, Inc.**, 73 F. Supp. 2d 923 (N.D. Ill. 1999) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss)

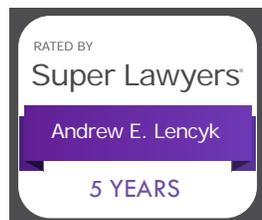
EDUCATION

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D. (1992)
- Fordham College, B.A. *magna cum laude*, 1988)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (1993)
- Connecticut (1992)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2004)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2004)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2015)

AWARDS



OUR ATTORNEYS

Associates



RACHEL BERGER

ASSOCIATE

Rachel Berger is an Associate with the Firm's Connecticut office. Her practice focuses on prosecuting securities fraud class actions on behalf of aggrieved investors.

Prior to joining Levi & Korsinsky, Ms. Berger practiced securities litigation with another top New York class action firm, where she represented classes of aggrieved shareholders and cryptocurrency purchasers against prominent defendants, including multiple Fortune 500 companies.

While in law school, Ms. Berger interned with a leading ESG institute, focusing on the intersection of ESG and securities law. She was also a member of the Fordham Urban Law Journal, the Fordham Mediation and Tax Clinics, and the Immigration Advocacy Project. Ms. Berger received the Paul R. Brenner Scholarship Award, as well as the Archibald R. Murray Public Service Award, *cum laude*, in recognition of her significant pro bono work.

Ms. Berger practices remotely from her home in St. Louis, Missouri.

EDUCATION

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D. (2019)
- Stern College for Women, Yeshiva University, B.A. Economics (2015)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (2020)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2020)



JORDAN A. CAFRITZ

ASSOCIATE

Jordan Cafritz is an Associate with the Firm's Washington, D.C. office. While attending law school at American University he was an active member of the American University Business Law Review and worked as a Rule 16 attorney in the Criminal Justice Defense Clinic. After graduating from law school, Mr. Cafritz clerked for the Honorable Paul W. Grimm in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

EDUCATION

- American University Washington College of Law, J.D. (2014)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A., Economics & History (2010)

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland (2014)
- District of Columbia (2018)



NOAH GEMMA

ASSOCIATE

Noah Gemma worked previously as a summer associate at a boutique commercial litigation firm. There, Mr. Gemma drafted briefs and other legal memoranda on behalf of national and closely held corporations in complex federal and state court litigation. In particular, Mr. Gemma helped the firm: (i) win multiple motions to dismiss on behalf of a national bank and a national bonding company in federal court cases involving alleged fraud and other alleged improprieties; (ii) settle an avoidable preference action on behalf of a national hauling company in a federal bankruptcy proceeding for a small fraction of the alleged damages; (iii) settle a negligence action on behalf of a court appointed fiduciary against officers of a defunct company and its insurance carrier on advantageous terms; and (iv) secure a favorable decision on behalf of national bonding company before the state supreme court.

Mr. Gemma also served as a judicial intern for the Honorable Bruce M. Selya in the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and for the Honorable Judge Virginia M. Hernandez Covington in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Using his experience representing the interests of national and closely held corporations to analyze and assess potential cases of corporate impropriety, Mr. Gemma currently prosecutes corporate and director malfeasance through the preparation and filing of shareholder mergers and acquisitions actions and corporate governance litigation.

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., Editor for *The Georgetown Law Journal* (2021)
- Providence College, B.A. (2018)

ADMISSIONS

- Rhode Island (2021)*

*Practice in the District of Columbia supervised by D.C. Bar member pursuant to D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 49(c)(8)



GARY ISHIMOTO

ASSOCIATE

Gary Ishimoto is an Associate working remotely with Levi and Korsinsky's Consumer Litigation Team. During law school, he worked at the Small Business Law Clinic helping to draft incorporation papers, non-compete clauses, IP assignments, board consent, and stock purchase agreements for start-up businesses. He also interned for the Rossi Law Group.

EDUCATION

- Pepperdine School of Law, J.D. (2020)
- California State University, Northridge, B.S. (2013)

ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts (2021)
- New Hampshire (2022)



DAVID C. JAYNES

ASSOCIATE

David C. Jaynes focuses his practice on investor protection and securities fraud litigation. In addition to his law degree, Mr. Jaynes has graduate degrees in business administration and finance. Prior to joining the firm, David worked in the Enforcement Division of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in the Salt Lake Regional Office as part of the Student Honors Program. Mr. Jaynes began his career as a prosecutor and has significant trial experience.

While at Levi & Korsinsky, Mr. Jaynes has actively represented plaintiffs in the following securities class actions:

- *In re U. S. Steel Consolidated Cases*, Civil Action No. 17-579 (W.D. Pa.)
- *Stein v. U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc., et al.*, 1:19-cv-98-TRM-CHS (E.D. Tenn.)
- *John P. Norton, On Behalf Of The Norton Family Living Trust UAD 11/15/2002 v. Nutanix, Inc. et al.*, 3:21-cv-04080 (N.D. Cal.)

Mr. Jaynes has also had a role in litigating the following securities actions:

- *Ferraro Family Foundation, Inc. v. Corcept Therapeutics Incorporated*, 5:19-cv-1372-LHK (N.D. Cal.)
- *The Daniels Family 2001 Revocable Trust v. Las Vegas Sands Corp., et al.*, 1:20-cv-08062-JMF (D. Nev.)
- *Dan Kohl v. Loma Negra Compania Industrial Argentina Sociedad Anonima, et al.*, Index No. 653114/2018 (Sup. Ct., County of New York)

EDUCATION

- University of Utah, M.S., Finance (2020)
- University of Utah, M.B.A (2020)
- The George Washington University Law School, J.D. (2015)
- Brigham Young University, B.A., Middle East Studies and Arabic (2009)

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland (2015)
- Utah (2016)
- United States District Court for the District of Utah (2016)
- California (2021)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California (2022)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee (2022)



ALEXANDER KROT

ASSOCIATE

EDUCATION

- American University, Kogod School of Business, M.B.A. (2012)
- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M., Securities and Financial Regulation, With Distinction (2011)
- American University Washington College of Law, J.D. (2010)
- The George Washington University, B.B.A., Finance and International Business (2003)

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland (2011)
- District of Columbia (2014)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2015)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (2016)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin (2017)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2018)



NICHOLAS R. LANGE

ASSOCIATE

Based in Chicago, Illinois, Nicholas R. Lange is a remote member of the Firm's Connecticut office, where he focuses his practice in investor fraud and federal securities litigation. Prior to joining the Firm, Nicholas specialized in complex class action litigation and multi-district proceedings, including participation in some of the country's largest actions, with a focus in technology and consumer privacy.

As recognition for his class action work, Nicholas R. Lange received the Super Lawyers Rising Star award for 2023 (Class Action/Mass Torts).

EDUCATION

- DePaul University College of Law, J.D. (2014)
- University of Illinois and Urbana/Champaign, B.A. (2011)

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois (2014)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2016)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois (2020)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2020)



COURTNEY E. MACCARONE

ASSOCIATE

Courtney E. Maccarone focuses her practice on prosecuting consumer class actions. Prior to joining Levi & Korsinsky, Ms. Maccarone was an associate at a boutique firm in New York specializing in class action litigation. While attending Brooklyn Law School, Ms. Maccarone served as the Executive Symposium Editor of the Brooklyn Journal of International Law and was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society. Her note, "Crossing Borders: A TRIPS-Like Treaty on Quarantines and Human Rights" was published in the Spring 2011 edition of the Brooklyn Journal of International Law.

Ms. Maccarone also gained experience in law school as an intern to the Honorable Martin Glenn of the Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Court and as a law clerk at a New York City-based class action firm. Ms. Maccarone has been recognized as a Super Lawyer "Rising Star" for the New York Metro area for the past seven consecutive years.

EDUCATION

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude* (2011)
- New York University, B.A., *magna cum laude* (2008)

ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey (2011)
- New York (2012)
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (2012)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2012)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2012)

PUBLICATIONS

- "Crossing Borders: A TRIPS-Like Treaty on Quarantines and Human Rights," published in the Spring 2011 edition of the *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*

AWARDS





ADAM C. MCCALL

ASSOCIATE

Mr. McCall is an Associate with the Firm. Prior to joining Levi & Korsinsky, Mr. McCall was an extern at the Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Corporate Finance.

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M., Securities and Financial Regulation (2015)
- California Western School of Law, J.D., *cum laude* (2013)
- Santa Clara University, Certificate of Advanced Accounting Proficiency (2010)
- University of Southern California, B.A. Economics (2008)

ADMISSIONS

- California (2014)
- United States District Court for the Central District of California (2015)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California (2015)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California (2015)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California (2015)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2016)
- District of Columbia (2017)



RYAN MESSINA

ASSOCIATE

Ryan Messina is an Associate in Levi and Korsinsky's New York office. During law school, he worked at The Land Use and Sustainable Development Clinic helping to draft ordinances for developing communities and create conservation easements. He also interned for the Commercial Division of the New York Supreme Court.

EDUCATION

- West Virginia University College of Law, J.D. (2019)
- West Virginia College of Business and Economics, M.B.A (2019)
- West Virginia University, B.A. *cum laude* (2016)

ADMISSIONS

- West Virginia (2019)
- New York (2020)



AMANDA MILLER

ASSOCIATE

Amanda Miller is an Associate in Levi and Korsinsky's Stamford office where she focuses her practice on federal securities litigation.

Prior to joining Levi & Korsinsky, Amanda gained substantial experience at a boutique Boston firm where she was trained in securities and business litigation.

Amanda received her Juris Doctorate degree from Suffolk University Law School with an International Law concentration with Distinction and was selected to join the International Legal Honor Society of Phi Delta Phi. While in law school, Amanda focused her legal education on securities law & regulation, international investment law & arbitration, and business law.

EDUCATION

- Suffolk University Law School, J.D. (2021)
- Colorado State University, B.S. (2011)

ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts (2021)
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (2022)



MELISSA MULLER

ASSOCIATE

Melissa Muller is an Associate with the Firm's New York Office focusing on federal securities litigation. Ms. Muller previously worked as a paralegal for the New York office while attending law school.

EDUCATION

- New York Law School, J.D., Dean's Scholar Award, member of the Dean's Leadership Council (2018)
- John Jay College of Criminal Justice, B.A. (2013), *magna cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

- New York (2019)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2020)



BRIAN STEWART

ASSOCIATE

Brian Stewart is an Associate with the Firm practicing in the Washington, D.C. office. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Stewart was an associate at a small litigation firm in Washington D.C. and a regulatory analyst at the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). During law school, he interned for the Enforcement Divisions of the SEC and CFPB.

EDUCATION

- American University Washington College of Law, J.D. (2012)
- University of Washington, B.S., Economics and Mathematics (2008)

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland (2012)
- District of Columbia (2014)
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland (2017)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2017)



CORREY A. SUK

ASSOCIATE

Correy A. Suk is an experienced litigator with a focus on shareholder derivative suits, class actions, and complex commercial litigation. Correy began her career with the Investor Protection Bureau of the Office of the New York State Attorney General and spent four years prosecuting shareholder derivative actions and securities fraud litigation at one of the oldest firms in the country. Prior to joining Levi & Korsinsky, Correy represented both individuals and corporations in complex business disputes at a New York litigation boutique. Correy's unflappable disposition and composure reflect a pragmatic approach to both litigation and negotiation. She thrives under pressure and serves as an aggressive advocate for her clients in the most high-stakes situations. Correy has been recognized as a Super Lawyers Rising Star every year since 2017.

EDUCATION

- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, J.D. (2011)
- Georgetown University, B.S.B.A. (2008)

ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey (2011)
- New York (2012)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2015)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2015)
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (2016)

PUBLICATIONS

- "Unsafe Sexting: The Dangerous New Trend and the Need for Comprehensive Legal Reform," 9 Ohio St. J. Crim. L. 405 (2011)

AWARDS





COLE VON RICHTHOFEN

ASSOCIATE

Cole von Richthofen is an Associate in Levi & Korsinsky's Connecticut office. As a law student, he interned with the honorable Judge Thomas Farrish in the District of Connecticut's Hartford courthouse with an emphasis on settlements. He has also interned with the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Connecticut in the Employment Rights Division. While attending law school, Cole served as an Executive Editor of the Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal and as a member of the Connecticut Moot Court Board.

EDUCATION

- University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D. (2022)
- University of Connecticut, B.S., Business & Marketing (2015)

ADMISSIONS

- Connecticut (2022)



MAX WEISS

ASSOCIATE

Max Weiss focuses his practice on investor protection and securities fraud litigation. He is proficient in litigation, legal research, motion practice, case evaluation and settlement negotiation. Prior to joining the firm, Max practiced in the general liability area and has extensive experience litigating high-exposure personal injury claims in New York State and federal trial and appellate courts. While in law school, Max gained experience helping pro se debtors prepare and file Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 petitions with the New York Legal Assistance Group (**NYLAG**) Bankruptcy Project and served as an intern to the Honorable Sean Lane of the Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Court.

EDUCATION

- St. John's School of Law, J.D. (2018), where he served as the Senior Executive Editor of the Journal of Civil Rights & Economic Development
- Colgate University, B.A., Political Science (2011)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (2019)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2019)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2019)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE: GE/CBPS DATA BREACH
LITIGATION

Case No. 1:20-cv-02903-KPF

**DECLARATION OF ROSEMARY M. RIVAS IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR
AWARD OF ATTORNEYS’ FEES, REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES, AND SERVICE
AWARD**

I, Rosemary M. Rivas, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a Partner with the law firm of Gibbs Law Group LLP. I was a former partner with Levi & Korsinsky, LLP from the inception of this case until December 18, 2020 and joined Gibbs Law Group LLP effective January 1, 2021. I am an attorney at law licensed to practice in the State of California, and I am admitted to practice *pro hac vice* in this action.

2. Pursuant to the Court’s June 11, 2020 Order, I, along with Gary M. Klinger and Joseph I. Marchese, were appointed as Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel in this litigation, and on August 24, 2022, the Court appointed Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC, Bursor & Fisher, P.A., and Gibbs Law Group LLP as Class Counsel.

3. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto. I make this declaration in support of Plaintiff’s motion for award of attorneys’ fees, reimbursement of expenses, and service award.

4. Class Counsel’s attorneys’ have been responsible for the prosecution of this litigation against Defendants General Electric Company (“GE”) and Canon Business Process Services, Inc. (“Canon”) (collectively, “Defendants”), and for the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement.¹ We have vigorously represented the interests of the Settlement Class Members

¹ All capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein have the definitions set forth in the

throughout the course of the litigation and settlement negotiations.

5. As one of the attorneys with primary responsibility for this case, I believe that the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Settlement is the product of extensive arm's-length negotiations between experienced attorneys familiar with the legal and factual issues of this case. Moreover, the parties have been actively pursuing this Litigation for almost three years, engaging in motion practice and informal discovery, and have ample knowledge of the legal claims and defenses, the risks presented by the case, and the value achieved by the proposed Settlement.

6. We have conducted a thorough examination and investigation of the facts and law relating to the matter in this case, as discussed below. Moreover, we are well versed in complex class action litigation, including complex data breach class actions. We regularly participate in complex litigation and have extensive experience in consumer class actions that are similar in size, scope, and complexity to this case. *See* ECF No. 93-2 (Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC Firm Resume); ECF No. 93-3 (Bursor & Fisher, P.A. Firm Resume); and ECF No. 93-4 (Gibbs Law Group LLP Firm Resume). In negotiating this Settlement, we had the benefit of years of relevant experience and familiarity with the facts of this case and the substantive case law at issue.

7. I discuss below, in the following order: (a) a history of the litigation and settlement negotiations; (b) the work performed in this case by Gibbs Law Group LLP; and (c) the lodestar of Gibbs Law Group.

History of the Litigation and Settlement Negotiations

8. In April 2020, former plaintiff Maher Baz engaged Levi & Korsinsky to represent him in a class action suit against Defendants GE and Canon arising out of a data breach incident that came to light in March 2020. Levi & Korsinsky investigated the data breach, researched the

Settlement Agreement, which was attached as Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Gary M. Klinger in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval. *See* ECF No. 93-1. ("Settlement Agreement").

potential causes of action, and filed a class action complaint styled as *Baz v. Canon Business Process Services, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 1:20-cv-03149 (“*Baz*”) in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against Canon and GE. Mr. Baz alleged that cybercriminals used a phishing scheme to gain access to a dedicated email box operated by Canon (the “Data Incident”). Current and former employees of GE used Canon’s dedicated email box to send benefits-related information to GE (“Canon Email Box”). The Canon Email Box reportedly contained documents such as direct deposit forms, driver’s licenses, passports, birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates, medical child support orders, tax withholding forms, beneficiary designation forms and applications for benefits such as retirement, severance and death benefits and related forms and documents, may have included names, addresses, Social Security numbers, driver’s license numbers, bank account numbers, passport numbers, dates of birth, and other information (collectively, “Personal Financial Information” or “PFI”).

9. Thereafter, the Court related *Baz* to the action styled *Fowler v. Canon Business Process Services, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 1:20-cv-02903-KPF (“*Fowler*”), that was filed first in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against Canon and GE. ECF No. 1.

10. On May 15, 2020, the Court ordered the consolidation of the *Fowler* and *Baz* actions (ECF No. 14) and on June 11, 2020, the Court appointed Joseph I. Marchese of Bursor & Fisher, P.A., Gary M. Klinger of Mason Lietz & Klinger LLP, and myself as Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel.² ECF No. 35.

11. On August 11, 2020, Plaintiffs *Fowler* and *Baz* filed the operative Consolidated Class Action Complaint in the newly styled action *IN RE: GE/CBPS DATA BREACH LITIGATION*, Case No. 1:20-cv-02903-KPF, against Defendants (the “Litigation”). ECF No. 40. The causes of action in the Consolidated Class Action Complaint included claims for: (1)

² Gary M. Klinger is now affiliated with Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC and I am now affiliated with Gibbs Law Group LLP, as discussed above.

negligence; (2) negligence per se; (3) breach of express contract; (4) breach of implied contract; (5) violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; (6) violation of the New York General Business Law § 349; and (7) breach of fiduciary duty.

12. On November 5, 2020, Defendants filed a motion to compel Baz to arbitration. ECF No. 48. After considering and analyzing Defendants' motion to compel arbitration, on December 14, 2020, Baz filed a notice of voluntary dismissal pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(i). ECF Nos. 53, 54. Plaintiff Fowler remained as the only named plaintiff and proposed class representative on behalf of the proposed class members.

13. On January 21, 2021, Defendants moved to dismiss the Consolidated Class Action Complaint for lack of Article III standing under Rule 12(b)(1) and for failure to state a claim under Rule 12(b)(6) as to the six causes of action. ECF Nos. 57, 58. The parties fully briefed the motion to dismiss. ECF Nos. 64, 65.

14. On August 4, 2021, the Court denied in part, and granted in part, Defendants' motion to dismiss. The Court determined that Plaintiff had Article III standing and upheld the claims for negligence and breach of implied contract, but granted the motion to dismiss as to Plaintiff's claims for negligence *per se*, breach of express contract, and for violation of GBL § 349. ECF No. 72.

15. On August 26, 2021, upon the parties' joint request, the Court entered a stay to allow the parties to focus their efforts on resolving the case. ECF No. 74. Over the next several months the parties engaged in arm's length negotiations, and on December 20, 2021, the parties participated in a mediation before a neutral, experienced mediator, Bennett G. Picker, of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP. The parties were unable to reach a resolution at the mediation but continued to engage in settlement discussions thereafter, with the assistance of Mr. Picker. Following additional negotiations, including the sharing of certain information regarding security steps Defendants had taken, the parties reached an agreement in principle on all material terms of the class settlement in February 2022. ECF No. 81. The parties then began negotiating the remaining terms of settlement, the settlement agreement, and class notice over the course of the

next six months, and during that process exchanged several drafts. ECF Nos. 82-89. The proposed Settlement Agreement is the result of that mediation process and the parties' extensive effort thereafter.

16. On August 15, 2022, in accordance with the August 2, 2022 Order, Plaintiff Fowler filed the proposed Settlement Agreement, along with a motion for preliminary approval. ECF No. 91. On August 24, 2022, the Court issued its Order, certifying a settlement class, ordering notice to be directed to the class, preliminarily approving the Settlement, appointing Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC; Bursor & Fisher, P.A.; and Gibbs Law Group LLP as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class, and appointing Plaintiff Fowler as named Class Representative. ECF No. 94.

Summary of Work Performed by Gibbs Law Group LLP

17. Defendants moved to dismiss the Consolidated Class Action Complaint in January 2021. To avoid duplicative efforts, Interim Co-Lead Counsel divided the briefing of the opposition to Defendants' motion to dismiss. I worked on analyzing the arguments and cases supporting Defendants' Article III arguments, and researched and drafted the opposing arguments. This process involved researching and analyzing numerous district court cases both within and outside the Second Circuit.

18. Gibbs Law Group also worked with network security expert, Mr. Matthew Strebe, to analyze and address the security issues in the case, including the Declaration of James Allen, who submitted a declaration supporting Defendants' motion to dismiss under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(1) for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

19. Plaintiff was ultimately successful in defeating Defendants' dismissal arguments for lack of Article III standing, which was pivotal in the case. Article III standing is one of the most significant challenges in data breach cases, and sometimes data breach cases are dismissed due to lack of Article III standing as reflected in the authority cited by Defendants in their memorandum of law in support of the motion to dismiss. ECF No. 58.

20. After the Court issued its August 2021 order denying in part, and granting in part,

Defendants' motion to dismiss, the parties agreed to engage in preliminary settlement discussions and asked that the Court stay the case for a brief 60 days, and then asked for a second extension. ECF Nos. 73, 75. The Court granted both requests. During that time period, we exchanged drafts of potential settlement terms with Defendants. I reviewed these drafts in detail and made changes. In December 2021, I also participated in a full day of mediation supervised by Mr. Picker.

21. In connection with the mediation and settlement process, Plaintiffs reviewed informal discovery and the parties prepared submission to the mediator summarizing their positions.

22. We were not successful at the December 20, 2021 mediation and afterwards jointly proposed to the Court that the parties submit a joint case management plan by January 31, 2022, and that the Court maintain the stay until ruling on the proposed case management plan. ECF No. 77.

23. Notwithstanding the failed December 20, 2021 mediation, the parties continued arms' length settlement negotiations, both through Mr. Picker and directly with each other. The parties engaged in nearly eight (8) months of hard-fought negotiations over the proposed written terms and several drafts of settlement agreements and counteroffers, and during certain impasses nearly walked away. Ultimately, the parties were able to finalize the Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel then drafted and prepared the motion for preliminary approval, which my firm assisted with.

24. After the Court granted preliminary approval on August 24, 2022, we have continued to devote substantial resources to the case, including by monitoring the activities of the claims administrator and providing input on the settlement website to make it very simple for Settlement Class members to submit claims and enroll in the Credit Financial Protections.

25. Since I joined Gibbs Law Group LLP in January 2021, the firm has kept contemporaneous time records. The firm's timekeepers, their hours, and rates are as follows:

Time Keeper & Title	Hours	Rate	Lodestar
Rosemary M. Rivas, Partner	76.60	905.00	\$69,323.00
David Berger, Partner	1.70	815.00	\$1,385.50
Total	78.30		\$70,708.50

26. Attached as Exhibit A is the Gibbs Law Group LLP resume, which includes the biographies of the timekeepers above.

27. The above lodestar does not include any time related to work I performed while a partner at Levi & Korsinsky LLP. Moreover, I expect my firm's lodestar to increase because we will continue to work on this case and (1) draft and file a motion for final approval of the Settlement; (2) prepare for and attend the Final Approval Hearing before the Court; (3) address any objections that may be raised to the Settlement; (4) communicate with Settlement Class members to answer any questions they may have or address any issues with the claims process; and (5) if the Settlement is approved, continue to work with the Settlement Administrator to ensure that the Settlement is fully implemented and all claims are timely and accurately paid. This additional work further supports the reasonableness of the requested fee. Since notice in this case went out, I have monitored the claims process.

Contingent Nature of Representation

28. We undertook this matter solely on a contingent basis, without charging Plaintiff or any Settlement Class members for fees or expenses, and with no guarantee of recovery. There were substantial uncertainties in the viability of this case as a class action, as well as substantial uncertainties in the merits of the underlying claims, and the ability to collect on any judgment that might be obtained. This was particularly true given the complex nature of the cases (i.e., a data breach class action). Based on our research, a data breach class action has never reached a trial, which poses uncertainty and risk for proceeding with litigation. Although we believe the case to be meritorious, a realistic assessment shows that the risks inherent in the resolution of the liability issues, protracted litigation in this action as well as the probable appeals process, are great.

29. Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, any liability to Plaintiff and the Settlement Class as well as any and all fault, wrongdoing, and liability for Plaintiff's claims. We are convinced that the case has merit, but recognize the substantial risk that comes along with continued litigation. Based on our extensive investigation and informal discovery, we believe we could obtain class certification, defeat all pending and dispositive motions filed by Defendants, and proceed to trial on the merits.

30. Nonetheless, after taking into account the foregoing, along with the risks and costs of further litigation, we are satisfied that the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement are fair, reasonable and adequate, and this Settlement is in the best interest of the Settlement Class. Despite the significant risks of further litigation, Plaintiff secured important benefits for the Settlement Class.

31. We have dedicated time, effort, and resources to this litigation for over two years without receiving any compensation for their work or reimbursement for any expenses advanced in this litigation.

32. Pursuant to Rule 23(e)(3), we hereby inform the Court that no agreements have been made in connection with the proposed Settlement apart from those identified in the Motion.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 8, 2022 in San Francisco, California.

/s/ Rosemary M. Rivas

Rosemary M. Rivas

EXHIBIT A

GibbsLawGroup^{LLP}

Firm Resume

Gibbs Law Group is a national litigation firm providing the highest caliber of representation to plaintiffs in class and collective actions in state and federal courts, and in arbitration matters worldwide. The firm serves clients in consumer protection, securities and financial fraud, antitrust, whistleblower, personal injury, and employment cases.

The firm regularly prosecutes multi-state class actions and has one of the best track records in the country for successfully certifying classes, developing practical damages methodologies, obtaining prompt relief for class members victimized by unlawful practices, and working cooperatively with other firms.

Our attorneys take pride in their ability to simplify complex issues; willingness to pursue narrow and innovative legal theories; ability to work cooperatively with other plaintiffs' firms; and desire to outwork and outlast well-funded defense teams.

In less than a decade since its 2014 founding, the firm has recovered over \$2.5 billion for its clients. Our firm and attorneys are frequently recognized by the courts, our peers, and the legal media for the quality of their work:

- Top Plaintiff Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal*, 2021 (Andre Mura, Amy Zeman)
- Top Women Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal*, 2021 (Amy Zeman)
- Product Liability MVP, *Law360*, 2021 (Amy Zeman)
- Lawyer of the Year- Mass Torts/ Class Action, *Best Lawyers*, 2022 (Eric Gibbs)
- Top Law Firm, California Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs – *Chambers USA*, 2022
- Winning Litigators Finalist, *National Law Journal*, 2021 (Amy Zeman)
- Class Action Practice Group of the Year, *Law360*, 2019
- Top Boutique Law Firms in California, *Daily Journal*, 2019
- Titans of the Plaintiffs Bar, *Law360*, 2019 (Eric Gibbs)
- Two 2019 California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Awards (Eric Gibbs, Steven Tindall)
- Top Plaintiff Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal*, 2020, 2019, 2016 (Eric Gibbs)
- Cybersecurity and Privacy MVP, *Law360*, 2018 (Eric Gibbs)
- Top Cybersecurity/ Privacy Attorneys Under 40, *Law360 Rising Stars*, 2017 (Andre Mura)
- Top Class Action Attorneys Under 40, *Law360 Rising Stars*, 2017 (Dave Stein)
- AV-Preeminent, *Martindale-Hubbell* (Eric Gibbs)

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Diversity, Equity & Inclusiveness

Gibbs Law Group is committed to diversity, inclusion, and racial justice in everything we do. Our commitment to equity and opportunity starts within our firm and extends to our community and to our work. We seek to create a culture where our employees feel comfortable bringing their full selves to work, and where we have the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively advocate for our diverse clients.

To support our goal of advancing equity both inside and outside our firm, we created an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force comprised of partners, associates, and staff. The Task Force is working to promote diversity among our employees, the clients we represent, and the causes we support. Some of the Task Force's work to date includes:

- Implementing modifications to the firm's hiring practices to diversify our applicant pool and to prioritize diversity in hiring and retention.
- Participated in the California State Bar's annual summit on diversity and equity in the legal profession.
- Outreach to diversity-focused law school organizations to expand awareness of complex litigation opportunities and ensure a diverse pool of applicants.
- Identifying and supporting diversity-focused legal organizations and non-profits.
- Maximizing the firm's capacity for social change in the community.
- Commitment to implementing annual anti-bias and microaggressions trainings.

Voting Rights Task Force

Gibbs Law Group is proud to have launched our Voting Rights Task Force, through which we have been participating in efforts to protect and expand civic participation across the country. The Task Force seeks to identify specific opportunities for both our attorneys and staff to promote voter engagement and maximize voter participation. We implemented new programs to promote firmwide involvement in protecting and expanding the right to vote, including:

- Making Election Day a firm holiday.
- Allowing support staff to bill a set number of hours per week to Voting Rights Task Force efforts, including with nonprofit organizations.
- Encouraging attorney participation in voter protection volunteer opportunities during elections, including staffing voter protection hotlines, poll watching, and helping triage issues that arise.



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Education

Seattle University School of
Law, J.D., 1995

San Francisco State
University, B.A., 1991

Awards & Honors

"Lawyer of the Year," Best
Lawyers in America for Class
Actions/ Mass Tort Litigation
(2022)

Nationwide Products Liability:
Plaintiffs – Band 4,
Chambers USA, 2022

Titans of the Plaintiffs Bar,
Law 360, 2019

California Lawyer Attorney of
the Year Award, 2019

Top Plaintiff Lawyers in
California for 2020, 2019,
2016, Daily Journal

Lawdragon 500 Leading
Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer,
2019-2022

Cybersecurity & Privacy
MVP, Law 360, 2018

Consumer Protection MVP,
Law 360, 2016

AV Preeminent® Peer
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Top 100 Super Lawyers in
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Eric H. Gibbs | Partner

Eric Gibbs prosecutes antitrust, consumer protection, whistleblower, financial fraud and mass tort matters. He has been appointed to leadership positions in dozens of contested, high profile class actions and coordinated proceedings. Eric has recovered billions of dollars for the clients and classes he represents and has negotiated groundbreaking settlements that resulted in meaningful reforms to business practices and have favorably impacted plaintiffs' legal rights.

Reputation and Recognition by the Courts

In over 20 years of practice, Eric has developed a distinguished reputation with his peers and the judiciary for his ability to work efficiently and cooperatively with co-counsel, and professionally with opposing counsel in class action litigation.

"[Mr. Gibbs] efficiently managed the requests from well over 20 different law firms and effectively represented the interests of Non-Settling Plaintiffs throughout this litigation."

- Hon. G. Wu, *In re Hyundai & Kia Fuel Economy Litig.* (C.D. Cal)

"The attorneys who handled the case were particularly skilled by virtue of their ability and experience."

- Hon. D. Debevoise, *In re: Mercedes-Benz Teleaid Contract Litig.* (D. N.J.)

"They are experienced and knowledgeable counsel and have significant breadth of experience in terms of consumer class actions."

- Hon. R. Sabraw, *Mitchell v. Am. Fair Credit Assoc'n* (Alameda Cty. Superior Ct.)

"Representation was professional and competent; in the Court's opinion, counsel obtained an excellent result for the class."

- Hon. J. Fogel, *Sugarman v. Ducati N. Am.* (N.D. Cal)

Achievements and Leadership

Eric has been recognized as a leading lawyer in class and mass actions. In 2019, *Law360* recognized Eric among its "Titans of the Plaintiffs Bar," one of only 10 attorneys nationwide to receive the prestigious award. He also received the 2019 *California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award* for his work in the Anthem Data Breach Litigation. *Daily Journal* named him to its coveted list of "Top Plaintiff Lawyers in California" for 2020, 2019 and 2016. *Law360* recognized Eric as a "2016 Consumer Protection MVP," (the only plaintiff-side lawyer in the country selected in that category) and as a "2018 Cybersecurity & Privacy MVP." Consumer Attorneys of California selected Eric and co-counsel as finalists for *Consumer Attorney of the Year* for achieving a \$100 million settlement in the Chase "Check Loan" Litigation. His cases have been chronicled in major legal and news publications including *NBC News*, *CNN*, the *National Law Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Market Watch*, and *Bloomberg News*. Eric holds a variety of leadership positions in professional associations for consumer advocacy, and he frequently presents on developing trends in the law at conferences throughout the country.

Litigation Highlights

In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Privacy Litigation – Served as a court-appointed member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee representing the interests of plaintiffs and putative class members following a massive data breach of approximately 80 million personal records. The lawsuit settled in August 2018 for \$115 million, the largest data breach settlement in history at the time.

In re Chase Bank U.S.A., N.A. “Check Loan” Contract Litigation – multidistrict litigation that alleged Chase Bank wronged consumers by offering long-term fixed-rate loans, only to later more-than-double the required loan payments. Eric led negotiations in the case, which resulted in a \$100 million settlement with Chase eight weeks prior to trial.

In re Adobe Systems Inc. Privacy Litigation – As court-appointed lead counsel, Eric and his team reversed a long line of decisions adverse to consumers whose personal information was stolen in data breaches. Judge Koh issued a 41 page decision in plaintiffs’ favor and Eric negotiated a comprehensive reform of Adobe’s data security practices. The court’s landmark decision on Article III standing in this case marked a sea change and has been cited favorably in over twenty cases in the year since it was issued.

In re Hyundai & Kia Fuel Econ. Litigation – As court-appointed liaison counsel, Eric reconciled the plaintiffs’ interests and coordinated discovery and settlement negotiations. He helped finalize a settlement with an estimated value of up to \$210 million.

Skold v. Intel Corp. – After more than a decade of litigation, Eric as lead counsel achieved a nationwide class action settlement on behalf of approximately 5 million consumers of Intel Pentium 4 processors. The lawsuit changed Intel’s benchmarking practices and Intel agreed to a cash settlement for the class, along with \$4 million in charitable donations.

Parkinson v. Hyundai Motor America – Eric served as class counsel in this lawsuit alleging that the flywheel and clutch system in certain Hyundai vehicles was defective. After achieving nationwide class certification, Hyundai agreed to a settlement that provided for 50-100% reimbursements to class members for their repairs and full reimbursement for rental vehicle expenses.

De La Cruz v. Masco Retail Cabinet Group – Eric served as lead attorney litigating the collective claims of dozens of misclassified account representatives for overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Successfully certified a class of current and former Masco account representatives and personally arbitrated the case to judgment obtaining full recovery for the class.

In re Providian Credit Card Cases – Eric played a prominent role in this nationwide class action suit brought on behalf of Providian credit card holders alleging that Providian engaged in unlawful and fraudulent business practices in connection with the marketing and fee assessments for its credit cards. The Honorable Stuart Pollack approved a \$105 million settlement, plus injunctive relief—one of the largest class action recoveries in the United States arising out of consumer credit card litigation.

Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice
American Bar Foundation- Fellow
Consumer Attorneys of California
National Association of Consumer Advocates
Public Justice Foundation- Class Action Preservation Project Committee



David M. Berger | Partner

David Berger represents plaintiffs in class actions with a special emphasis on data breach, privacy, and financial services litigation. He currently serves as court-appointed Class Counsel in *In re US Fertility LLC Data Security Litigation*, and has represented data breach victims in some of the largest and most influential privacy cases, including litigation against Equifax, Anthem, Vizio, Adobe, Banner Health, and Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. David has repeatedly obtained record-breaking settlements on behalf of his clients, including in the Equifax and Anthem data breach cases, which set successive records for the largest data breach settlement in history.

David is widely regarded as a leader in emerging litigation involving data breach and privacy, which is underscored by his broad technical expertise—from hacking techniques and cybersecurity controls to industry standard IT practices, information security frameworks, and auditing processes. He has deposed Chief Information Security Officers and information security professionals at Fortune 500 corporations, worked with expert witnesses on cutting-edge cybersecurity and damages theories, and supervised large-scale document review teams poring over millions of technical documents in a compressed timeframe. In addition, David holds the Certified Information Privacy Technologist (CIPT) certification through the International Association of Privacy Professionals, a program primarily designed for career IT professionals; this allows him to communicate directly with company witnesses, without the need for expert translation.

Outside of his litigation experience, David is an active member of the class action legal community, frequently speaking at conferences on data breach cases and security issues and other class action topics. David serves as the Chair of the American Association for Justice's Consumer Privacy and Data Breach Litigation Group and is an active member of the Sedona Conference's Working Group on Data Security and Privacy Liability.

Prior to joining Gibbs Law Group, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Laurel Beeler, Northern District of California (2011-2014). Before law school, David worked as a magazine editor and television presenter in Taiwan and managed an outdoor center on an island off the West Coast of Scotland.

Litigation Highlights

In re Equifax, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation – Key member of litigation team securing historic \$1.5 billion class action settlement on behalf of 147 million consumers whose social security numbers and other private data were exposed in a 2017 data breach, described by the court as “the largest and most comprehensive recovery in a data breach case in U.S. history by several orders of magnitude.” David played an integral role in negotiating key business practice changes, including overhauling Equifax's handling of consumers' personal information and data security and requiring that the company spend at least \$1 billion for data security and related technology over five years.

In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Privacy Litigation – Key member of the litigation team representing interests of plaintiffs and putative class members following massive data breach of approximately 80 million personal records, including names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, health care ID numbers, email and physical addresses, employment information, and income data. The lawsuit settled in August 2018 for \$115 million, the largest data breach settlement in history.

Fero v. Excellus Health Plan Inc. – Key member of the litigation team representing the interests of 7 million Excellus health plan subscribers and 3.5 million Lifetime subscribers whose personal and medical information was compromised.

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Northwestern University
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Awards & Honors

Certified Information Privacy Technologist, International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)
Northern California Super Lawyers (2021-2022)
Rising Star, Northern California Super Lawyers (2016-2018)

Professional Affiliations

Chair, American Association for Justice- Consumer Privacy and Data Breach Litigation Group
Consumer Attorneys of California
National Civil Justice Institute
Sedona Conference, Working Group on Data Security and Privacy Liability

Presentations and Publications

Presenter, “Communicating with the Class,” Class Action Mastery Forum, January 2019.
Presenter, “Hot Topics in Consumer Class Actions Against Insurers: Filed Rate Doctrine, Standing, and Reverse Preemption of RICO Claims,” Sacramento California Insurance Regulation and Litigation Seminar, Clyde & Co., March 2018.
Presenter, “Winning strategies in privacy and data security class actions: the plaintiffs’ perspective,” Berkeley Center for Law & Technology, Berkeley Law School, January 2017.
Presenter, “Don’t be Spokeo’d: What You Need to Know in Litigating Data Breach Cases (from breach to remedies),” ABA Business Law Section Annual Meeting, September 8, 2016.
Presenter, “Developments in ‘E-Commerce’ Class Actions and Privacy Law,” Perrin Class Action Litigation Conference, May 16, 2016.
Presenter, “Data Breach Class Action Litigation,” Mass Torts Made Perfect Conference, April 22, 2016.



Dylan Hughes | Partner

Dylan Hughes concentrates his practice on investigating and prosecuting fraud matters on behalf of whistleblowers, consumers and employees who have been harmed by corporate misconduct. He coordinates initial case evaluations and analyses in a variety of practice areas and has substantial experience in matters involving health care fraud, particularly in the Medicare and pharmaceutical contexts. Dylan represents consumers in cases ranging from false advertising to defective products, and employees in misclassification and wage and hour cases under state and federal laws.

Mr. Hughes has extensive experience prosecuting complex personal injury cases. He helped to obtain millions of dollars for women who suffered blood clots and other serious injuries after taking birth control pills. He has also represented clients injured by defective medical devices, including defibrillators, blood filters, as well as back pain implants. Mr. Hughes was part of the team that recently settled a case alleging medical malpractice for a spinal surgery that resulted in partial paralysis.

Mr. Hughes began his career as a law clerk for the Honorable Paul A. Mapes, Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Law Judges, United States Department of Labor. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Consumer Attorneys of California, American Association for Justice Class Action Litigation Group and the Consumer Rights Section of the Barristers Club.

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Skold v. Intel Corp. – Key member of the legal team in this decade-long litigation that achieved a nationwide class action settlement on behalf of approximately 5 million consumers of Intel Pentium 4 processors. The lawsuit changed Intel’s benchmarking practices and Intel agreed to a cash settlement for the class, along with \$4 million in charitable donations.

In re Adobe Systems Inc. Privacy Litigation – Key member of the litigation team that succeeded in reversing a long line of decisions adverse to consumers whose personal information was stolen in data breaches. Judge Koh issued a 41-page decision in plaintiffs’ favor and the settlement resulted in a comprehensive reform of Adobe’s data security practices. The court’s landmark decision on Article III standing in this case marked a sea change and has been cited favorably in over twenty cases in the year since it was issued.

Velasco v. Chrysler Group LLP (n/k/a FCA US LLC) – represented consumers who alleged they were sold and leased vehicles with defective power control modules that caused vehicle stalling. In addition to negotiating a recall of all 2012-13 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Dodge Durango vehicles, the lawsuit also resulted in Chrysler reimbursing owners for all repair and rental car expenses, and extending its warranty.

Parkinson v. Hyundai Motor America – certified a nationwide class alleging Hyundai sold vehicles with defective flywheel systems, resulting in a favorable settlement for the class.

Awards & Honors

Northern California Super Lawyer (2012-2022)

Professional Affiliations

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Admissions

California



Amanda Karl | Partner

Amanda Karl represents consumers, employees and others who have been harmed by corporations. She has prosecuted a wide range of complex cases, including product defect, failure-to-warn, wage and hour, data breach, sexual assault, and securities cases, within a variety of industries. In addition, Amanda is committed to fighting voter suppression—she spearheads Gibbs Law Group’s Voting Rights Task Force.

Amanda is a 2014 graduate (Order of the Coif) of the University of California at Berkeley School of Law, where she served as the Managing Editor of the California Law Review and Director of the Workers’ Rights Disability Law Clinic. During law school, she worked as a Clinical Law Student at the East Bay Community Law Center, assisting with litigation targeting criminal record reporting violations, and as a law clerk at Equal Rights Advocates, working on women’s employment issues. Following graduation from law school, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Richard A. Paez, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and to the Honorable Claudia Wilken, Northern District of California. Amanda received her undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, in Sociology and Human Rights from Columbia University in 2009.

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Education

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Admissions

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Outside of work, Amanda serves on the Board of Directors of the East Bay Community Law Center, a legal nonprofit organization that is both the largest provider of free legal services in the East Bay Area and Berkeley Law’s largest clinical offering. She also enjoys reading, strength training, and exploring new places and foods with her husband and son.

Litigation Highlights

Hamilton v. American Income Life – Represented a class of insurance agents and trainees in employment litigation alleging that they were misclassified as independent contractors, not paid properly while training, and not reimbursed for expenses. The case culminated in a \$5.75 million settlement for class members.

A.B. v. Regents of the University of California – Represents former patients of ex-UCLA OB-GYN Dr. James Heaps in a class action lawsuit alleging Title IX violations and sexual harassment against both Heaps and UCLA. Amanda is a key member of the team that achieved a \$73 million dollar settlement, which will compensate over 5,500 women who received treatment from Dr. Heaps. Amanda was involved in nearly all aspects of the litigation, and, among other things, was the primary drafter of the final settlement approval brief; final settlement approval was granted on July 12, 2021.

Pote v. Handy Technologies – In prosecuting a case for alleged Labor Code violations, Amanda spearheaded briefing and argued before the California Court of Appeal that an order denying a motion to compel arbitration should be affirmed. The court ruled unanimously in Plaintiff’s favor, affirming the trial court’s ruling.

Reyes v. Chilton – Represents Latino voters and community organizations challenging alleged discrimination and wrongful rejection of mail-in ballots in Washington’s Benton, Yakima and Chelan counties.

Deora v. NantHealth – Represented a certified class of investors in litigation alleging multiple violations of federal securities laws related to the healthcare technology company’s initial public offering in 2016. Amanda was a member of the team that achieved a \$16.5 million dollar settlement in favor of NantHealth investors.

Awards & Honors

Rising Star, *Northern California Super Lawyers*, (2018-2022)

Professional Affiliations

East Bay Community Law Center, Board Member
American Association for Justice
Consumer Attorneys of California

Presentations and Articles

Presenter, “PAGA After the Viking River Decision,” Bridgeport Continuing Education, July 2022

Moderator, “Rapid Response: Recent SCOTUS Ruling—Viking River Cruises, Inc. v. Moriana,” American Association for Justice, June 2022

Presenter, “Rule 12 and Related Motions,” Pincus Federal Boot Camp, May 2022

Presenter, “Looking Forward Post-COVID,” CAOC Sonoma Travel Seminar, March 2022

Author, “Work Unseen: Successfully Effectuating a Damages Class Settlement,” Daily Journal, November 2021

Presenter, “Unpacking Public Interest Law,” People’s Parity Project, April 2021

Presenter, “Wage and Hour Litigation & Enforcement Webinar,” HB Litigation, February 2020

Author, “Epic Systems and the Erosion of Federal Class Actions,” Law260 Expert Analysis, July 2018

Presenter, “From Clerkship to Career in Public Interest,” Berkeley Consumer Advocacy and Protection Society, October 2017

Author, “California Omissions Claims: Safety Required?” Law360 Expert Analysis, February 2017



Linda Lam | Partner

Linda Lam focuses her practice on representing individuals who have been harmed by corporate misconduct. She has prosecuted fraud, employment, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and medical malpractice claims brought under federal and state laws.

Linda has been an advocate for borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure during the financial crisis, individuals who were fraudulently induced to purchase investment products, as well as veterans who received negligent care at VA facilities. Linda's dedication to her clients has led her to being recognized as a "Rising Star" by the *Northern California Super Lawyers* for the past three years.

Linda graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 2014. Before joining Gibbs Law Group, Linda was an associate attorney at a national employment law firm, where she represented employees and retirees in wage and hour and employee benefits cases.

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Litigation Highlights

Hernandez v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. – represents a certified class of more than 1,200 home mortgage borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure after Wells Fargo erroneously denied them trial mortgage modifications. The case settled in two phases for a total of \$40.3 million, resulting in significant compensation payments to each class member.

RCHFU, LLC v. Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corp. – represents plaintiffs alleging that Marriott Vacations Worldwide and other defendants breached various fiduciary duties by engaging in acts that decimated the value of the plaintiffs' property interests in the Ritz-Carlton Club located in Aspen, Colorado.

Cooper v. United States of America – represented a veteran of the United States Army who alleged that he received negligent medical care at a VA facility, resulting in a delayed diagnosis of aggressive prostate cancer. The plaintiff alleged that by the time the cancer was discovered and diagnosed, it had become incurable. Linda was part of the trial team that won a \$2.5 million judgment for the plaintiff.

Ulti-Mate Connectors, Inc. v. American General Life Insurance Agency – represented plaintiffs who alleged that American General, among other defendants, fraudulently organized, administered, and sold rights to participate in voluntary employee beneficiary association plans that were not compliant with IRS regulations. The litigation resulted in a favorable settlement for the plaintiffs.

Awards & Honors

Northern California Super Lawyers, *Rising Star* (2017-2022)

Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice
Consumer Attorneys of California

Publications & Presentations

The Real ID Act: Proposed Amendments for Credibility Determinations, *11 Hastings Race & Poverty L.J.* 321, 2014.



Steve Lopez | Partner

Steve Lopez represents consumers, employees and whistleblowers who have been harmed by corporate misconduct. He has prosecuted a variety of consumer protection cases ranging from false advertising to defective products, as well as complex employment cases involving also involved in the investigation and development of new cases.

He serves on the Board of Directors of Consumer Attorneys of California and was selected from a statewide pool of applicants for the 2015 Diversity Leadership Academy, a prestigious training program aimed to educate the next generation of progressive leaders.

Steve is a 2014 graduate of the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, where he was a Publishing Editor for the California Law Review and an Editor for the Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law. He was also a member of the La Raza Law Students Association and the Legal Aid Society–Employment Law Center’s Berkeley Workers’ Rights Clinic.

Prior to law school, Mr. Lopez performed research for a consulting firm dedicated to improving justice programs. He received his B.A. in economics and international relations from the University of Virginia in 2008.

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Litigation Highlights

Velasco v. Chrysler Group LLC (n/k/a FCA US LLC) – Member of the litigation team that represented consumers who alleged they were sold and leased vehicles with defective power control modules that caused vehicle stalling. The lawsuit resulted in a recall of all 2012-13 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Dodge Durango vehicles, as well as reimbursements for all repair and rental car expenses, and extended vehicle warranties.

In re Hyundai Sonata Engine Litigation- Representing plaintiffs who allege that their 2011-2014 Hyundai Sonatas suffered premature and catastrophic engine failures due to defective rotating assemblies. The Court granted preliminary approval to a comprehensive settlement in June 2016.

Southern California Gas Leak Cases – Member of the litigation team representing residents of communities in or near the Los Angeles suburbs of Porter Ranch who were affected by the Aliso Canyon well rupture and ensuing gas leak, the largest methane leak in U.S. history. The lawsuits seek relief for those who were displaced from their homes, suffered illnesses and injuries, sustained property value losses, or lost business due to the leak.

Smith v. Family Video Movie Club, Inc. – Member of the litigation team representing the interests of hourly retail employees who alleged they were not properly compensated for all wages and overtime earned. The Court recently certified a class.

Awards & Honors

Northern California Super Lawyers, *Rising Star* (2017 - 2022)

Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice
Board of Directors, Consumer Attorneys of California



Karen Barth Menzies | Partner

Karen is a nationally recognized mass tort attorney with more than twenty years of experience in federal and state litigation. Courts throughout the country have appointed Karen to serve in leadership positions including Lead Counsel, Liaison Counsel and Plaintiff Steering Committee in some of the largest pharmaceutical and device mass tort cases. Karen currently serves in leadership positions in the Taxotere Litigation (federal court), Zolofit Birth Defect Litigation (federal and California state courts), Transvaginal Mesh Litigation (federal and California state courts), Fosamax Femur Fracture Litigation (California state court), Lexapro/Celexa Birth Defect Litigation (Missouri state court).

Karen is particularly focused on women's health issues and sexual abuse claims, including a current Boy Scouts of America sexual abuse lawsuit investigation involving claims of abuse by scoutmasters, troop leaders and other adults affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America. She also represents women suffering permanent baldness following breast cancer chemotherapy treatments with Taxotere, and children who experienced severe side effects after taking the widely prescribed medication Risperdal. Karen believes in advocating for the victims who've been taken advantage of, and helping to ensure drug safety in the face of profit-driven corporations that hide the risks of their products. She has testified twice before FDA advisory boards as well as the California State Legislature on the safety concerns regarding the SSRI antidepressants and the manufacturers' misconduct. She has also advised victim advocacy groups in their efforts to inform governmental agencies and legislative bodies of harms caused by corporations.

Karen frequently publishes and presents on issues involving drug safety, mass tort litigation, FDA reform and federal preemption for both legal organizations (plaintiff and defense) and medical groups.

Awards & Honors

AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
 Best Lawyers in America, Personal Injury Litigation (2013, 2018, 2021-2023)
 Individual Recognition Chambers USA: Product Liability Plaintiffs (2020)
 Southern California Super Lawyer (2004-2023)
 Lawyer of the Year by *Lanier's Weekly USA* (2004)
 California Lawyer of the Year by *California Lanier* magazine (2005)
 Consumer Attorney of the Year Finalist by CAOC (2006)

Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice, Co-Chair, Taxotere Litigation Group
 Consumer Attorneys of California
 Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles
 American Bar Association (appointed member of the Plaintiffs' Task Force)
 Women En Mass
 The Sedona Conference (WG1, Electronic Document Retention and Production)
 The National Trial Lawyers
 National Women Trial Lawyers Association
 LA County Bar Association
 Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles
 Public Justice

Select Publications & Presentations

Author, "Prepping for the Prescriber Deposition," Trial Magazine, American Association for Justice, January 2020.

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Practice Emphasis

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Education

University of California, Davis
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Colorado State University,
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Admissions

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Presenter, “Deposing the Treating/ Prescribing Physician, Learned Intermediary, the One Potentially Fatal Fact Witness,” American Association for Justice Convention: Discovery and Litigation Strategies for Drug and Device Cases, February 2019.

Presenter, “A Funny Thing Did Happen on the Way to the Forum: Navigating the New Landscape of Personal Jurisdiction Challenges,” ABA Section of Litigation 2019 Environmental & Energy, Mass Torts, and Products Liability Litigation Committees’ Joint CLE Seminar, March 2018.

Presenter, “Federal and State Court Coordination of Mass Tort Litigation: Navigating State Court vs. Multidistrict Litigation, Mass Torts Made Perfect Conference, October 2018.

Presenter, “Taxotere Litigation: Federal MDL 2740, New Orleans and State Court Jurisdictions, Mass Torts Made Perfect Conference, October 2018.

Presenter, “505(b)(2) Defendants – The Non-Generic Alternative; Social Media and Support Groups; Settlement Committees,” AAJ Section on Torts, Environmental and Product Liability (STEP): On the Cutting Edge of Torts Litigation, July 2018.

Presenter, “Location, Location, Location Part II: State Court Consolidations,” AAJ Mass Torts Best Practices Seminar, July 2017.

Presenter, “Personal Jurisdiction in Mass Torts and Class Actions: Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v. Superior Court (Cal. 2016),” Mass Torts Judicial Forum with Judge Corodemus and JAMS, April 2017.

Author, “Bringing the Remote Office Closer,” Trial Magazine, American Association for Justice, March 2017.



Geoffrey Munroe | Partner

Geoffrey Munroe represents plaintiffs in high-profile class action and mass tort cases in both federal and state courts throughout the United States. He was selected as a Rising Star by Northern California Super Lawyers (2010-2014), recognizing him as one of the best young attorneys practicing in Northern California, and as a Northern California Super Lawyer every year from 2015-2020. He is the co-author of "*Consumer Class Actions in the Wake of Daugherty v. American Honda Motor Company*," CAOC's Forum Magazine, January/February 2009, and a frequent contributor to the Class Action Litigation Group Newsletter of the American Association for Justice.

Mr. Munroe is a 2003 graduate of the University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Berkeley Law), where he was the recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award in Torts, Business Law & Policy and Computer Law. He received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley in 2000. Mr. Munroe is a member of the Public Justice Class Action Preservation Project Committee, the Class Action Litigation Group of the American Association for Justice and the Consumer Attorneys of California. He is a member of the California Bar and is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, as well as the United States District Courts for the Northern, Central and Southern Districts of California.

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Admissions

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Litigation Highlights

Skold v. Intel Corp. – Key member of the briefing team in this decade-long litigation that achieved a nationwide class action settlement on behalf of approximately 5 million consumers of Intel Pentium 4 processors. The lawsuit changed Intel's benchmarking practices and Intel agreed to a cash settlement for the class, along with \$4 million in charitable donations.

In re Chase Bank U.S.A., N.A. "Check Loan" Contract Litigation – Key member of the litigation team in this multidistrict case alleging that Chase Bank wronged consumers by offering long-term fixed-rate loans, only to later more-than-double the required loan payments. The litigation resulted in a \$100 million settlement with Chase eight weeks prior to trial.

In re Mercedes-Benz Tele Aid Contract Litigation – Key member of the litigation team in this multi-district litigation alleging that Mercedes-Benz failed to disclose to its customers that the "Tele Aid" equipment installed in their vehicles would soon be obsolete and require an expensive replacement to keep working. Resulted in a class settlement providing for cash reimbursements of \$650, or new vehicle credits for up to \$1,300.

Parkinson v. Hyundai Motor America – key member of the briefing team that achieved certification of a nationwide class alleging Hyundai sold vehicles with defective flywheel systems, before ultimately reaching a favorable settlement for the class.

Awards & Honors

Northern California Super Lawyers (2015-2022)
Northern California Super Lawyers, *Rising Star* (2010-2014)

Professional Affiliations

Consumer Attorneys of California
American Association for Justice- Class Action Litigation Group
Public Justice- Class Action Preservation Project



Andre M. Mura | Partner

Andre M. Mura represents plaintiffs in class actions and mass torts including in the areas of consumer protection, privacy, and products liability. Before joining Gibbs Law Group, Andre was senior litigation counsel at the Center for Constitutional Litigation PC, where he represented plaintiffs in high-stakes appeals in state supreme courts and federal appellate courts.

Andre was named among the Top Plaintiff Lawyers in California for 2021 by Daily Journal, and he received a 2019 California Lawyer Attorney of the Year Award for his work in the California Supreme Court in *De La Torre v. CashCall*. He is on the Board of the Civil Justice Research Initiative of Berkeley Law, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a member of the Lawyers Committee of the National Center for State Courts, a Trustee of the National Civil Justice Institute, past Chair of the American Association for Justice's LGBT Caucus, past Trustee of the National College of Advocacy, and a member of Williams College's Latino/a and BiGLATA Alumni Network.

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Litigation Highlights

In re: 3M Combat Arms Earplug Products Liability Litigation Andre was court-appointed to the plaintiffs' law-and-briefing committee in this multi-district litigation on behalf of military servicemembers and veterans who suffered injuries due to defective 3M earplugs, which were standard-issue for U.S. military members for more than a decade. Andre also served on several bellwether trial teams, securing multiple favorable jury verdicts.

In re: Taxotere (Docetaxel) Products Liability Litigation Andre was a member of the trial team in a two-week federal jury trial and is member of Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and co-chair of Law and Briefing in this multi-district litigation on behalf of breast cancer survivors who suffered permanent hair loss after using the Taxotere chemotherapy drug. He recently obtained a unanimous decision granting a bellwether plaintiff a new trial. *See* 26 F.4th 256 (5th Cir. 2022)

In re: Vizio, Inc. Consumer Privacy Litigation Andre is co-lead counsel for the settlement class in this multi-district lawsuit alleging that Vizio collected and sold data about consumers' television viewing habits and their digital identities to advertisers without consumers' knowledge or consent. He negotiated a settlement providing for class-wide injunctive relief transforming the company's data collection practices, as well as a \$17 million fund to compensate consumers who were affected.

De La Torre v. CashCall Andre played a key role in briefing before the California Supreme Court, resulting in a unanimous decision in the plaintiffs' favor. The decision changed decades-old assumptions that lenders in California had a virtual "safe harbor" from unconscionability challenges to loan interest rate terms.

In re: Lenovo Adware Litigation Andre briefed and argued a motion to dismiss and motion to certify a nationwide litigation class for monetary damages. The court approved a \$8.3 million class action settlement to resolve allegations that Lenovo preinstalled software on laptops that caused performance, privacy and security issues for consumers.

Beaver et. al. v. Tarsadia Hotels, Inc. Andre contributed to briefing before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals resulting in a unanimous decision affirming the lower court's ruling that the UCL's four-year statute of limitations (and its accrual rule) applied in claims alleging violations of the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act (ILSA) even though ILSA has a shorter statute of limitations.

Watts v. Lester E. Cox Medical Centers, 376 S.W.3d 633 (Mo. 2012) Andre successfully argued that a state law limiting compensatory damages in medical malpractice cases violated

his client's right to trial by jury. In ruling for Andre's client, the Missouri high court agreed to overturn a 20-year-old precedent.

U.S. Supreme Court Advocacy

Trump v. Mazars USA, LLP, 140 S. Ct. 2019 (2020) Andre represented a bipartisan group of former members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives appearing as amici in support of Congress's broad investigatory power.

Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. v. Albrecht, 139 S. Ct. 1668 (2019) Before the U.S. Supreme Court, in a case concerning the scope of federal immunity for brand-name drug manufacturers, Andre represented medical doctors appearing as amici curiae. His amicus brief was discussed at oral argument, with Supreme Court counsel for Albrecht telling the Justices, "It's a beautifully done amicus brief to explain what the scientists knew and when they knew it..."

Mutual Pharmaceutical Co., Inc. v. Bartlett, 133 S. Ct. 2466 (2013) Andre was the lead author of an amicus curiae brief for the American Association for Justice and Public Justice in case examining whether federal drug safety law preempts state-law liability for defectively designed generic drugs.

J. McIntyre Machinery, Ltd. v. Nicaastro, 131 S. Ct. 2780 (2011) Andre was a lead author of merits briefing addressing personal jurisdiction over a foreign manufacturer.

Awards & Honors

Top Plaintiff Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal* (2021)

California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award, *Daily Journal* (2019)

Top Cybersecurity & Privacy Attorneys Under 40, *Law360* Rising Stars (2017)

Northern California Super Lawyers (2019-2022); *Rising Star* (2016-2018)

Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice- Class Action Litigation Group, Legal Affairs Group, LGBT Caucus

American Bar Foundation, Fellow

Consumer Attorneys of California, Member

Civil Justice Research Initiative of Berkeley Law, Board Member

National Center for State Courts, Lawyers Committee

National Civil Justice Institute, Trustee

Select Publications & Presentations

Presenter, "Consumer Advocates Speak," Practicing Law Institute, 24th Annual Consumer Financial Services Institute.

Author, "Staying on Track After Bristol-Myers," Trial Magazine, American Association for Justice, April 2019.

Presenter, "Personal Jurisdiction, Choice of Law & Hyundai," Class Action Mastery Forum, January 2019.

Panelist, "State Court Protection of Individual Constitutional Rights," Pound Civil Justice Institute 2018 Forum for State Appellate Court Judges, July 2018.

Author, *Buckman Stops Here! Limits on Preemption of State Tort Claims Involving Allegations of Fraud on the PTO or the FDA*, 41 Rutgers L.J. 309, 2010.



Rosemary Rivas | Partner

Rosemary has dedicated her legal career to representing consumers in complex class action litigation involving a wide variety of claims, from false advertising and defective products to privacy violations. She is committed to obtaining justice for consumers and has recovered billions of dollars for her clients and the classes they represent.

Rosemary serves in leadership positions in a number of large-scale complex class action cases and multi-district litigation. In a highly competitive appointment process, the Honorable Charles R. Breyer appointed Rosemary to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the Volkswagen Clean Diesel Litigation, which resulted in a record-breaking settlement totaling more than \$14 billion. The Recorder, a San Francisco legal newspaper, named the lawyers selected by Judge Breyer as a class action "dream team." For her work in the Volkswagen case, Rosemary received the 2018 California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award, which is given to outstanding California lawyers "whose extraordinary work and cases had a major impact on the law."

In 2022, Rosemary was appointed to serve as Plaintiffs' Interim Co-Lead Counsel in the *In re: Gerber Heavy Metals Baby Food Litigation*, which involves allegations that Gerber marketed and sold baby foods containing dangerous levels of heavy metals such as lead and inorganic arsenic. In his order appointing Rosemary as Interim Co-Lead Counsel, Judge Michael S. Nachmanoff wrote that Rosemary has "significant experience and knowledge litigating class action cases involving food mislabeling consumer fraud."

She has received numerous awards and honors for the quality of her legal work, including the Bay Area Legal Aid Guardian of Justice Award for her achievements in the law and her role in helping direct *cy pres* (remaining settlement) funds to promote equal access to the legal system. She was also recognized as a *Northern California Super Lawyer* and previously was named a *Rising Star* by Super Lawyers Magazine.

Rosemary is a fluent Spanish-speaker and previously served on the Board and as Diversity Director of the Barristers Club of the San Francisco Bar Association. She frequently presents at legal conferences on developments in consumer protection and class action litigation.

Litigation Highlights

Porsche Gasoline Litigation – As part of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and as Class Counsel, Rosemary represented consumers alleging that Porsche engaged in practices that skewed emissions and fuel economy test results for certain Porsche vehicles. The Honorable Charles R. Breyer recently granted preliminary approval of a proposed nationwide class action settlement providing a non-reversionary common fund of \$80 million.

Lash Boost Cases – As Class Counsel, Rosemary Rivas represented consumers who alleged that Rodan + Fields failed to disclose material information relating to its Lash Boost product, namely, the potential side effects and risks of adverse reactions presented by the ingredient Isopropyl Cloprostenate. The Honorable Ethan Schulman recently granted preliminary approval of a proposed nationwide class action settlement providing a non-reversion common fund of \$30 million in cash and \$8 million in credits.

In re: Apple Inc. Device Performance Litigation – The Honorable Edward J. Davila appointed Rosemary to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in this nationwide class action alleging that Apple intentionally slowed down consumers' iPhones. The case settled for \$310 million.

In re: Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc., Dog Food Products Liability Litigation – Rosemary represented consumers alleging that Hill's sold dog food with excessive Vitamin

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Admissions

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D that was harmful to pets. Chief Judge Julie A. Robinson granted final approval of a nationwide class action settlement providing for a common fund of \$12.5 million.

Awards & Honors

California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award (2018)
Northern California Super Lawyers (2019-2022)
Northern California Super Lawyers, *Rising Star* (2009-2011)
Guardian of Justice Award, Bay Area Legal Aid (2015)

Professional Affiliations

Consumer Attorneys of California
American Association for Justice- Class Action Litigation Group
Pound Civil Justice Institute- Fellow
Public Justice- Class Action Preservation Project

Publications and Presentations

Presenter, “Consumer Class Actions,” Western Alliance Bank Class Action Law Forum, 2021 and 2022.

Presenter, “Nationwide Settlement Classes: The Impact of the Hyundai/ Kia Litigation,” National Consumer Law Center’s Consumer Rights Litigation Conference and Class Action Symposium, 2018.

Presenter, “One Class or 50? Choice of Law Considerations as Potential Impediment to Nationwide Class Action Settlements,” 5th Annual Western CLE Program on Class Actions and Mass Torts, 2018.

Presenter, “The Right Approach to Effective Claims,” Beard Group- Class Action Money & Ethics, 2018.

Presenter, “False Advertising Class Actions: A Practitioner’s Guide to Class Certification, Damages and Trial,” The Bar Association of San Francisco, 2017.



Michael Schrag | Partner

Michael Schrag has 25 years of experience representing individual and small business plaintiffs in a broad range of complex class actions against large corporations in the banking, credit card, telecommunications, and real estate sectors. He has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of his clients and his class action practice covers a broad range of legal areas including, breach of contract, consumer protection, antitrust, and civil RICO cases. Michael also represents individuals and large groups of plaintiffs in breach of fiduciary duty product liability, personal injury and medical malpractice cases.

He currently serves as court-appointed Co-Lead class counsel in *Hernandez v. Wells Fargo Bank*, representing a certified class of over one thousand borrowers who lost their homes after Wells Fargo wrongfully denied them mortgage modifications. Michael, helped craft an innovative damages theory to help borrowers recover losses, and achieved a \$40 million settlement, which was praised for bringing “significant” relief to the class. Michael was also appointed Co-Lead class counsel in a related case that settled for \$12 million.

Michael is also on the Expert Committee and trial team in the *In re: Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation*, a nationwide class action lawsuit alleging that manufacturers and distributors conspired to fix prices of contact lenses being sold to consumers. The court certified a nationwide class, and plaintiffs have obtained partial settlements from three defendants totaling \$45 million. Michael was also appointed by a federal judge to serve on the Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee in the *In Re Cattle Antitrust Litigation* and is prosecuting an antitrust class action against Jiffy Lube, which accuses the company of suppressing employees’ wages by prohibiting them from transferring from one Jiffy Lube franchise to another. He is also representing victims of a real estate Ponzi scheme in *Camenisch v. Umpqua Bank*, an action against a bank for allegedly aiding and abetting a fraudulent investment scheme that caused California investors to lose hundreds of millions of dollars.

A Bay Area native, Michael began his career prosecuting securities class actions and serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Judith N. Keep, U.S. District Judge, Southern District of California. Before joining Gibbs Law Group, Michael was a partner and co-founder of Meade & Schrag, LLP, where he prosecuted class actions and also litigated personal injury, medical malpractice, breach of contract, and business litigation matters.

Litigation Highlights

Hernandez v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. - Michael serves as court-appointed co-lead counsel representing a certified class of more than 1,200 home mortgage borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure after Wells Fargo Bank erroneously denied their home loan modification requests. The case settled in two phases for a total of \$40.3 million. Class members have received significant compensation payments.

Ryder v. Wells Fargo - Michael was appointed co-lead class counsel in a lawsuit related to *Hernandez* on behalf of Wells Fargo borrowers who were erroneously denied trial modifications but didn’t lose their homes. In August 2021, the Court granted preliminary approval of a \$12 million settlement and set the final approval hearing for January 2022.

In re: Wells Fargo Collateral Protection Insurance Litigation- Michael served on the court-appointed, three-firm Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee in this multi-district litigation on behalf of consumers who took out car loans from Wells Fargo and were charged for auto insurance they did not need. The parties agreed to a settlement of \$393.5 million for affected consumers and the Court granted final approval in November 2019.

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1996

Columbia College at Columbia
University, B.A., 1989

Admissions

California

Awards & Honors

*Northern California Super
Lawyers*, 2019-2020

Best Lawyers in America, 2020-
2023 Edition

In re: Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation-(MDL No. 2626) Michael is currently a member of the expert committee in this antitrust class action challenging the minimum resale pricing policies of the dominant disposable contact lens manufacturers. After a two-day hearing the Court certified the class and trial is set for later this year.

Beaver v. Tarsadia Hotels- Michael served as co-lead counsel on behalf of consumers in this unfair competition class action against real estate developers selling hotel-condominium units. Lawsuit alleged that sellers concealed certain Congressionally-mandated protections in the sales contracts, including a statutory rescission right. After six years of litigation including a win in the Ninth Circuit that established favorable law for consumers, the lawsuit settled for \$51.15 million. In granting final approval, Judge Curiel concluded that the settlement was "an excellent result," and noted "Class Counsel overcame several hurdles that reflect their skill and experience." *Beaver v. Tarsadia Hotels*, 816 F. 3d1170 (9th Cir. 2016)

In re Currency Conversion Fee Antitrust Litigation (MDL No. 1409)- This action alleged that Visa, MasterCard and their then member banks, including Bank of America and Chase, fixed the price of foreign currency conversion fees on international credit and debit card transactions. Michael was part of the team that prevailed at trial in a related state court action, and then obtained a \$336 million global settlement for the class in this multidistrict antitrust litigation against the country's largest credit card issuers and networks.

Asokan et. al. v. American General Ins. Co.- Member of the trial team in this insurance and investment fraud case against American General Insurance Co, an AIG subsidiary. Michael and his team represented six plaintiffs who were marketed an investment involving a specialized whole life policy that would supposedly provide tax benefits. American General knew but concealed from plaintiffs that the plans no longer complied with the law. Plaintiffs suffered losses as a result of this fraud by concealment. Among other tasks, Michael had primary responsibility for working with plaintiffs' damages expert and conducted the direct and re-direct examination of this expert at trial. The case settled for a confidential sum 8 days into the jury trial.

Smith et. al. v. American General Ins. Co. - Michael was a key member of the litigation team that represented nine high net worth plaintiffs in this RICO action alleging that American General and the other members of the enterprise falsely marketed and sold our clients a whole life policy that would *supposedly* provide a multitude of tax benefits, but concealed the fact that the IRS had changed its regulations, rendering these plans no longer compliant with the law. Among other tasks, Michael had primary responsibility for working with plaintiffs' damages expert and deposing the defendants' damages expert. The case settled for a confidential sum.

Ammari v. Pacific Bell Directory – Represented consumers who overpaid an AT&T subsidiary for advertising in Yellow Pages directories. Plaintiffs prevailed at trial and on two appeals to obtain a \$27 million judgment for class members, a result the *National Law Journal* deemed as one of the top 100 verdicts in 2009.

In Re Sulzer Hip Prosthesis and Knee Prosthesis Liability Litigation – recovered over \$10 million on behalf of his clients in this multidistrict litigation that awarded a total of \$1 billion to patients who received defective hip implants.

Awards & Honors

Best Lawyers in America, 2020-2021 Edition
Northern California Super Lawyers, 2019-2022



Dave Stein | Partner

Dave Stein represents clients in federal and state cases nationwide, ranging from securities and financial fraud class actions, to product liability, privacy, and data breach suits. Courts have appointed Dave as lead counsel in a number of these cases and he has been praised by *Law360* as a tenacious litigator with a “reputation as one of the best consumer advocates around.”

The *Daily Journal* recognized Dave as one of the Top 40 attorneys in the state of California under the age of 40, and he was also honored in *Law360*'s nationwide list of “Top Class Action Attorneys Under 40.” For the last seven years, he has been rated by his colleagues as a Northern California Super Lawyers Rising Star.

Dave is frequently called upon to discuss emerging issues in complex litigation. He currently serves on *Law360*'s Product Liability Editorial Advisory Board, advising on emerging trends impacting product liability cases.

Before entering private practice, Dave served as judicial law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Keith Starrett and U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen L. Hayes.

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Education

Emory University School of Law, J.D., 2007

University of California at Santa Barbara, B.A., 2003

Admissions

California

Reputation and Recognition by the Courts

Dave has built a reputation for the quality of his representation and tenacious advocacy on behalf of the clients and classes he represents:

“[T]his is an extraordinarily complex case and an extraordinarily creative solution... I [want to] thank you and compliment you gentlemen. It's been a real pleasure to work with you.” - *Hon. D. Carter, Glenn v. Hyundai Motor America (C.D. Cal.)*

“You made it very easy to deal with this case and clearly your years of expertise have carried the day here. Nice work. Thank you.” - *Hon. M. Watson, In re Am. Honda Motor CR-V Vibration Litig. (S.D. Ohio)*

“Exceedingly well argued on both sides. Sometimes people really know their stuff on both sides which is what happened today so thank you.” - *Hon. J. Tigar, In re General Motors CP4 Fuel Pump Litig. (N.D. Cal.)*

Litigation Highlights

In re: Peregrine PFG Best Customer Accounts Litigation - Represented investors in a lawsuit against U.S. Bank and JPMorgan Chase arising from the collapse of Peregrine Financial Group, Inc. The former Peregrine customers were seeking to recover the millions of dollars that was stolen from them out of segregated funds accounts. Plaintiffs' efforts led to settlements with JPMorgan Chase and U.S. Bank worth over \$75 million.

Deora v. NantHealth - Lead Counsel for certified classes of investors in litigation alleging violations of federal securities laws related to the healthcare technology company's initial public offering in 2016. In September 2020, the Court granted final approval to a \$16.5 million class action settlement.

LLE One v. Facebook - Represented small businesses who alleged that Facebook overstated, for over a year, how long users were watching video ads on Facebook's platform. After years of litigation, the federal court approved a \$40 million settlement for the class.

Paeste v. Government of Guam - Secured a judgment against the Government of Guam and several of its highest-ranking officials in a suit involving the government's unlawful administration of income tax refunds. Mr. Stein defended the judgment in an oral argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, leading to a complete victory for the taxpayers in the published decision, *Paeste v. Government of Guam*, 798 F.3d 1228 (9th Cir. 2015)

Edwards v. Ford Motor Co. – In a class action alleging that Ford sold vehicles despite a known safety defect, Mr. Stein twice argued plaintiff’s position before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In the first appeal, Mr. Stein succeeded in obtaining a reversal of the trial court’s denial of class certification. In the second, plaintiff again prevailed, with the Ninth Circuit affirming the conclusion that the lawsuit had driven Ford to offer free repairs, reimbursements, and extended warranties to the class.

In re: Hyundai Sonata Engine Litigation – Mr. Stein served as court-appointed co-lead counsel in this nationwide suit involving engine seizures at high speeds. The litigation led to a settlement that included nationwide vehicle recalls, extended warranties, and payments that averaged over three thousand dollars per class member.

Browne v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc. – Represented consumers who alleged that 750,000 Honda Accord and Acura TSX vehicles were sold with brake pads that wore out prematurely. A settlement ensued worth approximately \$25 million, with hundreds of thousands of class members electing to participate.

Awards & Honors

“2017 Top 40 Under 40,” *Daily Journal*
Top Class Action Attorneys Under 40, *Law360* Rising Stars (2017)
Northern California Super Lawyers *Rising Star* (2013-2021)

Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice
Consumer Attorneys of California
Federal Bar Association
Public Justice Foundation

Publications & Presentations

Moderator, “A View from the Bench II: Judicial Insights on Managing Complex Litigation and the Pandemic’s Lasting Impact,” *ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, 2022 Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation Conference*, April 2022.

Presenter, “Class Damages,” *AAJ Class Action Litigation Group*, June 2020.

Co-Author, “Recent Decision Highlights the Importance of Early Discovery in Arbitration,” *Daily Journal*, May 2019.

Presenter, “Article III Standing in Data Breach Litigation,” AAJ Class Action Seminar, December 2018.

Presenter, “Determining Damages in Class Actions,” *Class Action Mastery Conference*, HB Litigation, May 2018.

Presenter, “Mass Torts and Class Actions: The Latest and Greatest, Update on Class Action Standing” *56th Annual Consumer Attorneys of California Convention*, November 2017.

Author, Third Circuit Crystallizes Post-Spokeo Standard, *Impact Fund Practitioner Blog*, July 2017.

Presenter, “Class Certification,” “Class Remedies,” *HB Litigation Conferences, Mass Tort Med School + Class Actions*, March 2017.

Co-Author, “Beware Intended Consequences of Class Action Reform, Too,” *Law360 Expert Analysis*, March 14, 2017.

Author, *Wrong Problem, Wrong Solution: How Congress Failed the American Consumer*, 23 *Emory Bankr. Dev. J.* 619 (2007).



Steven Tindall | Partner

Steven Tindall represents employees seeking fair pay and just treatment in individual and class action lawsuits against employers. His cases involve allegations of misclassification, sexual harassment, discrimination, wrongful termination, retaliation, WARN Act, and ERISA violations. He has more than 20 years of experience representing employees in a variety of industries, including tech, gig economy, financial services, construction, transportation, and private education. Steven also represents consumers in individual and mass tort personal injury lawsuits and class action litigation. In 2019, he won a *California Lawyer Attorney of the Year Award*, which honors outstanding California lawyers “whose extraordinary work and cases had a major impact on the law.”

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Admissions

California

Steven clerked for Hon. Judith N. Keep of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California and for Hon. Claudia Wilken of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. Prior to joining Gibbs Law Group, he was a partner at Rukin Hyland Doria & Tindall, and at Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein. At Rukin Hyland and Lieff Cabraser, he focused on plaintiffs’ class action litigation in the fields of wage and hour law, antitrust, and consumer protection. Steven also litigated a number of mass tort personal injury and toxic tort cases.

He received his B.A. degree in English Literature from Yale University, graduating *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, and with distinction in his major. He earned his J.D. degree from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law in 1996. While at Berkeley Law, Steven co-directed the East Bay Workers’ Rights Clinic.

Litigation Highlights

Breach of Contract – As co-lead counsel, Steven helped recover over \$29 million on behalf of hundreds of employees in a class action lawsuit involving breach of contract claims against a global consulting company.

Retirement Benefits – Represented retirees whose retirement benefits were slashed after a corporate spinoff. The litigation resulted in a \$9 million recovery paid out to class members.

Gig Economy – Represents thousands of individual clients in multiple gig economy cases alleging that they were misclassified as independent contractors and should be entitled to minimum wage, overtime pay, and expense reimbursement under California and other state labor laws.

Consumer Loans – Represents over 100,000 borrowers in a certified class action lawsuit against online lender, CashCall, alleging that they preyed on low-income borrowers through high interest rate loans. Steven was a key member of the litigation team that achieved a unanimous ruling from the CA Supreme Court regarding unconscionability of contracts.

Awards & Honors

California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award (2019)
Northern California Super Lawyers (2009-2022)

Publications & Presentations

Co-Author, “DoorDash: Quick Food, Slow Justice,” Daily Journal, March 24, 2020.

Presenter, “Damages & Penalties in Exemption and Misclassification Cases,” Bridgeport Independent Contractor, Joint Employment Misclassification Litigation Conference, July 26, 2019.

Contributor, "Can Interest Rates be Unconscionable?" Daily Journal Appellate Report Podcast, July 6, 2018.

Co-Author, "Epic Systems and the Erosion of Federal Class Actions," Law360 Expert Analysis, July 5, 2018.

Co-Author, "Senate Should Reject Choice Act and Its Payday Free Pass," Law360 Expert Analysis, July 12, 2017.

Presenter, "Understanding and Litigating PAGA Claims," Bridgeport Continuing Legal Education, March 3, 2017.

Contributing Author, California Class Actions Practice and Procedure, Matthew Bender & Co., Inc., 2006

Author, *Do as She Does, Not as She Says: The Shortcomings of Justice O'Connor's Direct Evidence Requirement in Price Waterhouse v. Hopkins*, Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law, 17, No. 2, 1996



Amy Zeman | Partner

Amy has built a reputation in the plaintiffs' bar for delivering results and justice to consumers and sexual assault survivors in class action and mass tort litigation. She secured a \$73 million settlement in 2021 from UCLA on behalf of sexual assault survivors who brought claims against gynecologist Dr. James Heaps and achieved an historic \$14.975 million dollar jury verdict as co-lead trial counsel on behalf of Pacific Fertility Center patients whose genetic material was destroyed in a catastrophic cryo-preservation tank failure. Media throughout the country have hailed the verdict as groundbreaking, and the Washington Post noted it as "a historic verdict that could have far-reaching consequences for the loosely regulated U.S. fertility industry."

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J.D., *magna cum laude*,
2010.

University of Missouri, B.A.,
summa cum laude, 1998.

Admissions

California
Florida

The Daily Journal recognized Amy among the Top Women Lawyers in California for 2021 and the Top Plaintiff Lawyers in California for 2021, and Northern California Super Lawyers named her a 2021 Super Lawyer. *Law360* honored Amy as an MVP in Product Liability for 2021, and the National Law Journal named her a 2021 Winning Litigators finalist. In 2020, Amy was elected co-chair of the American Association for Justice's Class Action Litigation Group.

Amy currently represents clients in a variety of mass injury matters, including additional families in the Pacific Fertility Center matter, individuals harmed by the chemotherapy drug Taxotere (docetaxel), and individuals affected by the Porter Ranch/Aliso Canyon gas leak. She serves in a court-appointed leadership role in a mass action coordinating claims on behalf of 18,000 boys who suffered irreversible male breast growth after being prescribed the antipsychotic medication Risperdal. Amy has previously represented clients injured by transvaginal mesh, the birth control medications Yaz and Yasmin, and the diabetes drug Actos.

Prior to attending law school, Amy pursued a career in the financial sector, acting as the Accounting and Compliance Manager for the Marin County Federal Credit Union for almost seven years. Amy was a spring 2010 extern for the Honorable Marilyn Hall Patel of the United States District Court, Northern District of California.

Litigation Highlights

Mass Tort Litigation

Pacific Fertility Center Litigation – Amy served as co-lead trial counsel in a three-week trial on behalf of several patients who tragically lost eggs and embryos in a catastrophic cryo-preservation tank failure at San Francisco's Pacific Fertility Center in 2018. The jury found the cryogenic tank manufacturer, Chart Inc., liable on all claims, and awarded \$14.975 million in aggregate damages to the five plaintiffs. Amy leads the Gibbs Law Group team, which first filed the lawsuit in March 2018 with co-counsel, and represents dozens of PFC patients whose frozen eggs and embryos were harmed or destroyed as a result of the tank failure. This was the first trial in the consolidated litigation, and five additional trials against Chart are scheduled for 2022 and 2023.

In re Risperdal and Invega Product Liability Cases – appointed by a California judge to serve as liaison counsel, responsible for coordinating and overseeing the lawsuits filed on behalf of thousands of male children who took the popular antipsychotic drug Risperdal and suffered irreversible gynecomastia, or male breast growth.

Taxotere (Docetaxel) Products Liability Litigation – selected to serve on the discovery committee in this multi-district litigation on behalf of breast cancer survivors who suffered permanent, disfiguring hair loss after using the Taxotere chemotherapy drug.

Yaz & Yasmin Birth Control Litigation – represented women throughout the country who suffered serious side effects after taking Yaz, Yasmin and Ocella birth control. The federal litigation resulted in settlements worth approximately \$1.6 billion.

Defective Product and Consumer Protection Litigation

Sanborn, et al. v. Nissan North America, Inc. – appointed as class counsel with Eric Gibbs and others. Obtained a settlement 11 days before trial was set to begin on claims that the dashboards in certain Nissan vehicles were melting into a shiny, sticky surface that produced a dangerous glare. The settlement allowed class members to obtain a \$1500-\$2000 dashboard replacement for just \$250, or equivalent reimbursement for prior replacements.

Chase Bank U.S.A., N.A. “Check Loan” Contract Litigation – key member of the litigation team in this multidistrict case alleging that Chase Bank wronged consumers by offering long-term fixed-rate loans, only to later more-than-double the required loan payments. The litigation resulted in a \$100 million settlement eight weeks prior to trial.

Sugarman v. Ducati North America, Inc., - represented Ducati motorcycle owners whose fuel tanks on their motorcycles degraded and deformed due to incompatibility with the motorcycles’ fuel. In January 2012, the Court approved a settlement that provided an extended warranty and repairs, writing, “The Court recognizes that class counsel assumed substantial risks and burdens in this litigation. Representation was professional and competent; in the Court’s opinion, counsel obtained an excellent result for the class.”

Awards & Honors

Winning Litigators Finalist, National Law Journal (2021)
Product Liability MVP, Law360 (2021)
Top Plaintiff Lawyers in California, Daily Journal (2021)
Top Women Lawyers in California, Daily Journal (2021)
Northern California Super Lawyer (2021-2022); Rising Star (2013-2020)

Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice - Co-Vice Chair of the Class Action Litigation Group; Past Co-Chair of the Qui Tam Litigation Group; Member of the Women Trial Lawyers Caucus
Consumer Attorneys of California

Publications & Presentations

Co-author, “Tips on Client Contact and Case Management in Mass Torts Part I: Client Intake and Gathering Relevant Information,” American Association for Justice, Women Trial Lawyers Caucus Connections Count Newsletter, 2013.

Co-author, “Tips on Client Contact and Case Management in Mass Torts Part II: Organizing and Working with Client Information,” American Association for Justice, Women Trial Lawyers Caucus Connections Count Newsletter, 2013.

Presenter, “Fees in Class Action Cases,” and “Qui Tam Case Strategies,” Mass Tort Med School and Class Action Conference, March 2017.

Presenter, “Claims-processing in Large and Mass-Tort MDLs,” Emerging Issues in Mass-Tort MDLs Conference, Duke University, October 2016.

Presenter, “Best Practices in Law Firm Management,” American Association for Justice 2016 Winter Convention, Women’s Trial Lawyers Caucus Leadership Summit, February 2016.

Presenter, “Lumber Liquidators Litigation,” American Association for Justice 2015 Annual Convention, July 2015.



Josh Bloomfield | Counsel

Josh Bloomfield represents plaintiffs in class and other complex litigation, with particular experience in antitrust, consumer protection and data breach matters. He is a member of the California Bar and is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Northern, Central and Southern Districts of California.

At Gibbs Law Group, Josh has been an advocate for borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure during the financial crisis, individuals harmed by corporate misconduct related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and consumers and employees who have suffered the consequences of antitrust conspiracies.

During more than 20 years of practice, Josh has represented clients in a variety of civil, criminal and administrative matters - from a distinguished professor of aeronautics and astronautics in a National Science Foundation research misconduct investigation, to several Major League Baseball teams in player arbitrations. Josh also served as vice president and general counsel to an innovative business venture in the second-home alternative marketplace, offering investors direct participation in ownership of a portfolio of luxury vacation properties.

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UCLA School of Law, J.D.,
2000
University of Pennsylvania,
B.A., *with honors*, 1996

Admissions

California

Litigation Highlights

Hernandez v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Represents a certified class of more than 1,200 home mortgage borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure after Wells Fargo erroneously denied them trial mortgage modifications. The case settled in two phases for a total of \$40.3 million, resulting in significant compensation payments to each class member.

Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation

Represents a class of consumers in the Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation, which challenges a series of “minimum pricing” policies imposed by contact lens manufacturers. The suit alleges that consumers paid supracompetitive prices as a result of a conspiracy among optometrists, manufacturers and a distributor of disposable contact lenses.

In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Privacy Litigation

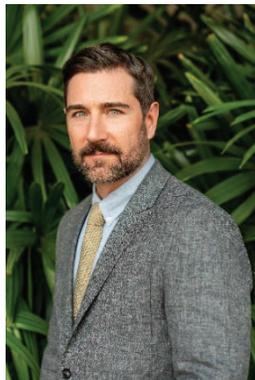
Represented interests of plaintiffs and putative class members following massive data breach of approximately 80 million personal records, including names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, health care ID numbers, email and physical addresses, employment information, and income data.

Jiffy Lube Antitrust Litigation

Represents Jiffy Lube workers who were harmed by a “no-poach” policy whereby Jiffy Lube required its franchisees to agree not to solicit or hire current or former employees of other franchisees. The suit alleges that workers’ wages were suppressed by this restraint on the market for their labor.

Airbnb Host Class Action Lawsuit

Represents Airbnb hosts – in federal court and in individual arbitrations - who allege that Airbnb took advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic and seized funds that belonged to hosts while claiming that the money would be refunded to guests.



Parker Hutchinson | Counsel

Parker Hutchinson represents plaintiffs in class actions and other complex litigation, with extensive practice in the field of prescription drug product liability. Parker currently represents clients in multi district litigation including servicemembers who suffered hearing loss or tinnitus from defective 3M ear plugs and cancer survivors who suffered permanent disfiguring hair loss from the chemotherapy drug Taxotere. Prior to joining Gibbs Law Group, Parker wrote extensive briefing *In re Taxotere* as a member of the Plaintiffs' Law & Briefing Committee. In his appellate advocacy work, Parker has also achieved an expansion of the definition of "adverse employment action" under Title VII in an issue of first impression.

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Education

Columbia Law School, J.D.,
2009

Tulane University, B.A., *cum
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Admissions

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Louisiana

Parker is a 2009 graduate of Columbia Law School, where he was a leader at the Columbia Journal of European Law. During law school, Parker was a judicial extern with the Honorable Stanwood Duval, Jr. of the Eastern District of Louisiana. Before law school, Parker worked as a congressional staffer, a musician, and a writer. He involved himself closely in New Orleans's recovery following Hurricane Katrina, including the resurrection of progressive community radio station WTUL. He received his undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from Tulane University in 2004.



Shawn Judge | Counsel

Shawn Judge focuses on class actions, mass torts, and other complex litigation matters. Shawn has been appointed Chair by a federal court to two pipeline compensation commissions, and he currently serves as Special Counsel for the Ohio Attorney General litigating claims against five of the country's largest pharmaceutical companies alleging misrepresentations and deceptive marketing that caused the nation's current devastating current opioid crisis. He routinely serves as an invited speaker on civil litigation and mediation and is a former Ohio Bar Examiner.

Shawn is also an experienced mediator offering private mediation services for civil disputes. For over a decade, Shawn mediated cases for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio as a judicial clerk. He received mediation training at the Harvard Negotiation Institute at Harvard Law School and the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at the Pepperdine University School of Law.

Previously, Shawn has served as a judicial clerk for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, the Supreme Court of Ohio, and Ohio's Ninth District Court of Appeals. He has previously served as adjunct professor at The Ohio State Second University Moritz College of Law, Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law, and Capital University Law School. Shawn received his B.A. with honors from The College of Wooster, holds an M.A. in English from Wright State University, and received his J.D. with honors from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

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Practice Emphasis

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Education

The Ohio State University
Moritz College of Law, J.D.,
1998

Wright State University, M.A.,
1995

The College of Wooster, B.A.,
with honors, 1993

Admissions

Ohio

Awards & Honors

Ohio Super Lawyer (2021)

Professional Affiliations

Co-Chair, Class Actions/Consumer Law, Central Ohio Association for Justice
Ohio Mediation Association
Ohio Association for Justice
National Civil Justice Institute
American Association for Justice
Columbus Bar Association
Ohio State Bar Association
Federal Bar Association
American Bar Association

Litigation Highlights

State of Ohio ex rel. Dave Yost, Ohio Attorney General v. Purdue Pharma L.P.:

Represents the State of Ohio in litigation alleging that the six major manufacturers of prescription opioids created a public nuisance, which caused billions of dollars in damages to the state and its citizens. The litigation is ongoing.

Eaton v. Ascent Resources – Utica, LLC: Represents a class and sub-classes of oil and gas lessors with leases with Ascent Resources – Utica, LLC. Plaintiffs claim that Ascent takes improper post-production deductions from their royalty payments that are either not allowed under their contracts or are unreasonable in amount. On August 4, 2021, the Court granted class certification in the case, which marks one of the first cases of a court certifying an Ohio class action regarding the underpayment of oil and gas royalties.. The lawsuit is ongoing.



Micha Star Liberty | Of Counsel

Micha Star Liberty is a nationally recognized trial attorney dedicated to representing individuals who have been injured or abused, including survivors of sexual abuse. With more than twenty years of experience, Micha has been widely recognized for her achievements, receiving numerous awards including Top 100 Women Lawyers in California, Top 100 High Stakes Litigators, and Top Plaintiff Lawyers in California. In 2018, Micha was honored with the Woman Advocate of the Year award for her work on legislation and prosecuting numerous cases in support of the #MeToo movement. In 2015, the Consumer Attorneys of California recognized Micha as Street Fighter of the Year for holding the Contra Costa County School District accountable in a child sexual abuse case.

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Sexual Assault

Education

University of Hastings,
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2001

University of California at Los
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Admissions

California

Micha also contributes to the legal profession in leadership and has served as past president of Consumer Attorneys of California, Western Trial Lawyers, and Alameda-Contra Costa Trial Lawyers, as well as past vice president of the State Bar of California. Micha is a frequent lecturer and published author on legal topics, focusing much of her public speaking on trial practice, discovery techniques, the importance of mentoring, and best practices for opening a law office and law office management. Micha is also a certified mediator with over 40 hours of training, and she has performed private mediations as well as mediations for the Contra Costa Superior Court with a trauma-informed perspective.

Micha has worked at the White House (Clinton Administration) and for two Members of Congress: for U.S. Representative Mel Watt, from North Carolina, and for U.S. Representative Anna Eshoo. While in law school, Micha served as a judicial extern to Senior United States District Court Judge Thelton E. Henderson.

Professional Affiliations

Alameda-Contra Costa Trial Lawyers Association, Past President

American Association for Justice, Board of Governors, Co-Chair Sexual Assault Litigation Group

Consumer Attorneys of California, Past President, Past Diversity Committee Co-Chair, Past Chair New Lawyers Caucus

Continuing Education of the Bar

Western Trial Lawyers Association, Past President



Rosanne Mah | Counsel

Rosanne Mah represents consumers in complex class action litigation involving deceptive or misleading practices, false advertising, and data/privacy issues. She is a member of the California Bar and is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the United States District Courts for the Northern, Central, Eastern, and Southern Districts of California.

Rosanne is integrally involved in the discovery and client outreach process for the Boy Scouts of America Lawsuits, where she represents sexual abuse survivors who were abused by leaders and other affiliates within the organization. She is also involved in communicating with potential class representatives and clients for both the Toxic Baby Food lawsuit, alleging that certain baby food manufacturers were selling products containing poisonous heavy metals, and the Midwestern Pet Food lawsuit alleging that over 70 dogs have died after eating food contaminated with dangerous levels of aflatoxin, a mold toxin.

Rosanne has 15 years of experience in providing the highest level of legal representation to individuals and businesses in a wide variety of cases. Throughout her career she has specialized in consumer protection, defective products, cybersecurity, data privacy, and employment law at several law firms, all while running her own practice. Rosanne attended the University of San Francisco, School of Law, during which she was a judicial extern with the Honorable Anne Bouliane of the San Francisco Superior Court.

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 Cornell University, B.A.

Admissions

Washington

George Sampson | Of Counsel

George Sampson brings 35 years of experience prosecuting complex antitrust cases on behalf of consumers and small businesses. George began his career in antitrust enforcement in 1984, when he joined the New York Attorney General's Antitrust Bureau. He served as an Assistant Attorney General for 10 years – the last two years (1992-1994) as Chief of the Antitrust Bureau. George was the lead trial attorney in a civil bid-rigging action in which he won the state's first ever bid-rigging jury trial, recovering \$7.8 million for the state.

George's principal experience has been to assist expert witnesses in antitrust cases. He has either taken or defended the deposition of nearly every leading antitrust economist, whether at the class certification stage or the liability and damages phases of complex antitrust class actions. He is conversant with complex economic analyses, econometric damages models, and equally important, translating expert economic analysis into language judges and juries can readily grasp.

Currently George serves as Trial Counsel in the Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation, a class action lawsuit filed 14 years after the original Contact Lens case was tried in 2001. Along with Michael Schrag, he has been principally responsible for all of the expert economics work on the case, including presenting evidence at the two-day class certification hearing. The court's 178 page order granting class certification has been appealed by defendants.

George Sampson is Of Counsel to Gibbs Law Group and the founding partner of Sampson Dunlap LLP.

Litigation Highlights

In re Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation

George served as co-lead counsel where he was principally responsible for all expert economic testimony. He successfully settled the case after five weeks of trial for a total recovery in excess of \$90 million.

In re Visa Check/MasterMoney Antitrust Litigation

George was appointed co-lead counsel to the litigation team. His team achieved settlement on the eve of trial for \$3 billion, at the time the largest antitrust class settlement ever achieved.

McDonough v. Toys R Us

George took on a "hub-and-spoke" case against Toys R Us for forcing baby product manufacturers to raise prices at competing retailers. Again, George was principally responsible for all expert economic testimony. After extensive discovery and a two-day class certification hearing, the case settled for \$35 million.

Professional Affiliations

American Antitrust Institute, Advisory Board Member
 American Bar Association, Antitrust Law Section
 Washington State Bar Association, Antitrust and Consumer Protection Committee



Mark Troutman | Counsel

Mark Troutman is dedicated to protecting consumers against corporate misdeeds and has led class action efforts across the country. Mark has been appointed to leadership roles in many of his complex litigation cases, and he currently serves as Special Counsel for the Ohio Attorney General in bringing claims against five of the country's largest pharmaceutical companies alleging misrepresentations and deceptive marketing that have caused the nation's current devastating opioid crisis.

As lead counsel in a consumer class action against Porsche, Mark achieved a \$45 million settlement for the class. Previously, Mark has been lead counsel in a consumer class action against a fitness chain, and co-lead counsel in a class action claiming improper deductions from royalty payments to lessors of a major oil and gas operator.

Before joining Gibbs Law Group, Mark co-led the class action practice group of a leading Ohio firm. Mark has been honored as a top plaintiff-side Class Action Litigator by the Best Lawyers in America and as a Rising Star by Ohio Super Lawyers. He has co-authored the leading guide on Ohio Consumer Law for more than 10 years and he continues to help advance the Ohio plaintiffs' bar as a member of the Ohio Association for Justice.

Litigation Highlights

State of Ohio ex rel. Dave Yost, Ohio Attorney General v. Purdue Pharma L.P.:

Represents the State of Ohio in litigation alleging that the six major manufacturers of prescription opioids created a public nuisance, which caused billions of dollars in damages to the state and its citizens. The litigation is ongoing.

In re Porsche Cars North America, Inc. Coolant Tubes Product Liability Litigation:

Represented a class of nearly 50,000 Porsche Cayenne vehicle owners alleging that Porsche defectively designed its 2003-2010 model year vehicles with plastic coolant tubes, which due to their positioning, would prematurely wear them down from the vehicle's heat and require costly repairs. The settlement compensated class members for a significant portion of the repair costs, with an estimated settlement value of more than \$40 million.

Gascho v. Global Fitness Holdings: Represented a class and sub-classes of current and former gym members alleging that the Urban Active gym chain took excessive and/or unauthorized fees from gym members, which were not included in class members' contracts or in violation of state law. The settlement reimbursed class members for the improper charges to their accounts.

Eaton v. Ascent Resources – Utica, LLC: Represents a class and sub-classes of oil and gas lessors with leases with Ascent Resources – Utica, LLC. Plaintiffs claim that Ascent takes improper post-production deductions from their royalty payments that are either not allowed under their contracts or are unreasonable in amount. On August 4, 2021, the Court granted class certification in the case, which marks one of the first cases of a court certifying an Ohio class action regarding the underpayment of oil and gas royalties.. The lawsuit is ongoing.

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Brian represents clients who have been harmed by corporate misconduct in complex litigation including employment discrimination, personal injury, data breach and consumer protection cases. He represents people who were injured and lost homes or businesses in our PG&E wildfire cases.

Prior to Gibbs Law Group, Brian worked at the Federal Labor Relations Authority in Dallas, Texas where he conducted investigations on federal unfair labor practices and coordinated federal union elections. Previously, Brian represented a high volume of disabled individuals in administrative hearings.

Brian is a 2016 graduate of Texas A&M University School of Law, where he served as the president of the TAMU Black Law Student Association. During law school, he interned for the Honorable Justice Ken Molberg when he was District Judge at the 95th Texas Civil District Court and served as a research assistant for Professors Michael Z. Green and Sahar Aziz. Prior to law school, Brian worked as an international flight attendant at United Airlines and volunteered as an Occupational Injury Representative at the Association of Flight Attendants, Local Council 11 in Washington D.C. Brian holds a B.S. with honors in business administration from Colorado Technical University.

Professional Affiliations

L. Clifford Davis Legal Association
The International Legal Honor Society of Phi Delta Phi
The American Constitution Society for Law & Policy
Texas Young Lawyers Association
State Bar of Texas, member of the following Sections:

- African-American Lawyers (AALS)
- Consumer and Commercial Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- LGBT Law



Erin Barlow | Associate

Erin is a zealous advocate for survivors of sexual assault as well as consumers who have been harmed by corporate wrongdoing. She also has experience advocating for California wildfire victims, as well as fighting for individuals who suffered injuries from using defective drug and medical devices.

Erin is a 2021 graduate, *cum laude*, of the University of California Hastings College of the Law. In law school, she served as Senior Acquisitions Editor for Hastings Environmental Law Journal. She also was a Certified Law Student in the Individual Representation Clinic where she successfully appealed an adverse Social Security determination and got an individual's prior criminal convictions expunged. Erin received CALI awards for receiving the highest grade in Legal Research and Writing and in Environmental Justice and the Law. She received her undergraduate degrees in Politics and Marine Biology from the University of California Santa Cruz in 2014.

Presentations and Articles

Author, “Unprecedented Marine Biodiversity Shifts Necessitate Innovation: The Case for Dynamic Ocean Management in the UN High-Seas Conservation Agreement the Presenter, “Unpacking Public Interest Law,” Hastings Environmental Law Journal, 27 Hastings Env't'l L.J. 121, 2021

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Emily Beale | Associate

Emily Beale is an advocate for consumers and employees, fighting unfair business practices by corporations.

Prior to joining Gibbs Law Group, Emily worked for two years as a law clerk to the Honorable Benjamin H. Settle in the Western District of Washington.

Emily is a 2020 graduate, *summa cum laude*, of Seattle University School of Law, where she graduated first in her class. During law school, Emily advocated for incarcerated and accused individuals at the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equity in its Civil Rights Clinic. Emily aided in the Korematsu Center's amicus brief to the Washington State Supreme Court on the unconscious bias associated with the use of restraints on incarcerated criminal defendants, which resulted in a unanimous decision prohibiting such practices in Washington state. *See State v. Jackson*, 195 Wash.2d 841 (2020).

While in law school, Emily served as Managing Editor for the Seattle University Law Review and on the Moot Court Board. She represented Seattle University at a regional National Moot Court Competition and received eight CALI awards for highest grade. Emily received her undergraduate degree in Law, Societies, and Justice with a minor in French from the University of Washington in 2015.

Presentations and Articles

Author, "Unfair-but-not-Deceptive: Confronting the Ambiguity in Washington State's Consumer Protection Act," 43 Seattle U. L. R. 1011 (2020)

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Seattle University School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2020

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Admissions

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Aaron Blumenthal | Associate

Aaron Blumenthal represents employees, whistleblowers, and consumers in complex and class action litigation. He is a member of our California whistleblower attorney practice group.

Aaron attended law school at the University of California at Berkeley, where he graduated *Order of the Coif*, the highest level of distinction. While in law school, Aaron wrote an article about class action waivers that was published by the California Law Review, one of the top law reviews in the country. He also served as a research assistant to Professor Franklin Zimring, who described Aaron in the acknowledgements section of one of his books as a “statistical jack-of-all-trades.”

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Admissions

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Litigation Highlights

In Re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litigation - represented consumers whose personal information was impacted by the Anthem data breach, which was announced in 2015 as affecting nearly 80 million insurance customers. The case resulted in a \$115 million settlement, which offered extended credit monitoring to affected consumers.

LLE One v. Facebook – key member of the litigation team representing video advertisers in a putative class action against Facebook alleging that the company inflated its metrics for the average time users spent watching video ads, causing the plaintiffs to spend more for video advertising on Facebook than they otherwise would have.

JPMorgan Chase Litigation - represented a class of mortgage borrowers against JPMorgan Chase, alleging that the bank charged them invalid "post-payment interest" when they paid off their loans. The case resulted in an \$11 million settlement.

Neilson Mass Layoff Lawsuit - represents a putative class of former employees of Neilson Financial Services, who allege they were laid off in violation of the California WARN Act.

Awards & Honors

Rising Star, Northern California Super Lawyers, 2018-2022

Presentations and Articles

Author, “Why Justices’ PAGA Ruling May Not Be Real Win For Cos.,” Law360 Employment Authority, July 2022

Co-author, “DoorDash: Quick Food, Slow Justice,” Daily Journal, March 2020

Co-author, “In the Breach,” Trial Magazine, American Association for Justice, September 2017

Author, “Winning Strategies in Privacy and Data Security Class Actions: The Plaintiffs’ Perspective,” Berkeley Center for Law & Technology, January 2017

Author, “Circumventing Concepcion: Conceptualizing Innovative Strategies to Ensure the Enforcement of Consumer Protection Laws in the Age of the Inviolable Class Action Waiver,” 103 Calif. L. Review 699, 2015

Author, “Religiosity and Same-Sex Marriage in the United States and Europe,” 32 Berkeley J. Int’l. L. 195, 2014.



Kyla Gibboney | Associate

Kyla represents consumers, employees, investors, and others who have been harmed by corporate misconduct. She prosecutes a wide range of complex class action cases, including antitrust, securities, consumer protection, financial fraud, and product defect across a variety of industries.

Kyla is a vital member of the team prosecuting the firm's financial fraud lawsuits against GreenSky, a financial technology company that facilitates consumer loans for construction projects and medical procedures. As part of her work on that case, she helped defeat GreenSky's motions to dismiss borrowers' complaints that GreenSky charges unlawful fees and attempts to force borrowers to pursue their claims in arbitration instead of in court. Kyla also has extensive experience litigating antitrust class actions. She currently represents cattle ranchers in *In re Cattle Antitrust Litigation*, a lawsuit challenging the country's largest beef purchasers' method for setting prices for fed cattle, and has worked on several pharmaceutical lawsuits that challenged reverse payment patent settlements, a practice in which brand pharmaceutical companies pay generic would-be competitors to stay out of the market, resulting in higher drug prices.

Kyla is a 2014 graduate of the University of California Hastings School of Law, where she was an extern with the United States Department of Justice's Antitrust Division and for Magistrate Judge Kandis A. Westmore and California Court of Appeal Justice Sandra Margulies. During law school, Kyla was also a law clerk for the Anti-Predatory Lending group of Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, where she fought for economic justice for low-income borrowers and homeowners in East Palo Alto, and volunteered with the General Assistance Advocacy Project in San Francisco.

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Admissions

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Litigation Highlights

Bowen v. Porsche Cars North America, Inc. – Represents a proposed class of Porsche owners who allege a faulty software update has caused permanent damage to their cars' radio and infotainment system, including a "near-continuous reboot cycle," constant static noise, and drainage to the car battery. A Georgia federal judge allowed the case's innovative digital trespass claims to proceed after partially denying Porsche's motion to dismiss.

GreenSky Litigation – Key member of the team representing consumers who took out loans for home maintenance repairs and were charged hidden fees by GreenSky, Inc.

Deora v. NantHealth – Represented investors who alleged that NantHealth's founder violated federal securities law and artificially inflated stock prices by structuring a purportedly philanthropic donation to the University of Utah to require the University to pay NantHealth \$10 million for research services. Kyla gathered the evidence necessary to come to a settlement in the case, which included interrogating several key fact witnesses.

LLE One v. Facebook – Part of the team representing advertisers who accused Facebook of inflating its viewership metrics by as much as 900% when selling its ad services. The lawsuit resulted in a \$40 million settlement for the class, and Kyla helped to oversee settlement distribution to over 1 million individuals and entities.

Awards & Honors

Rising Star, *Northern California Super Lawyers*, (2018-2022)

Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice
National Civil Justice Institute



Julia Gonzalez | Associate

Julia works with employees who have faced discrimination, misclassification, wage and hour violations, and other workplace injustices, advocating for their rights in individual and class cases. She is also a member of the litigation team in our Washington State Voter Discrimination lawsuit, working to combat voter suppression and to ensure equal access to the democratic process.

Julia is a 2021 graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. In law school, she was an Articles Editor and Executive Editor for the Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law, the leading law review for employment and labor law scholarship. She twice competed in the Traynor Moot Court competition, where her team received the award for Best Brief in 2020. Julia was a member of the Consumer Advocacy and Protection Society and received the American Jurisprudence Award in Consumer Protection Law. She also provided direct legal services through the Workers' Rights Clinic and the Tenants' Rights Workshop. Julia received her undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, in Sociology from Yale University in 2013, and spent the year between college and law school as a full-time volunteer at the St. Francis Center, a multi-service non-profit in the North Fair Oaks neighborhood of Redwood City.

Litigation Highlights

Postmates Driver Misclassification – Represents hundreds of gig economy workers in legal actions alleging that they were misclassified as independent contractors and should be entitled to minimum wage, overtime pay, and expense reimbursement under California and other state labor laws.

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Hanne Jensen | Associate

Hanne Jensen represents plaintiffs in class action and complex litigation involving consumer protection, workers' rights, products liability, privacy law, and constitutional law.

Hanne graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2020. While in law school, Hanne served as the Senior Notes editor for the California Law Review, an executive editor for the Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law, and a co-Editor-in-Chief of the Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law, and Justice. As a member of the Consumer Advocacy and Protection Society, Hanne contributed public comments to the Federal Trade Commission and Federal Deposit Investment Corporation concerning rules that affect consumers' financial rights, and helped draft an amicus brief for the Berkeley Center of Consumer and Economic Justice supporting mortgage applicants who had been wrongfully denied loans by an error in an AI underwriting servicer. Hanne also served as a research assistant for Professor Catherine Fisk's work on teachers' strikes and Professor Andrew Bradt's work on personal jurisdiction in complex litigation, as well as an oral advocacy teaching assistant for Professor Cheryl Berg. Prior to joining Gibbs Law Group, Hanne clerked for the Honorable Chief Judge Miranda M. Du in the District of Nevada in her beautiful hometown of Reno, Nevada.

Hanne received her undergraduate degree with majors in English and Philosophy from Whitman College, *magna cum laude*. At Whitman, Hanne was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and served as the co-Editor-in-Chief of the literary magazine *blue moon*. Prior to law school, Hanne was a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Germany.



Jeff Kosbie | Associate

Jeff Kosbie represents plaintiffs in class actions and other complex lawsuits involving consumer protection, securities fraud and employment law. He previously worked as a staff attorney in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2017-2018) and served as a Multidistrict Litigation Law Clerk to the Judges Lucy Koh, Beth Freeman, and Edward Davila of the Northern District of California (2018-2019).

Jeff serves as Co-chair of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (“BALIF”), the nation’s oldest and largest association of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBTQI) persons in the field of law, and he is on the board of the BALIF Foundation. He was also selected to serve on the California Lawyers Association Litigation Section Executive Committee. He has published multiple articles in law reviews related to the history of LGBTQ rights. Jeff is a 2015 graduate, *magna cum laude*, of Northwestern University School of Law and Northwestern University Graduate School where he received a J.D. and a Ph.D. in Sociology. While in law school, Jeff served as an Articles Editor of the Northwestern Journal of Law and Social Policy. He received his undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, in Sociology from Brandeis University in 2006.

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Brandeis University, B.A., *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, 2006

Admissions

California

Awards & Honors

Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, 2023
Rising Star, Northern California Super Lawyers, 2021-2022
Best LGBTQ+ Lawyers Under 40, LGBT Bar Association, 2021
Unity Award, Minority Bar Coalition, 2019

Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice
Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, Co-chair
BALIF Foundation, Board
California Lawyers Association, Litigation Section Executive Committee
Consumer Attorneys of California

Presentations and Articles

- Presenter, “An Important Discussion re Civil Rights: Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion while Surviving COVID-19,” California Lawyers Association Litigation and Appellate Summit, May 2021
- Presenter, “LGBTQ+ Employment Discrimination Claims in Practice,” BALIF CLE Series, February 2021
- Author, “Overdue Protection for LGTBQ Workers,” Trial Magazine, American Association for Justice, September 2020
- Author, “How the Right to be Sexual Shaped the Emergence of LGBT Rights,” 22 U. Pa. J. Const. L. 1389, August 2020
- Presenter, “LGBTQ+ Employment Rights Webinar,” American Association for Justice, June 2020
- Presenter, “Free Speech & LGBTQ+ Advocacy,” Annual Symposium, William & Mary Journal of Race, Gender, and Social Justice, February 2020
- Presenter, “Wage and Hour Litigation & Enforcement Webinar,” HB Litigation, February 2020
- Author, “Donor Preferences and the Crisis in Public Interest Law,” 57 Santa Clara L. Rev. 43, 2017
- Author, “(No) State Interests in Regulating Gender: How Suppression of Gender Nonconformity Violates Freedom of Speech,” 19 Wm. & Mary J. Women & L. 187, 2013



Ashleigh Musser | Associate

Ashleigh represents consumers and employees in class actions and mass arbitration involving consumer protection and employment law. She litigates complex cases involving misclassification, discrimination, and wage and hour claims brought under state law, including under the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA). She currently represents thousands of gig economy workers in legal actions alleging that they were misclassified as independent contractors and should be entitled to minimum wage, overtime pay, and expense reimbursement under California and other state labor laws. Ashleigh is a proficient Spanish speaker and has experience representing and working with Spanish-speaking clients.

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Ashleigh previously worked at a litigation firm in San Francisco, representing clients in criminal and civil proceedings, with an emphasis in personal injury, real estate, and wrongful death claims. More recently, she counseled and represented plaintiffs in individual and representative labor and employment matters at a boutique law firm in San Francisco. She has extensive experience protecting the rights of employees in cases involving California Labor Code violations, California Family Rights Act violations, and violations of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, which includes representing plaintiffs with sexual harassment, disability and pregnancy discrimination, and retaliation claims.

Ashleigh is a 2014 graduate of Seattle University School of Law, where she served as the treasurer of the Moot Court Board, and as a chair of the International Law Society. During her time in law school, Ashleigh externed at the AIDS Legal Referral Panel of San Francisco, and subsequently volunteered as a licensed lawyer, where she represented clients facing eviction, and researched issues including the impact lump sum payments have on Section 8, the Housing Choice Voucher Program. As a law student, Ashleigh studied abroad at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, focusing on how businesses adversely impact human rights, primarily in African countries. Ashleigh further diversified her legal experience by becoming a licensed to practice intern in Washington State, allowing her to practice law as a law student for the City Prosecutor's Office. In this role, she had to balance defending the City with the rights of the individuals that came before her in court.

Awards & Honors

Rising Star, Northern California Super Lawyers, 2021-2022

Professional Affiliations

California Employment Lawyers Association
San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association

Presentations and Articles

Author, "The Estrada decision on review: What to do with "unmanageable" PAGA claims?"
Daily Journal, July 2022



Zeke Wald | Associate

Zeke is dedicated to representing plaintiffs in class action and complex litigation concerning consumers' and workers' rights, products liability, privacy law, and constitutional law.

Zeke graduated from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law in 2021, where he was an Articles editor for the California Law Review, a research assistant for Professor Sean Farhang's work on complex litigation, and an advocate with the East Bay Community Law Center's Community Economic Justice clinic. Zeke also co-founded the Law and Political Economy society, which focuses on bringing students deeper into critical legal theory, and served as a leader of Berkeley's Gun Violence Prevention Project, an organization that supported the Giffords Law Center and the Brady Center's national, state, and local litigation efforts and policy advocacy on behalf of survivors of gun violence.

Zeke received his undergraduate dual degrees in Economics and Psychology from the University of California, Santa Barbara with highest honors. Prior to law school, Zeke worked for a tech startup dedicated to providing consumers with access to objective, unbiased information about products and services, and as a legal secretary at a family law firm focusing on complex parentage and custody cases and assisted reproduction law.

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Litigation Highlights

In re: 3M Combat Arms Earplug Products Liability Litigation – This multi-district litigation concerns allegations that 3M's dual-ended Combat Arms earplugs were defective and caused servicemembers and civilians to develop hearing loss or tinnitus. Zeke is a member of the team supporting the Law, Briefing, and Legal Drafting Committee.

Presentations and Articles

- Author, "Election Law's Efficiency-Convergence Dilemma," October 2020
- Author, "Driving in the Rearview: Looking Forward by Looking Back," The Law and Political Economy Society at Berkeley Law Blog, March 2020
- Author, "The Efficient Administration of Elections: How Competing Economic Principles Have Overtaken the Law of Democracy," The Law and Political Economy Society at Berkeley Law Blog, November 2019



Tayler Walters | Associate

Tayler Walters works with consumers in class actions to combat unfair business practices by corporations, including investors who have been victimized in financial fraud schemes and people whose personal information has been compromised in large-scale data/privacy breaches. She previously worked in a plaintiff's law firm advocating for consumers in a range of areas, including personal injury, product liability, premises liability, employment law, and elder abuse.

Tayler is a 2020 graduate, *magna cum laude*, of the University of San Francisco School of Law. In law school, she served as a Development Director on the Moot Court Board where she coached her fellow students and competed in the National Appellate Advocacy Competition. Tayler received a Merit Scholarship, earned CALI awards for receiving the highest grade in Professional Responsibility and in Contracts Law, and externed for California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye. Tayler received her undergraduate degree in Political Science and Government from the University of Colorado Boulder in 2017.

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SIGNIFICANT RECOVERIES

Some examples of the cases in which our lawyers played a significant role are described below:

Privacy and Data Breach

In re: Vizio, Inc. Consumer Privacy Litigation, MDL No. 8:16-ml-02963 (C.D. Cal.).

Gibbs Law Group attorneys are co-lead counsel in this multi-district lawsuit alleging that Vizio collected and sold data about consumers' television viewing habits and their digital identities to advertisers without consumers' knowledge or consent. Counsel achieved an important ruling on the application of the Video Privacy Protection Act (VPPA), a 1988 federal privacy law, which had never been extended to television manufacturers. The firm negotiated a settlement providing for class-wide injunctive relief transforming the company's data collection practices, as well as a \$17 million fund to compensate consumers who were affected. In granting preliminary approval, Judge Josephine Staton stated, "I'm glad I appointed all of you as lead counsel, because -- it probably is the best set of papers I've had on preliminary approval." She also noted "[E]very class member will benefit from the injunctive relief." On July 31, 2019, the Court granted final approval of the settlement.

In re: Lenovo Adware Litig., No. 4:15-md-02624 (N.D. Cal.) Gibbs Law Group attorneys

represented consumers in a nationwide class action lawsuit alleging that Lenovo preinstalled software on laptops that caused performance, privacy and security issues for consumers. On April 24, 2019, the Court granted final approval to a \$8.3 million class action settlement.

In re Equifax, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litig., MDL No. 2800, No. 1:17-md-2800

(N.D. Ga.) Gibbs Law Group attorneys serve on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in this nationwide class action stemming from a 2017 data breach that exposed social security numbers, birth dates, addresses, and in some cases, credit card numbers of more than 147 million consumers. On January 13, 2020, the Court granted final approval to a settlement valued at \$1.5 billion. Gibbs Law Group attorneys played an integral role in negotiating key business practice changes, including overhauling Equifax's handling of consumers' personal information and data security.

In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litig., MDL No. 2617, No. 15-md-02617 (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs

Law Group attorneys serve as part of the four-firm leadership team in this nationwide class action stemming from the largest healthcare data breach in history affecting approximately 80 million people. On August 15, 2018, the Court granted final approval to a \$115 million cash settlement.

In re Adobe Systems Inc. Privacy Litig., No. 13-cv-05226 (N.D. Cal.). In this nationwide class

action stemming from a 2013 data breach, attorneys from Gibbs Law Group served as lead counsel on behalf of the millions of potentially affected consumers. Counsel achieved a landmark ruling on Article III standing (which has since been relied upon by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and other courts) and then went on to negotiate a settlement requiring Adobe to provide enhanced security relief—including the implementation and maintenance of enhanced intrusion detection, network segmentation, and encryption.

Whitaker v. Health Net of Cal., Inc., et al., No. 11-cv-00910 (E.D. Cal.); *Shurtleff v. Health*

Net of Cal., Inc., No. 34-2012-00121600 (Cal. Super Ct. Sacramento Cty). Gibbs Law Group attorneys served as co-lead counsel in this patient privacy case. On June 24, 2014, the court granted final approval of a settlement that provided class members with credit monitoring, established a \$2 million fund to reimburse consumers for related identity theft incidents, and instituted material upgrades to and monitoring of Health Net's information security protocols.

Smith v. Regents of the University of California, San Francisco, No. RG-08-410004 (Cal. Super Ct. Alameda Cty). Gibbs Law Group attorneys represented a patient who alleged that UCSF’s disclosure of its patients’ medical data to outside vendors violated California medical privacy law. The firm succeeded in negotiating improvements to UCSF’s privacy procedures on behalf of a certified class of patients of the UCSF medical center. In approving the stipulated permanent injunction, Judge Stephen Brick found that “plaintiff Smith has achieved a substantial benefit to the entire class and the public at large.”

Deceptive Marketing

Hyundai and Kia Fuel Economy Litigation, No. 2:13-md-2424 (C.D. Cal.). In a lawsuit alleging false advertising of vehicle fuel efficiency, the court appointed Eric Gibbs as liaison counsel. Mr. Gibbs regularly reported to the Court, coordinated a wide-ranging discovery process, and advanced the view of plaintiffs seeking relief under the laws of over twenty states. Ultimately Mr. Gibbs helped negotiate a revised nationwide class action settlement with an estimated value of up to \$210 million. The Honorable George H. Wu wrote that Mr. Gibbs had “efficiently managed the requests from well over 20 different law firms and effectively represented the interests of Non-Settling Plaintiffs throughout this litigation. This included actively participating in revisions to the proposed settlement in a manner that addressed many weaknesses in the original proposed settlement.”

In Re Mercedes-Benz Tele Aid Contract Litigation, MDL No. 1914, No. 07-cv-02720 (D.N.J.). Gibbs Law Group attorneys and co-counsel served as co-lead class counsel on behalf of consumers who were not told their vehicles’ navigation systems were on the verge of becoming obsolete. Counsel successfully certified a nationwide litigation class, before negotiating a settlement valued between approximately \$25 million and \$50 million. In approving the settlement, the court acknowledged that the case “involved years of difficult and hard-fought litigation by able counsel on both sides” and that “the attorneys who handled the case were particularly skilled by virtue of their ability and experience.”

In re Providian Credit Card Cases, JCCP No. 4085 (Cal. Super. Ct. San Francisco Cty). Mr. Gibbs played a prominent role in this nationwide class action suit brought on behalf of Providian credit card holders. The lawsuit alleged that Providian engaged in unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices in connection with the marketing and fee assessments for its credit cards. The Honorable Stuart Pollack approved a \$105 million settlement, plus injunctive relief—one of the largest class action recoveries in the United States arising out of consumer credit card litigation.

In re Hyundai and Kia Horsepower Litigation, No. 02CC00287 (Cal. Super. Ct. Orange Cty). In a class action on behalf of U.S. Hyundai and Kia owners and lessees, contending that Hyundai advertised false horsepower ratings in the United States, attorneys from Gibbs Law Group negotiated a class action settlement valued at between \$75 million and \$125 million which provided owners nationwide with cash payments and dealer credits.

Skold v. Intel Corp., No. 1-05-cv-039231 (Cal. Super. Ct. Santa Clara Cty.). Gibbs Law Group attorneys represented Intel consumers through a decade of hard-fought litigation, ultimately certifying a nationwide class under an innovative “price inflation” theory and negotiating a settlement that provided refunds and \$4 million in cy pres donations. In approving the settlement, Judge Peter Kirwan wrote: “It is abundantly clear that Class Counsel invested an incredible amount of time and costs in a case which lasted approximately 10 years with no guarantee that they would prevail.... Simply put, Class Counsel earned their fees in this case.”

Steff v. United Online, Inc., No. BC265953 (Cal. Super. Ct. Los Angeles Cty.). Mr. Gibbs served as lead counsel in this nationwide class action suit brought against NetZero, Inc. and its parent, United Online, Inc., by former NetZero customers. Plaintiffs alleged that defendants falsely advertised their internet service as unlimited and guaranteed for a specific period of time. The Honorable Victoria G. Chaney of the Los Angeles Superior Court granted final approval of a settlement that provided full refunds to customers whose services were cancelled and which placed restrictions on Defendants' advertising.

Khaliki v. Helzberg's Diamond Shops, Inc., No. 11-cv-00010 (W.D. Mo.). Gibbs Law Group attorneys and co-counsel represented consumers who alleged deceptive marketing in connection with the sale of princess-cut diamonds. The firms achieved a positive settlement, which the court approved, recognizing "that Class Counsel provided excellent representation" and achieved "a favorable result relatively early in the case, which benefits the Class while preserving judicial resources." The court went on to recognize that "Class Counsel faced considerable risk in pursuing this litigation on a contingent basis, and obtained a favorable result for the class given the legal and factual complexities and challenges presented."

Defective Products

In re Pacific Fertility Center Litigation, Case No. 3:18-cv-01586 (N.D. Cal). Gibbs Law Group attorneys served as co-lead trial counsel in a three-week trial on behalf of several patients who tragically lost eggs and embryos in a catastrophic cryo-preservation tank failure at San Francisco's Pacific Fertility Center in 2018. The jury found cryogenic tank manufacturer, Chart Inc., liable on all claims, determining that the tank contained manufacturing and design defects, and that Chart had negligently failed to recall or retrofit the tank's controller, despite having known for years that the controller model was prone to malfunction. For each claim, the jury found that the deficiency was a substantial factor in causing harm to the plaintiffs, and awarded \$14.975 million in aggregate damages. This was the first trial in the consolidated litigation, and five additional trials against Chart are scheduled for 2022 and 2023.

In re: American Honda Motor Co., Inc., CR-V Vibration Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation, No. 2:15-md-02661 (S.D. Ohio) Gibbs Law Group attorneys served as co-lead counsel in this multidistrict litigation on behalf of Honda CR-V owners who complained that their vehicles were vibrating excessively. After several lawsuits had been filed, Honda began issuing repair bulletins, setting forth repairs to address the vibration. Honda did not publicize the repairs well and as a result, Plaintiffs' alleged many CR-V owners and lessees—including those who had previously been told that repairs were unavailable—continued to experience the vibration. In early 2018, the parties negotiated a comprehensive settlement to resolve the multidistrict litigation on a class-wide basis. The settlement ensured that all affected vehicle owners were made aware of the free warranty repairs, including requiring Honda to proactively reach out to CR-V owners and dealers in several ways to publicize the repair options available.

In re General Motors Cases, No. JCCP 4396 (Cal. Super. Ct. L.A. Cty) - certified California state court class action against General Motors alleging violations of California's "Secret Warranty" law, California Civil Code § 1794.90 et seq.

Glenn v. Hyundai Motor America, Case No. 8:15-cv-02052 (C.D. Cal.). Gibbs Law Group attorneys represented drivers from six states who alleged their vehicles came with defective sunroofs that could shatter without warning. The case persisted through several years of fiercely contested litigation before resolving for a package of class-wide benefits conservatively valued at over \$30 million. In approving the settlement, U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter praised the resolution: "[T]his is an extraordinarily complex case and an extraordinarily creative solution.

Amborn et al. v. Behr Process Corp., No. 17-cv-4464 (N.D. Ill.) Gibbs Law Group served as co-lead counsel in this coordinated lawsuit against Behr and Home Depot alleging that Behr's DeckOver deck resurfacing product is prone to peeling, chipping, bubbling, and degrading soon after application. The team negotiated a class-wide settlement, which provided class members who submitted claims with 1) a refund for their purchase; and 2) substantial compensation for money spent removing DeckOver or repairing their deck. The settlement was granted final approval on December 19, 2018.

In re Hyundai Sonata Engine Litigation, Case No. 5:15-cv-01685 (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Law Group attorneys served as court-appointed co-lead class counsel on behalf of plaintiffs who alleged their 2011-2014 Hyundai Sonatas suffered premature and catastrophic engine failures due to defective rotating assemblies. We negotiated a comprehensive settlement providing for nationwide recalls, warranty extensions, repair reimbursements, and compensation for class members who had already traded-in or sold their vehicles at a loss. The average payment to class members exceeded \$3,000.

Sugarman v. Ducati North America, Inc., No. 10-cv-05246 (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Law Group attorneys served as class counsel on behalf of Ducati motorcycle owners whose fuel tanks on their motorcycles degraded and deformed due to incompatibility with the motorcycles' fuel. In January 2012, the Court approved a settlement that provided an extended warranty and repairs, writing, "The Court recognizes that class counsel assumed substantial risks and burdens in this litigation. Representation was professional and competent; in the Court's opinion, counsel obtained an excellent result for the class."

Parkinson v. Hyundai Motor America, No. 06-cv-00345 (C.D. Cal.). Gibbs Law Group attorneys served as class counsel in this class action featuring allegations that the flywheel and clutch system in certain Hyundai vehicles was defective. After achieving nationwide class certification, our lawyers negotiated a settlement that provided for reimbursements to class members for their repairs, depending on their vehicle's mileage at time of repair, from 50% to 100% reimbursement. The settlement also provided full reimbursement for rental vehicle expenses for class members who rented a vehicle while flywheel or clutch repairs were being performed. After the settlement was approved, the court wrote, "Perhaps the best barometer of ... the benefit obtained for the class ... is the perception of class members themselves. Counsel submitted dozens of letters from class members sharing their joy, appreciation, and relief that someone finally did something to help them."

Browne v. Am. Honda Motor Co., Inc., No. 09-cv-06750 (C.D. Cal.). Gibbs Law Group attorneys and co-counsel represented plaintiffs who alleged that about 750,000 Honda Accord and Acura TSX vehicles were sold with brake pads that wore out prematurely. We negotiated a settlement in which improved brake pads were made available and class members who had them installed could be reimbursed. The settlement received final court approval in July 2010 and provided an estimated value of \$25 million.

In Re General Motors Dex-Cool Cases., No. HG03093843 (Cal. Super Ct. Alameda Cty). Gibbs Law Group attorneys served as co-lead counsel in these class action lawsuits filed throughout the country, where plaintiffs alleged that General Motors' Dex-Cool engine coolant damaged certain vehicles' engines, and that in other vehicles, Dex-Cool formed a rusty sludge that caused vehicles to overheat. After consumer classes were certified in both Missouri and California, General Motors agreed to cash payments to class members nationwide. On October 27, 2008, the California court granted final approval to the settlement.

In re iPod Cases, JCCP No. 4355 (Cal. Super. Ct. San Mateo Cty). Mr. Gibbs, as court appointed co-lead counsel, negotiated a settlement that provided warranty extensions, battery replacements, cash payments, and store credits for class members who experienced battery failure. In approving the settlement, the Hon. Beth L. Freeman said that the class was represented by "extremely well qualified" counsel who negotiated a "significant and substantial benefit" for the class members.

Roy v. Hyundai Motor America, No. 05-cv-00483 (C.D. Cal.). Gibbs Law Group attorneys served as co-lead counsel in this nationwide class action suit brought on behalf of Hyundai Elantra owners and lessees, alleging that an air bag system in vehicles was defective. Our attorneys helped negotiate a settlement whereby Hyundai agreed to repair the air bag systems, provide reimbursement for transportation expenses, and administer an alternative dispute resolution program for trade-ins and buy-backs. In approving the settlement, the Honorable Alicemarie H. Stotler presiding, described the settlement as “pragmatic” and a “win-win” for all involved.

Velasco v. Chrysler Group LLC (n/k/a FCA US LLC), No. 2:13-cv-08080 (C.D. Cal.). In this class action, consumers alleged they were sold and leased vehicles with defective power control modules that caused vehicle stalling. Gibbs Law Group attorneys and their co-counsel defeated the majority of Chrysler’s motion to dismiss and engaged in extensive deposition and document discovery. In 2015, the parties reached a settlement contingent on Chrysler initiating a recall of hundreds of thousands of vehicles, reimbursing owners for past repairs, and extending its warranty for the repairs conducted through the recall. When he granted final settlement approval, the Honorable Dean D. Pregerson acknowledged that the case had been “hard fought” and “well-litigated by both sides.”

Edwards v. Ford Motor Co., No. 11-cv-1058 (S.D. Cal.). This lawsuit alleged that Ford sold vehicles despite a known safety defect that caused them to surge into intersections, through crosswalks, and up on to curbs. The litigation twice went to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, with plaintiff prevailing in both instances. In the first instance, the appellate court reversed the trial court’s denial of class certification. In the second, the Ninth Circuit affirmed the ruling below that plaintiff’s efforts had generated free repairs, reimbursements, and extended warranties for the class.

Sanborn, et al. v. Nissan North America, Inc., No. 00:14-cv-62567 (S.D. Fla.). Gibbs Law Group litigated this action against a vigorous defense for two years, seeking relief for Nissan Altima owners whose dashboards were melting into a sticky, shiny, gooey surface that they alleged caused a substantial and dangerous glare. After largely prevailing on a motion to dismiss, Gibbs Law Group attorneys and their co-counsel prepared the case to the brink of trial, reaching a settlement just ten days before the scheduled trial start. The settlement allowed class members to obtain steeply discounted dashboard replacements and reimbursement toward prior replacement costs.

Bacca v. BMW of N. Am., No. 2:06-cv-6753 (C.D. Cal.) In a class action alleging that BMW vehicles suffered from defective sub-frames, we negotiated a settlement with BMW in which class members nationwide received full reimbursement for prior sub-frame repair costs as well as free nationwide inspections and program.

Antitrust and Unfair Business Practices

In re: Wells Fargo Collateral Protection Insurance Litigation, MDL Case No.: 8:17-ML-2797 (C.D. Cal.). Eric Gibbs and Michael Schrag were appointed to the three-firm Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee in this multi-district litigation on behalf of consumers who took out car loans from Wells Fargo and were charged for auto insurance they did not need. The parties announced a proposed settlement of at least \$393.5 million for affected consumers and the Court granted final approval in November 2019.

In re Currency Conversion Fee Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 1409 (S.D.N.Y.); *Schwartz v. Visa, et. al.*, No. 822404-4 (Cal. Super. Ct., Alameda Cty). Mr. Schrag helped initiate and prosecute several class actions against Visa, MasterCard, and other major U.S. banks, such as Chase and Bank of America, for failing to disclose their price fixing of currency conversion fees charged to cardholders. After prevailing at trial in *Schwartz v. Visa, et. al.*, plaintiffs were successful in obtaining a \$336 million global settlement for the class.

In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation, MDL 1827 (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Law Group attorneys were among the team serving as liaison counsel in this multi-district antitrust litigation against numerous TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) manufacturers alleging a conspiracy to fix prices, which has achieved settlements of more than \$400 million to date.

In re Natural Gas Antitrust Cases I, II, III and IV, JCCP No. 4221 (Cal. Super. Ct. San Diego Cty). Gibbs Law Group attorneys served in a leadership capacity in this coordinated antitrust litigation against numerous natural gas companies for manipulating the California natural gas market, which has achieved settlements of nearly \$160 million.

Beaver v. Tarsadia Hotels, No. 11-cv-1842 (S.D. Cal.); Gibbs Law Group attorneys served as co-lead counsel representing buyers of San Diego Hard Rock Hotel condominium units in this class action lawsuit against real estate developers concerning unfair competition claims. The lawsuit settled for \$51.15 million.

LLE One, LLC et al. v. Facebook, Inc., No. 4:16-cv-6232 (N.D. Cal.); Gibbs Law Group attorneys represent small businesses and other advertisers in a class action lawsuit alleging that Facebook overstated its metrics for the average time spent watching video ads on its platform. The Court granted final approval to a \$40 million class action settlement on June 26, 2020.

Hernandez v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., No. 3:18-cv-07354 (N.D. Cal.); Gibbs Law Group attorneys serve as court-appointed co-lead counsel representing a certified class of more than 1,200 home mortgage borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure after Wells Fargo erroneously denied them trial mortgage modifications. The case settled in two phases for a total of \$40.3 million. Class members have received significant compensation payments of up to \$120,000.

Ammari Electronics, et al. v. Pacific Bell Directory, No. RG05198014 (Cal. Super. Ct. Alameda Cty). Mr. Schrag obtained a \$27 million judgment against an AT&T subsidiary after a jury trial and two successful appeals in this breach of contract class action on behalf of thousands of California businesses that advertised in Pacific Bell yellow pages directories. The National Law Journal featured this win in its “Top 100 Verdicts of 2009.”

In re LookSmart Litigation, No. 02-407778 (Cal. Super. Ct. San Francisco Cty). This nationwide class action suit was brought against LookSmart, Ltd. on behalf of LookSmart’s customers who paid an advertised “one time payment” to have their web sites listed in LookSmart’s directory, only to be later charged additional payments to continue service. Plaintiffs’ claims included breach of contract and violation of California’s consumer protection laws. On October 31, 2003, the Honorable Ronald M. Quidachay granted final approval of a nationwide class action settlement providing cash and benefits valued at approximately \$20 million.

Lehman v. Blue Shield of California, No. CGC-03-419349 (Cal. Super. Ct. S.F. Cty.). In this class action lawsuit alleging that Blue Shield engaged in unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices when it modified the risk tier structure of its individual and family health care plans, Gibbs Law Group attorneys helped negotiate a \$6.5 million settlement on behalf of former and current Blue Shield subscribers residing in California. The Honorable James L. Warren granted final approval of the settlement in March 2006.

Wixon v. Wyndham Resort Development Corp., No. 07-cv-02361 (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Law Group attorneys served as class and derivative counsel in this litigation brought against a timeshare developer and the directors of a timeshare corporation for violations of California state law. Plaintiffs alleged that the defendants violated their fiduciary duties as directors by taking actions for the financial benefit of the timeshare developer to the detriment of the owners of timeshare interests. On September 14, 2010, Judge White granted approval of a settlement of the plaintiffs' derivative claims.

Berrien, et al. v. New Raintree Resorts, LLC, et al., No. 10-cv-03125 (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Law Group attorneys filed this class action on behalf of timeshare owners, challenging the imposition of unauthorized special assessment fees. On November 15, 2011, the parties reached a proposed settlement of the claims asserted by the plaintiffs on behalf of all class members who were charged the special assessment. On March 13, 2012, the Court issued its Final Class Action Settlement Approval Order and Judgment, approving the proposed settlement.

Benedict, et al. v. Diamond Resorts Corporation, et al., No. 12-cv-00183 (D. Hawaii). In this class action on behalf of timeshare owners, Gibbs Law Group attorneys represented plaintiffs challenging the imposition of an unauthorized special assessment fee. On November 6, 2012, the parties reached a proposed settlement of the claims asserted by the plaintiffs on behalf of all class members who were charged the special assessment. On June 6, 2013, the Court approved the settlement.

Allen Lund Co., Inc. v. AT&T Corp., No. 98-cv-1500 (C.D. Cal.). This class action lawsuit was brought on behalf of small businesses whose long-distance service was switched to Business Discount Plan, Inc. Gibbs Law Group attorneys served as class counsel and helped negotiate a settlement that provided full cash refunds and free long-distance telephone service.

Mackouse v. The Good Guys - California, Inc., No. 2002-049656 (Cal. Super Ct. Alameda Cty). This nationwide class action lawsuit was brought against The Good Guys and its affiliates alleging violations of the Song-Beverly Warranty Act and other California consumer statutes. The Plaintiff alleged that The Good Guys failed to honor its service contracts, which were offered for sale to customers and designed to protect a customer's purchase after the manufacturer's warranty expired. In May 9, 2003, the Honorable Ronald M. Sabraw granted final approval of a settlement that provides cash refunds or services at the customer's election.

Mitchell v. Acosta Sales, LLC, No. 11-cv-01796 (C.D. Cal. 2011). Gibbs Law Group attorneys and co-counsel served as class counsel representing Acosta employees who alleged that they were required to work off-the-clock and were not reimbursed for required employment expenses. We helped negotiate a \$9.9 million settlement for merchandiser employees who were not paid for all the hours they worked. The Court granted final approval of the settlement in September 2013.

Rubaker v. Spansion, LLC, No. 09-cv-00842 (N.D. Cal. 2009). Gibbs Law Group attorneys and co-counsel filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of former Spansion employees that alleged that the company had failed to provide terminated employees from California and Texas with advance notice of the layoff, as required by the Workers Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN Act). The bankruptcy court approved the class action settlement we and co-counsel negotiated in 2010. The settlement was valued at \$8.6 million and resulted in cash payments to the former employees.

Securities and Financial Fraud

Deora v. NantHealth, No. 2:17-cv-1825 (C.D. Cal.) – Gibbs Law Group serves as Co-lead Counsel for certified classes of investors in litigation alleging violations of federal securities laws related to the healthcare technology company's statements in connections with its initial public offering in 2016 and afterward. In September 2020, the Court granted final approval to a \$16.5 million class action settlement.

Roth v. Aon Corp., No. 04-cv-06835 (N.D. Ill.). This securities fraud class action alleged that Aon Corporation and its key executives made misstatements and failed to disclose important information to investors about Aon's role in and reliance on contingent commission kickbacks and steering arrangements with insurers. Mr. Schrag helped prosecute this securities fraud class action against Aon Corporation which resulted in a \$30 million settlement for the plaintiff class.

In re Peregrine Financial Group Customer Litigation, No. 12-cv-5546 (N.D. Ill.). Mr. Stein was among the attorneys serving as co-lead counsel for futures and commodities investors who lost millions of dollars in the collapse of Peregrine Financial Group, Inc. Through several years of litigation, counsel helped deliver settlements worth more than \$75 million from U.S. Bank, N.A., and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

In re Chase Bank USA, N.A. "Check Loan" Contract Litigation, No. 09-2032 (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Law Group attorneys and counsel from several firms led this nationwide class action lawsuit alleging deceptive marketing and loan practices by Chase Bank USA, N.A. After a nationwide class was certified, U.S. District Court Judge Maxine M. Chesney granted final approval of a \$100 million settlement on behalf of Chase cardholders.

Mitchell v. American Fair Credit Association, No. 785811-2 (Cal. Super. Ct. Alameda Cty); *Mitchell v. Bankfirst, N.A.*, No. 97-cv-01421 (N.D. Cal.). This class action lawsuit was brought on behalf of California members of the American Fair Credit Association (AFCA). Plaintiffs alleged that AFCA operated an illegal credit repair scheme. The Honorable James Richman certified the class and appointed the firm as class counsel. In February 2003, Judge Ronald Sabraw of the Alameda County Superior Court and Judge Maxine Chesney of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California granted final approval of settlements valued at over \$40 million.

Mass Tort

In re Actos Pioglitazone-Products Liability Litigation, No. 6:11-md-2299 (W.D. La.). Gibbs Law Group partners represented individuals who were diagnosed with bladder cancer after taking the oral diabetic drug Actos. The federal litigation resulted in a \$2.37 billion settlement.

In re Yasmin and Yaz (Drospirenone) Marketing, Sales, Practices and Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2385, No. 3:09-md-02100 (S.D. Ill.). Gibbs Law Group attorneys represented women throughout the country who suffered serious side effects after taking Yaz, Yasmin and Ocella birth control. The federal litigation resulted in settlements worth approximately \$1.6 billion.

In re Pradaxa (Dabigatran Etexilate) Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2385, No. 3:12-md-02385 (S.D. Ill.), Gibbs Law Group attorneys represented patients who suffered irreversible internal bleeding after taking Pradaxa blood thinners. Lawsuit resolved for settlements of approximately \$650 million.

In re: Sulzer Hip Prosthesis And Knew Prosthesis Liability Litigation, MDL No. 1401 (N.D. Ohio); Cal. JCCP No. 4165 (Cal. Super. Court, Alameda Cty). Mr. Schrag helped recover over \$10 million on behalf of his clients in this multidistrict litigation.

Sexual Assault Litigation

A.B. v. Regents of the University of California No. 2:20-cv-9555 (C.D. Cal.) – Gibbs Law Group represents former patients of UCLA OB-GYN Dr. James Heaps in a class action lawsuit alleging assault, abuse and harassment violations, and accusing UCLA of failing to protect patients after first becoming aware of the doctor’s misconduct. In November 2020, the parties announced a settlement, which will provide \$73 million in compensation to former patients of Dr. Heaps, as well as requiring a series of business practice reforms by UCLA for better handling of sexual assault investigations and practices going forward. Settlement approval is pending.

Government Reform

Paeste v. Government of Guam, No. 11-cv-0008 (D. Guam); Gibbs Law Group attorneys and co-counsel served as Class Counsel in litigation alleging the Government of Guam had a longstanding practice of delaying tax refunds for years on end, with the Government owing over \$200 million in past due refunds. After certifying a litigation class, Plaintiffs prevailed on both of their claims at the summary judgment stage, obtaining a permanent injunction that reformed the government’s administration of tax refunds. The judgment and injunction were upheld on appeal in a published decision by the Ninth Circuit. *Paeste v. Gov’t of Guam*, 798 F.3d 1228 (9th Cir. 2015).

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**IN RE: GE/CBPS DATA BREACH
LITIGATION**

Case No. 1:20-cv-02903-KPF

DECLARATION OF GERALD THOMPSON

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I, Gerald W. Thompson, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare as follows:

1. My name is Gerald W. Thompson. I am over the age of 21 years and competent to testify in matters set forth in this declaration. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
2. I am the current Executive Vice President at Pango Group, a division of Aura Group & Intersections LLC, a technology company dedicated to simplifying digital security for consumers. Our company has protected more than 47 million U.S. citizens and 2 million families since our founding in 1995.
3. Aura is an A+ Better Business Bureau accredited company with a 4.5 rating on the App store, 4.7 on Trustpilot and is rated the #1 Identity Theft Solution on Security.org.
4. As part of this settlement agreement, Pango will provide our Financial Shield Service to those who enroll for a period of 18 months even if the Settlement Class Member is not seeking reimbursement for Out-of-pocket-Expenses or Attested Time. This benefit will be provided when a Settlement Class Member accesses the Settlement Website as a link with a redeemable code to be used directly with Pango's Financial Shield Financial Service.
5. Financial Shield protects consumers from financial fraud and identity theft. Those Settlement Class Members who enroll in Financial Shield will receive protection and assistance in the event of fraud and identity theft regardless of the source.
6. Financial Shield offers monitoring and protection services not present in typical credit monitoring or identity theft services, including the following:

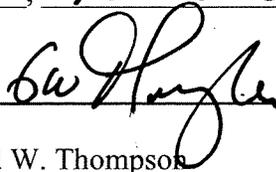
- **Transaction Monitoring** of all registered financial accounts including spending, deposits, withdrawals, transfers, and transfer requests.
- **Bank & Financial Account Monitoring** around any changes requested like new username and password, new signatory added or deleted, change of address of principal signatory, wire transfer requests to third parties, new accounts being set up using the persons SSN and DOB.
- **Home Title & Property Title Monitoring** to ensure that most family's largest asset is not hijacked and resold or mortgaged by a criminal third party.
- **Security Freeze Capability** to let consumers take control of their credit data not only at the 3 major credit bureaus but also at 7 other bureaus that can act as an early warning for a fraud event.
- **Monthly Spending Graphs** that provide detailed views of all spending and highlight any changes from month to month.
- **Dark Web Monitoring** on 17 different data points that will allow the service to give our members early warning that their PII is in play in the criminal arena.
- **Authentication Alerts** are sent to our members when their SSN is used as part of an Identity Verification Event.
- **Fictitious Identity Monitoring** alerts that notify our members when their SSN is used in association with someone else's name.
- **High Risk Transaction Monitoring** that looks for our members PII that is included in transactions like Payday Loans, new credit account openings, and the like to verify that these are legitimate events.

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- **Identity and Financial Fraud restoration services** from the longest tenured and most experienced customer support team in our industry.
 - **\$1 million in Insurance provided by AIG** to replace any funds lost via fraud or identity theft and the reimbursement of any personal expenses including professional fees, lost wages, postage and messenger services, and much more.
7. Individuals can feel secure signing up for Pango's Financial Shield Service as all PII provided to Pango for the purposes of enrolling in the service is secured with 254-AES (Advanced Encryption Standard), the same encryption technology generally used by major banks and the US Military.
8. Settlement Class members may enroll in Financial Shield at any time during the coverage period and obtain the benefits and protection associated with Financial Shield for the remainder of the coverage period.
9. Financial Shield is sold to consumers for a range of \$8 - \$10 per month per subscriber. Using the lower amount, the value of providing Financial Shield to the 10,293 individuals who were sent the class notice is \$1,482,192.00.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 3, 2022 in SPANIA, New Jersey.



Gerald W. Thompson