

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

IN RE NII HOLDINGS INC.
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Civ. No. 1:14-cv-00227-LMB-JFA

**EXHIBITS 8-12 IN SUPPORT OF THE JOINT DECLARATION OF
GREGORY M. CASTALDO, JOEL H. BERNSTEIN, AND SUSAN R. PODOLSKY
IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT, PLAN OF
ALLOCATION, AND AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES**

Exhibit 8

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**DECLARATION OF JOEL H. BERNSTEIN ON BEHALF OF
LABATON SUCHAROW LLP IN SUPPORT OF
CLASS COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND PAYMENT OF EXPENSES**

JOEL H. BERNSTEIN, ESQ., declares as follows, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am a member of the law firm of Labaton Sucharow LLP ("Labaton Sucharow").

I submit this declaration in support of Class Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and payment of litigation expenses on behalf of all Plaintiffs' counsel who contributed to the prosecution of the claims in the above-captioned action (the "Action") from inception through July 8, 2016 (the "Time Period").

2. My firm is one of two firms that were appointed by the Court to be counsel for the certified Class and I am counsel of record for Class Representatives Pension Trust Fund for Operating Engineers Pension Plan and IBEW Local No. 58 / SMC NECA Funds. I was the senior partner overseeing the prosecution of the Action on behalf of Labaton Sucharow. My firm was involved in all aspects of that work, as set forth in detail in the Joint Declaration of Gregory M. Castaldo, Joel H. Bernstein and Susan R. Podolsky in Support of Proposed Class Action Settlement, Plan of Allocation and Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, filed herewith.

3. The schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A is a summary indicating the amount of time spent by each attorney and professional support staff-member of my firm who was involved

in the prosecution of the Action, and the lodestar calculation based on my firm's current billing rates. For personnel who are no longer employed by my firm, the lodestar calculation is based upon the billing rates for such personnel in his or her final year of employment by my firm. The schedule was prepared from contemporaneous daily time records regularly prepared and maintained by my firm, which are available at the request of the Court. Time expended in preparing this application for fees and payment of expenses has not been included in this request.

4. The hourly rates for the attorneys and professional support staff in my firm included in Exhibit A are the same as my firm's regular rates charged for their services, which have been accepted in other securities or shareholder litigations.

5. The total number of hours expended on this litigation by my firm during the Time Period is 16,731.3 hours. The total lodestar for my firm for those hours is \$8,593,341.00.

6. My firm's lodestar figures are based upon the firm's billing rates, which rates do not include charges for expenses items. Expense items are billed separately and such charges are not duplicated in my firm's billing rates.

7. As detailed in Exhibit B, my firm has incurred a total of \$968,644.47 in expenses in connection with the prosecution of the Action. The expenses are reflected on the books and records of my firm. These books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records and other source materials and are an accurate record of the expenses incurred. The reported expenses comply with Labaton Sucharow's policies concerning, among other things, travel expenses (*e.g.*, no first-class airfare, reasonable meal reimbursement and lodging), working meal reimbursement, and local transportation. In addition, internal reproduction costs have been capped at \$0.10 per page.

8. My firm was also responsible for maintaining a joint litigation fund on behalf of Plaintiffs' Counsel (the "Litigation Expense Fund") in order to monitor the major expenses incurred in the Action and to facilitate their payment. The expenses incurred by the Litigation Expense Fund are reported in Exhibit C, attached hereto. The Litigation Expense Fund has received contributions (*i.e.*, deposits) totaling \$663,675.00 from Plaintiffs' Counsel and has incurred a total of \$1,201,271.25 in expenses in connection with the prosecution of the Action. Accordingly, there is an unpaid and outstanding balance of \$537,596.25, which has been added to my firm's expense report so that, upon Court approval, these expenses can be paid.

9. As explained in the Declaration of Susan R. Podolsky on Behalf of The Law Office of Susan R. Podolsky in Support of Class Counsel's Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Payment of Expenses, dated August 3, 2016, the Litigation Expense Fund has paid the expenses incurred by Ms. Podolsky. These expenses are also reported in Exhibit C and they related to: court fees; court reporting; transportation; working meals; lodging; postage; delivery services; and litigation support.

10. The expenditures from the Litigation Expense Fund are separately reflected on the books and records of my firm. These books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records and other source materials and are an accurate record of the expenses incurred.

11. With respect to the standing of my firm, attached hereto as Exhibit D is a brief biography of my firm as well as biographies of the firm's partners, senior counsel and of counsels.

August 10, 2016. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on

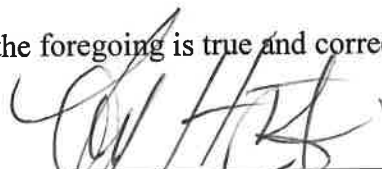

JOEL H. BERNSTEIN

Exhibit A

EXHIBIT A***IN RE NII HOLDINGS, INC. SEC. LITIG.***
Civ. No. 1:14-cv-00227-LMB-JFA (E.D. Va.)**LODESTAR REPORT****FIRM: LABATON SUCHAROW LLP****REPORTING PERIOD: INCEPTION THROUGH JULY 8, 2016**

Professional	Status	Hourly Rate	Cumulative Hours	Cumulative Lodestar
Bernstein, J.	P	\$985	246.5	\$242,802.50
Keller, C.	P	\$950	393.5	\$373,825.00
Arisohn, M.	P	\$950	338.5	\$321,575.00
Alex, M.	P	\$950	208.1	\$197,695.00
Schochet, I.	P	\$950	56.7	\$53,865.00
Stocker, M.	P	\$875	189.4	\$165,725.00
Belfi, E.	P	\$875	179.9	\$157,412.50
Zeiss, N.	P	\$850	181.2	\$154,020.00
Hallowell, S.	P	\$800	1,355.2	\$1,084,160.00
Fonti, J.	P	\$800	183.7	\$146,960.00
Tountas, S.	P	\$775	120.9	\$93,697.50
Wierzbowski, E.	A	\$725	165.5	\$119,987.50
Erroll, D.	A	\$675	236.0	\$159,300.00
Avan, R.	A	\$600	219.0	\$131,400.00
Ryan, K.	A	\$525	180.1	\$94,552.50
Alexander, J.	A	\$510	104.6	\$53,346.00
Hrutkay, M.	A	\$500	1,236.0	\$618,000.00
Gottlieb, E.	A	\$440	1,314.7	\$578,468.00
Hane, C.	A	\$390	255.0	\$99,450.00
George, L.	SA	\$435	433.2	\$188,442.00
Ladson, E.	SA	\$435	402.0	\$174,870.00
Fouchong, D.	SA	\$425	430.8	\$183,090.00
Uwa, I.	SA	\$410	793.0	\$325,130.00
Greene, T.	SA	\$410	564.9	\$231,609.00
Rubenstein, L.	SA	\$410	544.6	\$223,286.00
Watson, J.	SA	\$410	468.8	\$192,208.00
Hirsh, J.	SA	\$410	428.0	\$175,480.00
Green, M.	SA	\$410	423.6	\$173,676.00
Grief, P.	SA	\$410	328.2	\$134,562.00
Kanayeva, N.	SA	\$410	297.2	\$121,852.00

Professional	Status	Hourly Rate	Cumulative Hours	Cumulative Lodestar
Davis, O.	SA	\$390	598.5	\$233,415.00
Gianturco, D.	SA	\$360	514.6	\$185,256.00
Manning, N.	SA	\$360	482.5	\$173,700.00
Parisi, S.	SA	\$335	566.3	\$189,710.50
Vaidya, A.	SA	\$335	485.4	\$162,609.00
Gillespie, A.	SA	\$335	67.4	\$22,579.00
Schervish, W.	LA	\$550	110.8	\$60,940.00
Capuozzo, C.	RA	\$325	66.8	\$21,710.00
Ahn, E.	RA	\$325	40.6	\$13,195.00
Chan, V.	RA	\$325	25.5	\$8,287.50
Smith, T.	RA	\$305	50.9	\$15,524.50
Losoya, J.	RA	\$300	29.4	\$8,820.00
Pontrelli, J.	I	\$495	358.4	\$177,408.00
Crowley, M.	I	\$435	111.4	\$48,459.00
Polk, T.	I	\$430	34.7	\$14,921.00
Wroblewski, R.	I	\$425	118.0	\$50,150.00
Viczian, R.	PL	\$325	245.2	\$79,690.00
Auer, S.	PL	\$325	124.1	\$40,332.50
Mundo, S.	PL	\$325	91.1	\$29,607.50
Rogers, D.	PL	\$325	54.6	\$17,745.00
Boria, C.	PL	\$325	34.2	\$11,115.00
Russo, M.	PL	\$300	114.1	\$34,230.00
Farber, E.	PL	\$205	78.0	\$15,990.00
Pontrelli, J.J.	PL	\$150	50.0	\$7,500.00
TOTAL			16,731.3	\$8,593,341.00

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

Legal Analyst (LA)
 Research Analyst (RA)
 Investigator (I)
 Paralegal (PL)

Exhibit B

EXHIBIT B

IN RE NII HOLDINGS, INC. SEC. LITIG.
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LABATON EXPENSE REPORT**FIRM: LABATON SUCHAROW LLP****REPORTING PERIOD: INCEPTION THROUGH JULY 8, 2016**

EXPENSE	TOTAL AMOUNT
Litigation Expense Fund Contribution*	\$271,308.00
Duplicating	\$25,012.80
Postage	\$20.00
Long Distance Telephone/Fax/Conference Calling	\$3,321.59
Notice to Class	\$610.00
Service Fees	\$751.55
Online Legal and Financial Research	\$15,336.06
Overnight Delivery Services	\$1,922.74
Damages Consultant	\$43,714.44
Transportation/Working Meals/Lodging**	\$69,051.04
Outstanding Litigation Expense Fund Costs	\$537,596.25
TOTAL	\$968,644.47

* In addition to this Litigation Expense Fund Contribution, Labaton contributed \$31,192.00 to the Litigation Expense Fund, which was applied to pay a portion of local counsel Susan Podolsky's legal fees. This sum will be reimbursed through the Court's fee award.

** \$1,600 in estimated travel costs has been included for a representative of Labaton Sucharow to attend the final approval hearing. If less than \$1,600 is incurred, the actual amount incurred will be deducted from the Settlement Fund. If more than \$1,600 is incurred, \$1,600 will be the cap and only that amount will be deducted from the Settlement Fund.

Exhibit C

EXHIBIT C***IN RE NII HOLDINGS, INC. SEC. LITIG.***
Civ. No. 1:14-cv-00227-LMB-JFA (E.D. Va.)***LITIGATION EXPENSE FUND*****From Inception to July 8, 2016**

<i>DEPOSITS:</i>		<i>TOTALS</i>
Labaton Sucharow LLP		\$271,308.00
Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossman		\$121,059.00
Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check		\$271,308.00
<i>TOTAL DEPOSITS*</i>		<i>\$663,675.00</i>
<i>EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE LITIGATION EXPENSE FUND:</i>		
Experts		\$943,797.59
Loss Causation/Market Efficiency/Damages	\$636,899.59	
Wireless Industry	\$296,125.87	
Accounting	\$10,772.13	
Court Reporting Services		\$83,556.90
Process Service/Court Fees		\$9,026.13
Mediation		\$20,048.47
Litigation Support/Electronic Discovery**		\$125,511.82
Outside Duplication		\$12,607.47
Additional Susan Podolsky Expenses		
Travel/Overtime Meals		\$6,325.25
Postage/Delivery Service		\$397.62
<i>TOTAL EXPENSES OF LITIGATION FUND</i>		<i>\$1,201,271.25</i>
<i>BALANCE REMAINING IN LITIGATION EXPENSE FUND AS OF JULY 8, 2015</i>		<i>(\$537,596.25)</i>

* In addition to these deposits, these firms collectively contributed an additional \$93,575.00, which was applied to pay a portion of local counsel Susan Podolsky's legal fees. This sum will be reimbursed through the Court's fee award.

** This category includes monthly "cold storage" costs charged by Evolve Discovery in the amount of \$485 per month, which will be incurred through the anticipated conclusion of the Action in October 2016.

Exhibit D



Firm Resume

Securities Class Action Litigation



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About the Firm

Founded in 1963, Labaton Sucharow LLP has earned a reputation as one of the leading plaintiffs firms in the United States. We have recovered more than \$10 billion and secured corporate governance reforms on behalf of the nation's largest institutional investors, including public pension and Taft-Hartley funds, hedge funds, investment banks, and other financial institutions. These recoveries include more than \$1 billion in *In re American International Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, \$671 million in *In re HealthSouth Securities Litigation*, \$624 million in *In re Countrywide Financial Corporation Securities Litigation*, and \$473 million in *In re Schering-Plough/ENHANCE Securities Litigation*.

As a leader in the field of complex litigation, the Firm has successfully conducted class, mass, and derivative actions in the following areas: securities; antitrust; financial products and services; corporate governance and shareholder rights; mergers and acquisitions; derivative; REITs and limited partnerships; consumer protection; and whistleblower representation.

Along with securing newsworthy recoveries, the Firm has a track record for successfully prosecuting complex cases from discovery to trial to verdict. In court, as *Law360* has noted, our attorneys are known for "fighting defendants tooth and nail." Our appellate experience includes winning appeals that increased settlement value for clients, and securing a landmark 2013 U.S. Supreme Court victory benefitting all investors by reducing barriers to the certification of securities class action cases.

Our Firm is equipped to deliver results with a robust infrastructure of more than 60 full-time attorneys, a dynamic professional staff, and innovative technological resources. Labaton Sucharow attorneys are skilled in every stage of business litigation and have challenged corporations from every sector of the financial markets. Our professional staff includes paralegals, financial analysts, e-discovery specialists, a certified public accountant, a certified fraud examiner, and a forensic accountant. With seven investigators, including former members of federal and state law enforcement, we have one of the largest in-house investigative teams in the securities bar. Managed by a law enforcement veteran who spent 12 years with the FBI, our internal investigative group provides us with information that is often key to the success of our cases.

Outside of the courtroom, the Firm is known for its leadership and participation in investor protection organizations, such as the Council for Institutional Investors, World Federation of Investors, National Association of Shareholder and Consumer Attorneys, as well as serving as a patron of the John L. Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance of the University of Delaware. The Firm shares these groups' commitment to a market that operates with greater transparency, fairness, and accountability.

Labaton Sucharow has been consistently ranked as a top-tier firm in leading industry publications such as *Chambers & Partners USA*, *The Legal 500*, and *Benchmark Litigation*. For the past decade, the Firm was listed on *The National Law Journal's* Plaintiffs' Hot List and was inducted to the Hall of Fame for successive honors. The Firm has also been featured as one of *Law360's* Most Feared Plaintiffs Firms and Class Action Practice Groups of the Year.

Visit www.labaton.com for more information about our Firm.

Securities Class Action Litigation

Labaton Sucharow is a leader in securities litigation and a trusted advisor to more than 200 institutional investors. Since the passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PSLRA), the Firm has recovered more than \$8 billion in the aggregate for injured investors through securities class actions prosecuted throughout the United States and against numerous public corporations and other corporate wrongdoers.

These notable recoveries would not be possible without our exhaustive case evaluation process. The Firm has developed a proprietary system for portfolio monitoring and reporting on domestic and international securities litigation, and currently provides these services to more than 160 institutional investors, which manage collective assets of more than \$2 trillion. The Firm's in-house licensed investigators also gather crucial details to support our cases, whereas other firms rely on outside vendors, or conduct no confidential investigation at all.

As a result of our thorough case evaluation process, our securities litigators can focus solely on cases with strong merits. The benefits of our selective approach are reflected in the low dismissal rate of the securities cases we pursue, which is well below the industry average. In the last five years alone, we have successfully prosecuted headline-making class actions against AIG, Countrywide, Fannie Mae, and Bear Stearns, among others.

Notable Successes

Labaton Sucharow has achieved notable successes in major securities litigations on behalf of investors, including the following:

- ***In re American International Group, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 04-cv-8141, (S.D.N.Y.)***

In one of the most complex and challenging securities cases in history, Labaton Sucharow secured more than \$1 billion in recoveries on behalf of lead plaintiff Ohio Public Employees' Retirement System in a case arising from allegations of bid rigging and accounting fraud. To achieve this remarkable recovery, the Firm took over 100 depositions and briefed 22 motions to dismiss. The settlement entailed a \$725 million settlement with American International Group (AIG), \$97.5 million settlement with AIG's auditors, \$115 million settlement with former AIG officers and related defendants, and an additional \$72 million settlement with General Reinsurance Corporation, which was approved by the Second Circuit on September 11, 2013.

- ***In re Countrywide Financial Corp. Securities Litigation, No. 07-cv-05295 (C.D. Cal.)***

Labaton Sucharow, as lead counsel for the New York State Common Retirement Fund and the five New York City public pension funds, sued one of the nation's largest issuers of mortgage loans for credit risk misrepresentations. The Firm's focused investigation and discovery efforts uncovered incriminating evidence that led to a \$624 million settlement for investors. On February 25, 2011, the court granted final approval to the settlement, which is one of the top 20 securities class action settlements in the history of the PSLRA.

- ***In re HealthSouth Corp. Securities Litigation, No. 03-cv-01500 (N.D. Ala.)***

Labaton Sucharow served as co-lead counsel to New Mexico State Investment Council in a case stemming from one of the largest frauds ever perpetrated in the healthcare industry. Recovering \$671 million for the class, the settlement is one of the top 15 securities class action settlements of all time. In

early 2006, lead plaintiffs negotiated a settlement of \$445 million with defendant HealthSouth. On June 12, 2009, the court also granted final approval to a \$109 million settlement with defendant Ernst & Young LLP. In addition, on July 26, 2010, the court granted final approval to a \$117 million partial settlement with the remaining principal defendants in the case, UBS AG, UBS Warburg LLC, Howard Capek, Benjamin Lorello, and William McGahan.

- ***In re Schering-Plough/ENHANCE Securities Litigation, No. 08-cv-00397 (D. N.J.)***

As co-lead counsel, Labaton Sucharow obtained a \$473 million settlement on behalf of co-lead plaintiff Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Management Board. After five years of litigation, and three weeks before trial, the settlement was approved on October 1, 2013. This recovery is the largest securities fraud class action settlement against a pharmaceutical company. The Special Masters' Report noted, "**the outstanding result achieved for the class is the direct product of outstanding skill and perseverance by Co-Lead Counsel...no one else...could have produced the result here—no government agency or corporate litigant to lead the charge and the Settlement Fund is the product solely of the efforts of Plaintiffs' Counsel.**"

- ***In re Waste Management, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. H-99-2183 (S.D. Tex.)***

In 2002, the court approved an extraordinary settlement that provided for recovery of \$457 million in cash, plus an array of far-reaching corporate governance measures. Labaton Sucharow represented lead plaintiff Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds. At that time, this settlement was the largest common fund settlement of a securities action achieved in any court within the Fifth Circuit and the third largest achieved in any federal court in the nation. Judge Harmon noted, among other things, that Labaton Sucharow "**obtained an outstanding result by virtue of the quality of the work and vigorous representation of the class.**"

- ***In re General Motors Corp. Securities Litigation, No. 06-cv-1749, (E.D. Mich.)***

As co-lead counsel in a case against automotive giant, General Motors (GM), and Deloitte & Touche LLP (Deloitte), its auditor, Labaton Sucharow obtained a settlement of \$303 million—one of the largest settlements ever secured in the early stages of a securities fraud case. Lead plaintiff Deka Investment GmbH alleged that GM, its officers, and its outside auditor overstated GM's income by billions of dollars, and GM's operating cash flows by tens of billions of dollars, through a series of accounting manipulations. The final settlement, approved on July 21, 2008, consisted of a cash payment of \$277 million by GM and \$26 million in cash from Deloitte.

- ***Wyatt v. El Paso Corp., No. H-02-2717 (S.D. Tex.)***

Labaton Sucharow secured a \$285 million class action settlement against the El Paso Corporation on behalf of co-lead plaintiff, an individual. The case involved a securities fraud stemming from the company's inflated earnings statements, which cost shareholders hundreds of millions of dollars during a four-year span. On March 6, 2007, the court approved the settlement and also commended the efficiency with which the case had been prosecuted, particularly in light of the complexity of the allegations and the legal issues.

- ***In re Massey Energy Co. Securities Litigation, No. 10-CV-00689 (S.D. W.Va.)***

As co-lead counsel representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Trust, Labaton Sucharow achieved a \$265 million all-cash settlement in a case arising from one of the most notorious mining disasters in U.S. history. On June 4, 2014, the settlement was reached with Alpha Natural Resources, Massey's parent company. Investors alleged that Massey falsely told investors it had embarked on safety improvement initiatives and presented a new corporate image

following a deadly fire at one of its coal mines in 2006. After another devastating explosion which killed 29 miners in 2010, Massey's market capitalization dropped by more than \$3 billion. Judge Irene C. Berger noted that **"Class counsel has done an expert job of representing all of the class members to reach an excellent resolution and maximize recovery for the class."**

- ***Eastwood Enterprises, LLC v. Farha (WellCare Securities Litigation), No. 07-cv-1940 (M.D. Fla.)***

On behalf of The New Mexico State Investment Council and the Public Employees Retirement Association of New Mexico, Labaton Sucharow served as co-lead counsel and negotiated a \$200 million settlement over allegations that WellCare Health Plans, Inc., a Florida-based managed healthcare service provider, disguised its profitability by overcharging state Medicaid programs. Under the terms of the settlement approved by the court on May 4, 2011, WellCare agreed to pay an additional \$25 million in cash if, at any time in the next three years, WellCare was acquired or otherwise experienced a change in control at a share price of \$30 or more after adjustments for dilution or stock splits.

- ***In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Securities Litigation, No. 00-cv-1990 (D.N.J.)***

Labaton Sucharow served as lead counsel representing the lead plaintiff, union-owned LongView Collective Investment Fund of the Amalgamated Bank, against drug company Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS). Lead plaintiff claimed that the company's press release touting its new blood pressure medication, Vanlev, left out critical information, other results from the clinical trials indicated that Vanlev appeared to have life-threatening side effects. The FDA expressed serious concerns about these side effects, and BMS released a statement that it was withdrawing the drug's FDA application, resulting in the company's stock price falling and losing nearly 30 percent of its value in a single day. After a five year battle, we won relief on two critical fronts. First, we secured a \$185 million recovery for shareholders, and second, we negotiated major reforms to the company's drug development process that will have a significant impact on consumers and medical professionals across the globe. Due to our advocacy, BMS must now disclose the results of clinical studies on all of its drugs marketed in any country.

- ***In re Fannie Mae 2008 Securities Litigation, No. 08-cv-7831 (S.D.N.Y.)***

As co-lead counsel representing co-lead plaintiff Boston Retirement System, Labaton Sucharow secured a \$170 million settlement on March 3, 2015 with Fannie Mae. Lead plaintiffs alleged that Fannie Mae and certain of its current and former senior officers violated federal securities laws, by making false and misleading statements concerning the company's internal controls and risk management with respect to Alt-A and subprime mortgages. Lead plaintiffs also alleged that defendants made misstatements with respect to Fannie Mae's core capital, deferred tax assets, other-than-temporary losses, and loss reserves. This settlement is a significant feat, particularly following the unfavorable result in a similar case for investors of Fannie Mae's sibling company, Freddie Mac. Labaton Sucharow successfully argued that investors' losses were caused by Fannie Mae's misrepresentations and poor risk management, rather than by the financial crisis.

- ***In re Broadcom Corp. Class Action Litigation, No. 06-cv-05036 (C.D. Cal.)***

Labaton Sucharow served as lead counsel on behalf of lead plaintiff New Mexico State Investment Council in a case stemming from Broadcom Corp.'s \$2.2 billion restatement of its historic financial statements for 1998 - 2005. In August 2010, the court granted final approval of a \$160.5 million settlement with Broadcom and two individual defendants to resolve this matter, the second largest up-front cash settlement ever recovered from a company accused of options backdating. Following a Ninth Circuit ruling confirming that outside auditors are subject to the same pleading standards as all

other defendants, the district court denied Broadcom's auditor Ernst & Young's motion to dismiss on the ground of loss causation. This ruling is a major victory for the class and a landmark decision by the court—the first of its kind in a case arising from stock-options backdating. In October 2012, the court approved a \$13 million settlement with Ernst & Young.

- ***In re Satyam Computer Services Ltd. Securities Litigation, No. 09-md-2027 (S.D.N.Y.)***

Satyam, referred to as "India's Enron," engaged in one of the most egregious frauds on record. In a case that rivals the Enron and Bernie Madoff scandals, the Firm represented lead plaintiff UK-based Mineworkers' Pension Scheme, which alleged that Satyam Computer Services Ltd., related entities, its auditors, and certain directors and officers made materially false and misleading statements to the investing public about the company's earnings and assets, artificially inflating the price of Satyam securities. On September 13, 2011, the court granted final approval to a settlement with Satyam of \$125 million and a settlement with the company's auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, in the amount of \$25.5 million. Judge Barbara S. Jones commended lead counsel during the final approval hearing noting that the **"...quality of representation which I found to be very high..."**

- ***In re Mercury Interactive Corp. Securities Litigation, No. 05-cv-3395 (N.D. Cal.)***

Labaton Sucharow served as co-lead counsel on behalf of co-lead plaintiff Steamship Trade Association/International Longshoremen's Association Pension Fund, which alleged Mercury backdated option grants used to compensate employees and officers of the company. Mercury's former CEO, CFO, and General Counsel actively participated in and benefited from the options backdating scheme, which came at the expense of the company's shareholders and the investing public. On September 25, 2008, the court granted final approval of the \$117.5 million settlement.

- ***In re Oppenheimer Champion Fund Securities Fraud Class Actions, No. 09-cv-525 (D. Colo.) and In re Core Bond Fund, No. 09-cv-1186 (D. Colo.)***

Labaton Sucharow served as lead counsel and represented individuals and the proposed class in two related securities class actions brought against OppenheimerFunds, Inc., among others, and certain officers and trustees of two funds—Oppenheimer Core Bond Fund and Oppenheimer Champion Income Fund. The lawsuits alleged that the investment policies followed by the funds resulted in investor losses when the funds suffered drops in net asset value although the funds were presented as safe and conservative investments to consumers. In May 2011, the Firm achieved settlements amounting to \$100 million; \$52.5 million in *In re Oppenheimer Champion Fund Securities Fraud Class Actions*, and a \$47.5 million settlement in *In re Core Bond Fund*.

- ***In re Computer Sciences Corporation Securities Litigation, No. 11-cv-610 (E.D. Va.)***

As lead counsel representing Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, Labaton Sucharow secured a \$97.5 million settlement in this "rocket docket" case involving accounting fraud. The settlement was the third largest all cash recovery in a securities class action in the Fourth Circuit and the second largest all cash recovery in such a case in the Eastern District of Virginia. The plaintiffs alleged that IT consulting and outsourcing company Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) fraudulently inflated its stock price by misrepresenting and omitting the truth about the state of its most visible contract and the state of its internal controls. In particular, the plaintiffs alleged that CSC assured the market that it was performing on a \$5.4 billion contract with the UK National Health Services when CSC internally knew that it could not deliver on the contract, departed from the terms of the contract, and as a result, was not properly accounting for the contract. Judge T.S. Ellis, III stated, **"I have no doubt—that the work product I saw was always of the highest quality for both sides."**

Lead Counsel Appointments in Ongoing Litigation

Labaton Sucharow's institutional investor clients are regularly chosen by federal judges to serve as lead plaintiffs in prominent securities litigations brought under the PSLRA. Dozens of public pension funds and union funds have selected Labaton Sucharow to represent them in federal securities class actions and advise them as securities litigation/investigation counsel. Our recent notable lead and co-lead counsel appointments include the following:

- ***In re Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 10-cv-03461 (S.D.N.Y)***

Labaton Sucharow represents Arkansas Teacher Retirement System in this high-profile litigation based on the scandals involving Goldman Sachs' sales of the Abacus CDO.

- ***In re Facebook, Inc., IPO Securities and Derivative Litigation, No. 12-md-02389 (S.D.N.Y.)***

Labaton Sucharow represents North Carolina Department of State Treasurer and Arkansas Teacher Retirement System in this securities class action that involves one of the largest initial public offerings for a technology company.

- ***3226701 Canada Inc. v. Qualcomm, Inc., No. 15-cv-2678 (S.D. Cal.)***

Labaton Sucharow represents The Public Employees Retirement System of Mississippi in this securities class action against a leader in 3G and next-generation mobile technologies.

- ***Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 137 Pension Fund v. American Express Co., No. 15-cv-05999 (S.D.N.Y.)***

Labaton Sucharow represents Pipefitters Union Local 537 Pension Fund in this class action against one of the country's largest credit card lenders to reveal the company's hidden cost of losing its Costco partnership.

- ***Avila v. LifeLock, Inc., No. 15-cv-01398 (D. Ariz.)***

Labaton Sucharow represents Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System in the securities class action against LifeLock, Inc., an identity theft protection company, alleging major security flaws.

- ***In re Intuitive Surgical Securities Litigation, No. 13-cv-01920 (N.D. Cal.)***

Labaton Sucharow represents the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii in this securities class action alleging violations of securities fraud laws by concealing FDA regulations violations and a dangerous defect in the company's primary product, the da Vinci Surgical System.

- ***In re KBR, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 14-cv-01287 (S.D. Tex.)***

Labaton Sucharow represents the IBEW Local No. 58 / SMC NECA Funds in this securities class action alleging misrepresentation of certain Canadian construction contracts.

Innovative Legal Strategy

Bringing successful litigation against corporate behemoths during a time of financial turmoil presents many challenges, but Labaton Sucharow has kept pace with the evolving financial markets and with corporate wrongdoer's novel approaches to committing fraud.

Our Firm's innovative litigation strategies on behalf of clients include the following:

- **Mortgage-Related Litigation**

In *In re Countrywide Financial Corporation Securities Litigation*, No. 07-cv-5295 (C.D. Cal.), our client's claims involved complex and data-intensive arguments relating to the mortgage securitization process and the market for residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) in the United States. To prove that defendants made false and misleading statements concerning Countrywide's business as an issuer of residential mortgages, Labaton Sucharow utilized both in-house and external expert analysis. This included state-of-the-art statistical analysis of loan level data associated with the creditworthiness of individual mortgage loans. The Firm recovered \$624 million on behalf of investors.

Building on its experience in this area, the Firm has pursued claims on behalf of individual purchasers of RMBS against a variety of investment banks for misrepresentations in the offering documents associated with individual RMBS deals.

- **Options Backdating**

In 2005, Labaton Sucharow took a pioneering role in identifying options-backdating practices as both damaging to investors and susceptible to securities fraud claims, bringing a case, *In re Mercury Interactive Securities Litigation*, No. 05-cv-3395 (N.D. Cal.), that spawned many other plaintiff recoveries.

Leveraging its experience, the Firm went on to secure other significant options backdating settlements, in, for example, *In re Broadcom Corp. Class Action Litigation*, No. 06-cv-5036 (C.D. Cal.), and in *In re Take-Two Interactive Securities Litigation*, No. 06-cv-0803 (S.D.N.Y.). Moreover, in *Take-Two*, Labaton Sucharow was able to prompt the SEC to reverse its initial position and agree to distribute a disgorgement fund to investors, including class members. The SEC had originally planned for the fund to be distributed to the U.S. Treasury. As a result, investors received a very significant percentage of their recoverable damages.

- **Foreign Exchange Transactions Litigation**

The Firm has pursued or is pursuing claims for state pension funds against BNY Mellon and State Street Bank, the two largest custodian banks in the world. For more than a decade, these banks failed to disclose that they were overcharging their custodial clients for foreign exchange transactions. Given the number of individual transactions this practice affected, the damages caused to our clients and the class were significant. Our claims, involving complex statistical analysis, as well as *qui tam* jurisprudence, were filed ahead of major actions by federal and state authorities related to similar allegations commenced in 2011. Our team favorably resolved the BNY Mellon matter in 2012. The case against State Street Bank is still ongoing.

Appellate Advocacy and Trial Experience

When it is in the best interest of our clients, Labaton Sucharow repeatedly has demonstrated our willingness and ability to litigate these complex cases all the way to trial, a skill unmatched by many firms in the plaintiffs bar.

Labaton Sucharow is one of the few firms in the plaintiffs securities bar to have prevailed in a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. In *Amgen v. Connecticut Retirement Plans & Trust Funds*, 133 S. Ct. 1184 (Feb. 27, 2013), the Firm persuaded the court to reject efforts to thwart the certification of a class of investors seeking monetary damages in a securities class action. This represents a significant victory for all plaintiffs in securities class actions.

In *In re Real Estate Associates Limited Partnership Litigation*, Labaton Sucharow's advocacy significantly increased the settlement value for shareholders. The defendants were unwilling to settle for an amount the Firm and its clients viewed as fair, which led to a six-week trial. The Firm and co-counsel ultimately obtained a landmark \$184 million jury verdict. The jury supported the plaintiffs' position that the defendants knowingly violated the federal securities laws, and that the general partner had breached his fiduciary duties to shareholders. The \$184 million award was one of the largest jury verdicts returned in any PSLRA action and one in which the class, consisting of 18,000 investors, recovered 100 percent of their damages.



Our Clients

Labaton Sucharow represents and advises the following institutional investor clients, among others:

- Arkansas Teacher Retirement System
- Baltimore County Retirement System
- Boston Retirement System
- California Public Employees' Retirement System
- California State Teachers' Retirement System
- City of New Orleans Employees' Retirement System
- Connecticut Retirement Plans & Trust Funds
- Division of Investment of the New Jersey Department of the Treasury
- Genesee County Employees' Retirement System
- Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund
- Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana
- Macomb County Employees Retirement System
- Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority
- Michigan Retirement Systems
- Mississippi Public Employees' Retirement System
- New York City Pension Funds
- New York State Common Retirement Fund
- Norfolk County Retirement System
- Office of the Ohio Attorney General and several of its Retirement Systems
- Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System
- Plymouth County Retirement System
- Office of the New Mexico Attorney General and several of its Retirement Systems
- Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho
- Rhode Island State Investment Commission
- San Francisco Employees' Retirement System
- Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System
- State of Oregon Public Employees' Retirement System
- State of Wisconsin Investment Board
- Virginia Retirement System

Awards and Accolades

Industry publications and peer rankings consistently recognize the Firm as a respected leader in securities litigation.

Chambers & Partners USA

Leading Plaintiffs Securities Litigation Firm (2009-2016)

“effective and greatly respected...a bench of partners who are highly esteemed by competitors and adversaries alike”

The Legal 500

Leading Plaintiffs Securities Litigation Firm and also recognized in Antitrust (2010-2016) and M&A Litigation (2013, 2015-2016)

“'Superb' and 'at the top of its game.' The Firm's team of 'hard-working lawyers, who push themselves to thoroughly investigate the facts' and conduct 'very diligent research.'”

Benchmark Litigation

Highly Recommended, top recognition, in Securities and Antitrust Litigation (2012-2016)

“clearly living up to its stated mission 'reputation matters'...consistently earning mention as a respected litigation-focused firm fighting for the rights of institutional investors”

Law360

Most Feared Plaintiffs Firm (2013-2015) and Class Action Practice Group of the Year (2012 and 2014-2015)

“known for thoroughly investigating claims and conducting due diligence before filing suit, and for fighting defendants tooth and nail in court”

The National Law Journal

Winner of the Elite Trial Lawyers Award in Securities Law (2015), Hall of Fame Honoree, and Top Plaintiffs' Firm on the annual Hot List (2006-2016)

“definitely at the top of their field on the plaintiffs' side”

Community Involvement

To demonstrate our deep commitment to the community, Labaton Sucharow devotes significant resources to pro bono legal work and public and community service.

Firm Commitments

Brooklyn Law School Securities Arbitration Clinic

Mark S. Arisohn, Adjunct Professor and Joel H. Bernstein, Adjunct Professor

Labaton Sucharow has partnered with Brooklyn Law School to establish a securities arbitration clinic. The program serves a dual purpose: to assist defrauded individual investors who cannot otherwise afford to pay for legal counsel; and to provide students with real-world experience in securities arbitration and litigation. Partners Mark S. Arisohn and Joel H. Bernstein lead the program as adjunct professors.

Change for Kids

Labaton Sucharow supports Change for Kids (CFK) as a leading sponsor of P.S. 182 in East Harlem. One school at a time, CFK rallies communities to provide a broad range of essential educational opportunities at under-resourced public elementary schools. By creating inspiring learning environments at our partner schools, CFK enables students to discover their unique strengths and develop the confidence to achieve.

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Edward Labaton, Member, Board of Directors

The Firm is a long-time supporter of The Lawyers' Committee for Civil rights Under Law, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy. The Lawyers' Committee involves the private bar in providing legal services to address racial discrimination.

Labaton Sucharow attorneys have contributed on the federal level to U.S. Supreme Court nominee analyses (analyzing nominees for their views on such topics as ethnic equality, corporate diversity, and gender discrimination) and national voters' rights initiatives.

Sidney Hillman Foundation

Labaton Sucharow supports the Sidney Hillman Foundation. Created in honor of the first president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, Sidney Hillman, the foundation supports investigative and progressive journalism by awarding monthly and yearly prizes. Partner Thomas A. Dubbs is frequently invited to present these awards.

Individual Attorney Commitments

Labaton Sucharow attorneys have served in a variety of pro bono and community service capacities:

- Pro bono representation of mentally ill tenants facing eviction, appointed as Guardian *ad litem* in several housing court actions.
- Recipient of a Volunteer and Leadership Award from a tenants' advocacy organization for work defending the rights of city residents and preserving their fundamental sense of public safety and home.
- Board Member of the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund—the largest private funding agency of its kind supporting research into a method of early detection and, ultimately, a cure for ovarian cancer.
- Director of the BARKA Foundation, which provides fresh water to villages in Burkina Faso.
- Founder of the Lillian C. Spencer Fund—a charitable organization that provides scholarships to underprivileged American children and emergency dental care to refugee children in Guatemala.

Our attorneys have also contributed to or continue to volunteer with the following charitable organizations, among others:

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| ▪ American Heart Association | ▪ Legal Aid Society |
| ▪ Big Brothers/Big Sisters of New York City | ▪ Mentoring USA |
| ▪ Boys and Girls Club of America | ▪ National Lung Cancer Partnership |
| ▪ Carter Burden Center for the Aging | ▪ National MS Society |
| ▪ City Harvest | ▪ National Parkinson Foundation |
| ▪ City Meals-on-Wheels | ▪ New York Cares |
| ▪ Coalition for the Homeless | ▪ New York Common Pantry |
| ▪ Cycle for Survival | ▪ Peggy Browning Fund |
| ▪ Cystic Fibrosis Foundation | ▪ Sanctuary for Families |
| ▪ Dana Farber Cancer Institute | ▪ Sandy Hook School Support Fund |
| ▪ Food Bank for New York City | ▪ Save the Children |
| ▪ Fresh Air Fund | ▪ Special Olympics |
| ▪ Habitat for Humanity | ▪ Toys for Tots |
| ▪ Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights | ▪ Williams Syndrome Association |

Commitment to Diversity

Recognizing that business does not always offer equal opportunities for advancement and collaboration to women, Labaton Sucharow launched its Women's Networking and Mentoring Initiative in 2007.

The Women's Initiative, led by partner and Executive Committee member Martis Alex, reflects our commitment to the advancement of women professionals. The goal of the Initiative is to bring professional women together to collectively advance women's influence in business. Each event showcases a successful woman role model as a guest speaker. We actively discuss our respective business initiatives and hear the guest speaker's strategies for success. Labaton Sucharow mentors young women inside and outside of the firm and promotes their professional achievements. The Firm also is a member of the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL). For more information regarding Labaton Sucharow's Women's Initiative, please visit www.labaton.com/en/about/women/Womens-Initiative.cfm.

Further demonstrating our commitment to diversity in the legal profession and within our Firm, in 2006, we established the Labaton Sucharow Minority Scholarship and Internship. The annual award—a grant and a summer associate position—is presented to a first-year minority student who is enrolled at a metropolitan New York law school and who has demonstrated academic excellence, community commitment, and personal integrity.

Labaton Sucharow has also instituted a diversity internship which brings two Hunter College students to work at the Firm each summer. These interns rotate through various departments, shadowing Firm partners and getting a feel for the inner workings of the Firm.

Securities Litigation Attorneys

Our team of securities class action litigators includes:

Partners

Lawrence A. Sucharow (Chairman)

Martis Alex

Mark S. Arisohn

Christine S. Azar

Eric J. Belfi

Joel H. Bernstein

Thomas A. Dubbs

Jonathan Gardner

David J. Goldsmith

Louis Gottlieb

Serena Hallowell

Thomas G. Hoffman, Jr.

James W. Johnson

Christopher J. Keller

Edward Labaton

Christopher J. McDonald

Michael H. Rogers

Ira A. Schochet

Michael W. Stocker

Carol C. Villegas

Ned Weinberger

Nicole M. Zeiss

Of Counsel

Garrett J. Bradley

Marisa N. DeMato

Joseph H. Einstein

Christine M. Fox

Mark Goldman

Lara Goldstone

Domenico Minerva

Barry M. Okun

Senior Counsel

Richard T. Joffe

Detailed biographies of the team's qualifications and accomplishments follow.

Lawrence A. Sucharow, Chairman **lsucharow@labaton.com**

With nearly four decades of experience, the Firm's Chairman, Lawrence A. Sucharow is an internationally recognized trial lawyer and a leader of the class action bar. Under his guidance, the Firm has grown into and earned its position as one of the top plaintiffs securities and antitrust class action firms in the world. As Chairman, Larry focuses on counseling the Firm's large institutional clients, developing creative and compelling strategies to advance and protect clients' interests, and the prosecution and resolution of many of the Firm's leading cases.

Over the course of his career, Larry has prosecuted hundreds of cases and the Firm has recovered billions in groundbreaking securities, antitrust, business transaction, product liability, and other class actions. In fact, a landmark case tried in 2002—*In re Real Estate Associates Limited Partnership Litigation*—was the very first securities action successfully tried to a jury verdict following the enactment of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act (PSLRA). Experience such as this has made Larry uniquely qualified to evaluate and successfully prosecute class actions.

Other representative matters include: *In re CNL Resorts, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$225 million settlement); *In re Paine Webber Incorporated Limited Partnerships Litigation* (\$200 million settlement); *In re Prudential Securities Incorporated Limited Partnerships Litigation* (\$110 million partial settlement); *In re Prudential Bache Energy Income Partnerships Securities Litigation* (\$91 million settlement) and *Shea v. New York Life Insurance Company* (over \$92 million settlement).

Larry's consumer protection experience includes leading the national litigation against the tobacco companies in *Castano v. American Tobacco Co.*, as well as litigating *In re Imprelis Herbicide Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*. Currently, he plays a key role in *In re Takata Airbag Products Liability Litigation* and a nationwide consumer class action against Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., arising out of the wide-scale fraud concerning Volkswagen's "Clean Diesel" vehicles. Larry further conceptualized the establishment of two Dutch foundations, or "Stichtingen" to pursue settlement of claims against Volkswagen on behalf of injured car owners and investors in Europe.

In recognition of his career accomplishments and standing in the securities bar at the Bar, Larry was selected by *Law360* as one the 10 Most Admired Securities Attorneys in the United States and as a Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar. Further, he is one of a small handful of plaintiffs' securities lawyers in the United States independently selected by each of *Chambers & Partners USA*, *The Legal 500*, *Benchmark Litigation*, and *Lawdragon 500* for their respective highest rankings. Referred to as a "legend" by his peers in *Benchmark Litigation*, *Chambers* describes him as an "an immensely respected plaintiff advocate" and a "renowned figure in the securities plaintiff world...[that] has handled some of the most high-profile litigation in this field." According to *The Legal 500*, clients characterize Larry as a "a strong and passionate advocate with a desire to win." In addition, Brooklyn Law School honored Larry with the 2012 Alumni of the Year Award for his notable achievements in the field.

Larry has served a two-year term as President of the National Association of Shareholder and Consumer Attorneys, a membership organization of approximately 100 law firms that practice complex civil litigation including class actions. A longtime supporter of the Federal Bar Council, Larry serves as a trustee of the Federal Bar Council Foundation. He is a member of the Federal Bar Council's Committee on Second Circuit Courts, and the Federal Courts Committee of the New York County Lawyers' Association. He is also a member of the Securities Law Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association and was the Founding Chairman of the Class Action Committee of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association, a position he held from 1988-1994. In addition, Larry serves on the Advocacy Committee of the World Federation of Investors Corporation, a worldwide umbrella organization of national shareholder associations. In May 2013, Larry was elected Vice Chair of the International Financial Litigation Network, a network of law firms from 15 countries seeking international solutions to cross-border financial problems.

Larry is admitted to practice in the States of New York, New Jersey, and Arizona, as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the District of New Jersey.

Martis Alex, Partner
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Martis Alex prosecutes complex litigation on behalf of consumers as well as domestic and international institutional investors. She has extensive experience litigating mass tort and class action cases nationwide, specifically in the areas of consumer fraud, products liability, and securities fraud. She has successfully represented consumers and investors in cases that achieved cumulative recoveries of hundreds of millions of dollars for plaintiffs.

Named one of *Benchmark Litigation's* Top 250 Women in Litigation, Martis is an elected member of the Firm's Executive Committee and chairs the Firm's Consumer Protection Practice as well as the Women's Initiative. Martis is also an Executive Council member of Ellevest, a global professional network dedicated to advancing women's leadership across industries.

Martis leads the Firm's team litigating the consumer class action against auto manufacturers over keyless ignition carbon monoxide deaths, as well as the first nationwide consumer class action concerning defective Takata-made airbags.

Martis was a court-appointed member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committees in national product liability actions against the manufacturers of orthopedic bone screws (*In re Orthopedic Bone Screw Products Liability Litigation*), atrial pacemakers (*In re Teletronics Pacing Systems, Inc. Accufix Atrial "J" Leads Product Liability Litigation*), latex gloves (*In re Latex Gloves Products Liability Litigation*), and suppliers of defective auto paint (*In re Ford Motor Company Vehicle Paint*). She played a leadership role in the national litigation against the tobacco companies (*Castano v. American Tobacco Co.*) and in the prosecution of the national breast implant litigation (*In re Silicone Gel Breast Implant Products Liability Litigation*).

In her securities practice, Martis represents several foreign financial institutions seeking recoveries of more than a billion dollars in losses in their RMBS investments.

Martis played a key role in litigating *In re American International Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, recovering more than \$1 billion in settlements for investors. She was an integral part of the team that successfully litigated *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a \$185 million settlement for investors and secured meaningful corporate governance reforms that will affect future consumers and investors alike.

Martis acted as Lead Trial Counsel and Chair of the Executive Committee in the *Zenith Laboratories Securities Litigation*, a federal securities fraud class action which settled during trial and achieved a significant recovery for investors. In addition, she served as co-lead counsel in several securities class actions that attained substantial awards for investors, including *Cadence Design Securities Litigation*, *Halsey Drug Securities Litigation*, *Slavin v. Morgan Stanley*, *Lubliner v. Maxtor Corp.*, and *Baden v. Northwestern Steel and Wire*.

Martis began her career as a trial lawyer with the Sacramento, California District Attorney's Office, where she tried over 30 cases to verdict. She has spoken on various legal topics at national conferences and is a recipient of the American College of Trial Lawyers' Award for Excellence in Advocacy.

Martis founded the Lillian C. Spencer Fund, a charitable organization that provides scholarships to underprivileged American children and emergency dental care to refugee children in Guatemala. She is a Director of the BARKA Foundation, which provides fresh water to villages in Burkina Faso, West Africa, and she contributes to her local community through her work with Coalition for the Homeless and New York Cares.

Martis is admitted to practice in the States of California and New York as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the United States District Courts for the Western District of Washington, the Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of New York, and the Central District of California.

Mark S. Arisohn, Partner
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Mark S. Arisohn focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors. Mark is an accomplished litigator, with nearly 40 years of extensive trial experience in jury and non-jury matters in the state and federal courts nationwide. He has also argued in the New York Court of Appeals, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and appeared before the United States Supreme Court in the landmark insider trading case of *Chiarella v. United States*.

Mark's wide-ranging practice has included prosecuting and defending individuals and corporations in cases involving securities fraud, mail and wire fraud, bank fraud, and RICO violations. He has represented public officials, individuals, and companies in the construction and securities industries as well as professionals accused of regulatory offenses and professional misconduct. He also has appeared as trial counsel for both

plaintiffs and defendants in civil fraud matters and corporate and commercial matters, including shareholder litigation, business torts, unfair competition, and misappropriation of trade secrets.

Mark is one of the few litigators in the plaintiffs' bar to have tried two securities fraud class action cases to a jury verdict.

Mark is an active member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and has served on its Judiciary Committee, the Committee on Criminal Courts, Law and Procedure, the Committee on Superior Courts, and the Committee on Professional Discipline. He serves as a mediator for the Complaint Mediation Panel of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York where he mediates attorney client disputes and as a hearing officer for the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct where he presides over misconduct cases brought against judges.

Mark also co-leads Labaton Sucharow's Securities Arbitration pro bono project in conjunction with Brooklyn Law School where he serves as an adjunct professor. Mark, together with Labaton Sucharow associates and Brooklyn Law School students, represents aggrieved and defrauded individual investors who cannot otherwise afford to pay for legal counsel in financial industry arbitration matters against investment advisors and stockbrokers.

Mark was named to the recommended list in the field of Securities Litigation by *The Legal 500* and recognized by Benchmark Litigation as a Securities Litigation Star. He has also received a rating of AV Preeminent from publishers of the Martindale-Hubbell directory.

Mark is admitted to practice in the State of New York and the District of Columbia as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York, the Northern District of Texas, and the Northern District of California.

Christine S. Azar, Partner
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Christine S. Azar is the Chair of the Firm's Corporate Governance and Shareholder Rights Litigation Practice. A longtime advocate of shareholder rights, Christine prosecutes complex derivative and transactional litigation in the Delaware Court of Chancery and throughout the United States.

In recognition of her accomplishments, Christine was most recently named one of the "25 Most Influential Women in Securities Law" by *Law360*. *Chambers & Partners USA* ranked her as a Leading Lawyer in Delaware, noting she is "well known for her knowledge of complex shareholder claims as well as M&A and other transactional work." *Chambers'* sources also defined her as "terrific," noting, "when it comes to Delaware law and corporate governance matters, Christine's advice and guidance is gold." In addition to her *Chambers* recognition, Christine was named a Leading Lawyer by *The Legal 500* who described her as "smart, pragmatic and level-headed—a dedicated advocate who gets things done." She was also featured on *The National Law Journal's* Plaintiffs' Hot List, named a Securities Litigation Star in Delaware by *Benchmark Litigation*, and one of *Benchmark's* Top 250 Women in Litigation for three consecutive years.

Christine's caseload represents some of the most sophisticated litigation in her field. Currently, she is representing California State Teachers' Retirement System as co-lead counsel in *In re Wal-Mart Derivative Litigation*. The suit alleges that Wal-Mart's board of directors and management breached their fiduciary duties owed to shareholders and the company as well as violated the company's own corporate governance guidelines, anti-corruption policy, and statement of ethics.

Christine has worked on some of the most groundbreaking cases in the field of M&A and derivative litigation. In *In re Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Derivative Litigation*, she achieved the second largest derivative settlement in the Delaware Court of Chancery history, a \$153.75 million settlement with an

unprecedented provision of direct payments to stockholders by means of a special dividend. As co-lead counsel in *In re El Paso Corporation Shareholder Litigation*, which shareholders alleged that acquisition of El Paso by Kinder Morgan, Inc. was improperly influenced by conflicted financial advisors and management, Christine helped secure a \$110 million settlement. Acting as co-lead counsel in *In re J.Crew Shareholder Litigation*, Christine helped secure a settlement that increased the payment to J.Crew's shareholders by \$16 million following an allegedly flawed going-private transaction. Christine also assisted in obtaining \$29 million in settlements on behalf of Barnes & Noble investors in *In re Barnes & Noble Stockholders Derivative Litigation* which alleged breaches of fiduciary duties by the Barnes & Noble management and board of directors. In *In re The Student Loan Corporation*, Christine was part of the team that successfully protected the minority shareholders in connection with a complex web of proposed transactions that ran contrary to shareholders' interest by securing a recovery of nearly \$10 million for shareholders.

Acting as co-lead counsel in *In re RehabCare Group, Inc. Shareholders Litigation*, Christine was part of the team that structured a settlement that included a cash payment to shareholders as well as key deal reforms such as enhanced disclosures and an amended merger agreement. Representing shareholders in *In re Compellent Technologies, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, regarding the proposed acquisition of Compellent Technologies Inc. by Dell, Inc., Christine was integral in negotiating a settlement that included key deal improvements including elimination of the "poison pill" and standstill agreement with potential future bidders as well as a reduction of the termination fee amount. In *In re Walgreen Co. Derivative Litigation*, Christine negotiated significant corporate governance reforms on behalf of West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund and the Police Retirement System of St. Louis, requiring Walgreens to extend its Drug Enforcement Agency commitments in this derivative action related to the company's Controlled Substances Act violation.

In addition to her active legal practice, Christine serves as a Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem in the Office of the Child Advocate. In this capacity, she has represented children in foster care in the state of Delaware to ensure the protection of their legal rights. Christine is also a member of the Advisory Committee of the Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance of the University of Delaware.

Christine is admitted to practice in the States of Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania as well as before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the United States District Courts for the District of Delaware, the District of New Jersey, and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Eric J. Belfi, Partner
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Representing many of the world's leading pension funds and other institutional investors, Eric J. Belfi is an accomplished litigator with experience in a broad range of commercial matters. Eric focuses on domestic and international securities and shareholder litigation. He serves as a member of the Firm's Executive Committee.

As an integral member of the Firm's Case Evaluation group, Eric has brought numerous high-profile domestic securities cases that resulted from the credit crisis, including the prosecution against Goldman Sachs. In *In re Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, he played a significant role in the investigation and drafting of the operative complaint. Eric was also actively involved in securing a combined settlement of \$18.4 million in *In re Colonial BancGroup, Inc. Securities Litigation*, regarding material misstatements and omissions in SEC filings by Colonial BancGroup and certain underwriters.

Along with his domestic securities litigation practice, Eric leads the Firm's Non-U.S. Securities Litigation Practice, which is dedicated exclusively to analyzing potential claims in non-U.S. jurisdictions and advising on the risk and benefits of litigation in those forums. The practice, one of the first of its kind, also serves as liaison counsel to institutional investors in such cases, where appropriate. Currently, Eric represents nearly 30 institutional investors in over a dozen non-U.S. cases against companies including SNC-Lavalin Group Inc. in Canada, Vivendi Universal, S.A. in France, OZ Minerals Ltd. in Australia, Lloyds Banking Group in the UK, and Olympus Corporation in Japan.

Eric's international experience also includes securing settlements on behalf of non-U.S. clients including the UK-based Mineworkers' Pension Scheme in *In re Satyam Computer Securities Services Ltd. Securities Litigation*, an action related to one of the largest securities fraud in India which resulted in \$150.5 million in collective settlements. Representing two of Europe's leading pension funds, Deka Investment GmbH and Deka International S.A., Luxembourg, in *In re General Motors Corp. Securities Litigation*, Eric was integral in securing a \$303 million settlement in a case regarding multiple accounting manipulations and overstatements by General Motors.

Additionally, Eric oversees the Financial Products & Services Litigation Practice, focusing on individual actions against malfeasant investment bankers, including cases against custodial banks that allegedly committed deceptive practices relating to certain foreign currency transactions. He currently serves as lead counsel to Arkansas Teacher Retirement System in a class action against the State Street Corporation and certain affiliated entities, and he has represented the Commonwealth of Virginia in its False Claims Act case against Bank of New York Mellon, Inc.

Eric's M&A and derivative experience includes noteworthy cases such as *In re Medco Health Solutions Inc. Shareholders Litigation*, in which he was integrally involved in the negotiation of the settlement that included a significant reduction in the termination fee.

Eric's prior experience included serving as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of New York and as an Assistant District Attorney for the County of Westchester. As a prosecutor, Eric investigated and prosecuted white-collar criminal cases, including many securities law violations. He presented hundreds of cases to the grand jury and obtained numerous felony convictions after jury trials.

Eric is a frequent speaker on the topic of shareholder litigation and U.S.-style class actions in European countries. He also has spoken on socially responsible investments for public pension funds.

Eric is admitted to practice in the State of New York as well as before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Eastern District of Michigan, the District of Colorado, the District of Nebraska, and the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

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With nearly four decades of experience in complex litigation, Joel H. Bernstein's practice focuses on the protection of victimized individuals. Joel advises large public and labor pension funds, banks, mutual funds, insurance companies, hedge funds, and other institutional and individual investors with respect to securities-related litigation in the federal and state courts, as well as in arbitration proceedings before the NYSE, FINRA, and other self-regulatory organizations. His experience in the area of representing plaintiffs in complex litigation has resulted in the recovery of more than a billion dollars in damages to wronged class members.

For several years Joel led the Firm's Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities team, a group of more than 20 legal professionals representing large domestic and foreign institutional investors in 75 individual litigations involving billions of dollars lost in fraudulently marketed investments at the center of the subprime crisis and has successfully recovered hundreds of millions of dollars on their behalf thus far. He also currently serves as lead counsel in class actions, including *In re NII Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *Norfolk County Retirement System v. Solazyme, Inc.*, and *In re Facebook Biometric Information Privacy Litigation*.

Joel recently led the team that secured a \$265 million all-cash settlement for a class of investors in *In re Massey Energy Co. Securities Litigation*, a matter that stemmed from the 2010 mining disaster at the company's Upper Big Branch coal mine. Joel also led the team that achieved a \$120 million recovery with one of the largest global providers of products and services for the oil and gas industry, Weatherford International in 2015. As lead counsel for one of the most prototypical cases arising from the financial crisis, *In re Countrywide*

Corporation Securities Litigation, he obtained a settlement of \$624 million for co-lead plaintiffs, New York State Common Retirement Fund and the New York City Pension Funds.

In the past, Joel has played a central role in numerous high profile cases, including *In re Paine Webber Incorporated Limited Partnerships Litigation* (\$200 million settlement); *In re Prudential Securities Incorporated Limited Partnerships Litigation* (\$130 million settlement); *In re Prudential Bache Energy Income Partnerships Securities Litigation* (\$91 million settlement); *Shea v. New York Life Insurance Company* (\$92 million settlement); and *Saunders et al. v. Gardner* (\$10 million—the largest punitive damage award in the history of NASD Arbitration at that time). In addition, Joel was instrumental in securing a \$117.5 million settlement in *In re Mercury Interactive Securities Litigation*, the largest settlement at the time in a securities fraud litigation based upon options backdating. He also has litigated cases which arose out of deceptive practices by custodial banks relating to certain foreign currency transactions.

Joel has been recommended by *The Legal 500* in the field of Securities Litigation, where he was described by sources as a “formidable adversary,” and by *Benchmark Litigation* as a Securities Litigation Star. He was also featured in *The AmLaw Litigation Daily* as Litigator of the Week for his work on *In re Countrywide Financial Corporation Securities Litigation*. Joel has received a rating of AV Preeminent from the publishers of the Martindale-Hubbell directory.

In addition to his active legal practice, Joel co-leads Labaton Sucharow’s Securities Arbitration pro bono project in collaboration with Brooklyn Law School where he serves as an adjunct professor. Together with Labaton Sucharow partner Mark Arisohn, firm associates, and Brooklyn Law School students, he represents aggrieved and defrauded individual investors who cannot otherwise afford to pay for legal counsel in financial industry arbitration matters against investment advisors and stockbrokers.

As a recognized leader in his field, Joel is frequently sought out by the press to comment on legal matters and has also authored numerous articles and lectured on related issues. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the New York County Lawyers’ Association, and the Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association (PIABA).

He is admitted to practice in the State of New York as well as before the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Ninth Circuits and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

Thomas A. Dubbs, Partner
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Thomas A. Dubbs focuses on the representation of institutional investors in domestic and multinational securities cases. Recognized as a leading securities class action attorney, Tom has been named as a top litigator by *Chambers & Partners* for seven consecutive years.

Tom has served or is currently serving as lead or co-lead counsel in some of the most important federal securities class actions in recent years, including those against American International Group, Goldman Sachs, the Bear Stearns Companies, Facebook, Fannie Mae, Broadcom, and WellCare. Tom has also played an integral role in securing significant settlements in several high-profile cases including: *In re American International Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* (settlements totaling more than \$1 billion); *In re Bear Stearns Companies, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$275 million settlement with Bear Stearns Companies, plus a \$19.9 million settlement with Deloitte & Touche LLP, Bear Stearns’ outside auditor); *In re HealthSouth Securities Litigation* (\$671 million settlement); *Eastwood Enterprises LLC v. Farha et al. (WellCare Securities Litigation)* (over \$200 million settlement); *In re 2008 Fannie Mae Securities Litigation* (\$170 million settlement pending final court approval); *In re Broadcom Corp. Securities Litigation* (\$160.5 million settlement with Broadcom, plus \$13 million settlement with Ernst & Young LLP, Broadcom’s outside auditor); *In re St. Paul Travelers Securities Litigation* (\$144.5 million settlement); and *In re Vesta Insurance Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$79 million settlement).

Representing an affiliate of the Amalgamated Bank, the largest labor-owned bank in the United States, a team led by Tom successfully litigated a class action against Bristol-Myers Squibb, which resulted in a settlement of \$185 million as well as major corporate governance reforms. He has argued before the United States Supreme Court and has argued 10 appeals dealing with securities or commodities issues before the United States Courts of Appeals.

Due to his reputation in securities law, Tom frequently lectures to institutional investors and other groups such as the Government Finance Officers Association, the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems, and the Council of Institutional Investors. He is a prolific author of articles related to his field, and he recently penned "Textualism and Transnational Securities Law: A Reappraisal of Justice Scalia's Analysis in *Morrison v. National Australia Bank*," *Southwestern Journal of International Law* (2014). He has also written several columns in UK-wide publications regarding securities class action and corporate governance.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Tom was Senior Vice President & Senior Litigation Counsel for Kidder, Peabody & Co. Incorporated, where he represented the company in many class actions, including the First Executive and Orange County litigation and was first chair in many securities trials. Before joining Kidder, Tom was head of the litigation department at Hall, McNicol, Hamilton & Clark, where he was the principal partner representing Thomson McKinnon Securities Inc. in many matters, including the Petro Lewis and Baldwin-United class actions.

In addition to his *Chambers & Partners* recognition, Tom was named a Leading Lawyer by *The Legal 500*, an honor presented to only eight U.S. plaintiffs' securities attorneys. *Law360* also named him an "MVP of the Year" for distinction in class action litigation in 2012 and 2015, and he has been recognized by *The National Law Journal*, *Lawdragon 500*, and *Benchmark Litigation* as a Securities Litigation Star. Tom has received a rating of AV Preeminent from the publishers of the Martindale-Hubbell directory.

Tom serves as a FINRA Arbitrator and is an Advisory Board Member for the Institute for Transnational Arbitration. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the American Law Institute, and he is a Patron of the American Society of International Law. He was previously a member of the Members Consultative Group for the Principles of the Law of Aggregate Litigation and the Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law. Tom also serves on the Board of Directors for The Sidney Hillman Foundation.

Tom is admitted to practice in the State of New York as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits, and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Jonathan Gardner, Partner
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Jonathan Gardner's practice focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors. An experienced litigator, he has played an integral role in securing some of the largest class action recoveries against corporate offenders since the onset of the global financial crisis.

Most recently, Jonathan was the lead attorney in several matters that resulted in significant recoveries for injured class members, including: *In re Hewlett-Packard Company Securities Litigation*, resulting in a \$57 million recovery; *Medoff v. CVS Caremark Corporation*, resulting in a \$48 million recovery; *In re Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc., Securities Litigation*, resulting in a \$47 million recovery; *In re Carter's Inc. Securities Litigation* resulting in a \$23.3 million recovery against Carter's and certain of its officers as well as PricewaterhouseCoopers, its auditing firm; *In re Aeropostale Inc. Securities Litigation*, resulting in a \$15 million recovery; *In re Lender Processing Services Inc.*, involving claims of fraudulent mortgage processing which resulted in a \$13.1 million recovery; and *In re K-12, Inc. Securities Litigation*, resulting in a \$6.75 million recovery.

Recommended and described by *The Legal 500* as having the "ability to master the nuances of securities class actions," Jonathan has led the Firm's representation of investors in many recent high-profile cases including *Rubin v. MF Global Ltd.*, which involved allegations of material misstatements and omissions in a Registration Statement and Prospectus issued in connection with MF Global's IPO in 2007. In November 2011, the case resulted in a recovery of \$90 million for investors. Jonathan also represented lead plaintiff City of Edinburgh Council as Administering Authority of the Lothian Pension Fund in *In re Lehman Brothers Equity/Debt Securities Litigation*, which resulted in settlements totaling exceeding \$600 million against Lehman Brothers' former officers and directors, Lehman's former public accounting firm as well as the banks that underwrote Lehman Brothers' offerings. In representing lead plaintiff Massachusetts Bricklayers and Masons Trust Funds in an action against Deutsche Bank, Jonathan secured a \$32.5 million dollar recovery for a class of investors injured by the Bank's conduct in connection with certain residential mortgage-backed securities.

Jonathan has also been responsible for prosecuting several of the Firm's options backdating cases, including *In re Monster Worldwide, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$47.5 million settlement); *In re SafeNet, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$25 million settlement); *In re Semtech Securities Litigation* (\$20 million settlement); and *In re MRV Communications, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$10 million settlement). He also was instrumental in *In re Mercury Interactive Corp. Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$117.5 million, one of the largest settlements or judgments in a securities fraud litigation based upon options backdating.

Jonathan also represented the Successor Liquidating Trustee of Lipper Convertibles, a convertible bond hedge fund, in actions against the fund's former independent auditor and a member of the fund's general partner as well as numerous former limited partners who received excess distributions. He successfully recovered over \$5.2 million for the Successor Liquidating Trustee from the limited partners and \$29.9 million from the former auditor.

He is a member of the Federal Bar Council, New York State Bar Association, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Jonathan is admitted to practice in the State of New York as well as before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth and Eleventh Circuits and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

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David J. Goldsmith has more than 15 years of experience representing public and private institutional investors in a wide variety of securities and class action litigations. In recent years, David's work has directly led to record recoveries against corporate offenders in some of the most complex and high-profile securities class actions.

David has also been designated as "recommended" by *The Legal 500* as part of the Firm's recognition as a top-tier plaintiffs' firm in securities class action litigation.

David was an integral member of the team representing the New York State Common Retirement Fund and New York City pension funds as lead plaintiffs in *In re Countrywide Financial Corporation Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$624 million. David successfully represented these clients in an appeal brought by Countrywide's 401(k) plan in the Ninth Circuit concerning complex settlement allocation issues. David also represented a hedge fund and individual investors as lead plaintiffs in an action concerning the well-publicized collapse of four Regions Morgan Keegan closed-end investment companies, in which the court approved a \$62 million settlement.

Current matters include representation of a state pension fund in a class action alleging deceptive acts and practices by State Street Bank in connection with foreign currency exchange trades executed for its custodial clients; representations of state and county pension funds in securities class actions arising from the initial

public offerings of Model N, Inc. and A10 Networks, Inc.; representations of a large German banking institution and a significant Irish special-purpose vehicle in actions alleging fraud in connection with residential mortgage-backed securities; and representation of a state pension fund in a securities class action against Neustar, Inc. concerning the bidding and selection process for its key contract.

David has regularly represented the Genesee County (Michigan) Employees' Retirement System in securities and shareholder matters, including settled actions against CBeyond, Compellent Technologies, Merck, Spectranetics, and Transaction Systems Architects.

During law school, David was Managing Editor of the *Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal* and served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Michael B. Mukasey, then a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

For many years, David has been a member of AmorArtis, a renowned choral organization with a diverse repertoire.

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Louis Gottlieb focuses on representing institutional and individual investors in complex securities and consumer class action cases. He has played a key role in some of the most high-profile securities class actions in recent history, securing significant recoveries for plaintiffs and ensuring essential corporate governance reforms to protect future investors, consumers, and the general public.

Lou was integral in prosecuting *In re American International Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* (settlements totaling more than \$1 billion) and *In re 2008 Fannie Mae Securities Litigation* (\$170 million settlement pending final approval). He also helped lead major class action cases against the company and related defendants in *In re Satyam Computer Services, Ltd. Securities Litigation* (\$150.5 million settlement). He has led successful litigation teams in securities fraud class action litigations against Metromedia Fiber Networks and Pricemart, as well as consumer class actions against various life insurance companies.

In the Firm's representation of the Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds in *In re Waste Management, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Lou's efforts were essential in securing a \$457 million settlement. The settlement also included important corporate governance enhancements, including an agreement by management to support a campaign to obtain shareholder approval of a resolution to declassify its board of directors, and a resolution to encourage and safeguard whistleblowers among the company's employees. Acting on behalf of New York City pension funds in *In re Orbital Sciences Corporation Securities Litigation*, Lou helped negotiate the implementation of measures concerning the review of financial results, the composition, role and responsibilities of the Company's Audit and Finance committee, and the adoption of a Board resolution providing guidelines regarding senior executives' exercise and sale of vested stock options.

Lou was a leading member of the team in the *Napp Technologies Litigation* that won substantial recoveries for families and firefighters injured in a chemical plant explosion. Lou has had a major role in national product liability actions against the manufacturers of orthopedic bone screws and atrial pacemakers, and in consumer fraud actions in the national litigation against tobacco companies.

A well-respected litigator, Lou has made presentations on punitive damages at Federal Bar Association meetings and has spoken on securities class actions for institutional investors.

Lou brings a depth of experience to his practice from both within and outside of the legal sphere. He graduated first in his class from St. John's School of Law. Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, he clerked for the Honorable Leonard B. Wexler of the Eastern District of New York, and he worked as an associate at Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP.

Lou is admitted to practice in the States of New York and Connecticut as well as before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Seventh Circuits and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

Serena Hallowell, Partner
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Serena Hallowell focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors. Currently, she is actively prosecuting *In re Intuitive Surgical Securities Litigation* and *In re Barrick Gold Securities Litigation*.

Recently, Serena was named as a 2016 Class Action Rising Star by *Law360* and recommended by *The Legal 500* in the field of Securities Litigation. Playing a principal role in prosecuting *In re Computer Sciences Corporation Securities Litigation* (CSC) in a "rocket docket" jurisdiction, she helped secure a settlement of \$97.5 million on behalf of lead plaintiff Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, the third largest all cash settlement in the Fourth Circuit. She was also instrumental in securing a \$48 million recovery in *Medoff v. CVS Caremark Corporation*, as well as a \$41.5 million settlement in *In re NII Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*.

Serena also has broad appellate and trial experience. Most recently, Serena participated in the successful appeal of the CVS matter before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and she is currently participating in an appeal pending before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. In addition, she has previously played a key role in securing a favorable jury verdict in one of the few securities fraud class action suits to proceed to trial.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Serena was an attorney at Ohrenstein & Brown LLP, where she participated in various federal and state commercial litigation matters. During her time there, she also defended financial companies in regulatory proceedings and assisted in high profile coverage litigation matters in connection with mutual funds trading investigations.

Serena received a J.D. from Boston University School of Law, where she served as the Note Editor for the *Journal of Science & Technology Law*. She earned a B.A. in Political Science from Occidental College.

Serena is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the Federal Bar Council, and the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL), where she serves on the Women's Initiatives Leadership Boot Camp Planning Committee. She also devotes time to pro bono work with the Securities Arbitration Clinic at Brooklyn Law School and is a member of the Firm's Women's Initiative.

She is conversational in Urdu/Hindi.

She is admitted to practice in the State of New York as well as before the United States Court of Appeals for the First and Eleventh Circuits and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

Thomas G. Hoffman, Jr., Partner
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Thomas G. Hoffman, Jr. focuses on representing institutional investors in complex securities actions.

Thomas was instrumental in securing a \$1 billion recovery in the eight-year litigation against AIG and related defendants. He also was a key member of the Labaton Sucharow team that recovered \$170 million for investors in *In re 2008 Fannie Mae Securities Litigation*. Currently, Thomas is prosecuting cases against BP, Facebook, and American Express.

Thomas received a J.D. from UCLA School of Law, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the *UCLA Entertainment Law Review*, and he served as a Moot Court Executive Board Member. In addition, he was a judicial extern to the Honorable William J. Rea, United States District Court for the Central District of California. Thomas earned a B.F.A., with honors, from New York University.

Thomas is admitted to practice in the State of New York as well as before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

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James W. Johnson focuses on complex securities fraud cases. In representing investors who have been victimized by securities fraud and breaches of fiduciary responsibility, Jim's advocacy has resulted in record recoveries for wronged investors. Currently, he is prosecuting high-profile cases against financial industry leader Goldman Sachs in *In re Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Securities Litigation*, and the world's most popular social network, in *In re Facebook, Inc., IPO Securities and Derivative Litigation*. In addition to his active caseload, Jim holds a variety of leadership positions within the Firm, including serving on the Firm's Executive Committee and acting as the Firm's Hiring Partner. He also serves as the Firm's Executive Partner overseeing firmwide issues.

A recognized leader in his field, Jim has successfully litigated a number of complex securities and RICO class actions including: *In re Bear Stearns Companies, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$275 million settlement with Bear Stearns Companies, plus a \$19.9 million settlement with Deloitte & Touche LLP, Bear Stearns' outside auditor); *In re HealthSouth Corp. Securities Litigation* (\$671 million settlement); *Eastwood Enterprises LLC v. Farha et al. (WellCare Securities Litigation)* (\$200 million settlement); *In re Vesta Insurance Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$79 million settlement); *In re Bristol Myers Squibb Co. Securities Litigation* (\$185 million settlement), in which the court also approved significant corporate governance reforms and recognized plaintiff's counsel as "extremely skilled and efficient"; and *In re National Health Laboratories, Inc., Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a recovery of \$80 million in the federal action and a related state court derivative action.

In *County of Suffolk v. Long Island Lighting Co.*, Jim represented the plaintiff in a RICO class action, securing a jury verdict after a two-month trial that resulted in a \$400 million settlement. The Second Circuit quoted the trial judge, Honorable Jack B. Weinstein, as stating "counsel [has] done a superb job [and] tried this case as well as I have ever seen any case tried." On behalf of the Chugach Native Americans, he also assisted in prosecuting environmental damage claims resulting from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Jim is a member of the American Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, where he served on the Federal Courts Committee, and he is a Fellow in the Litigation Council of America.

Jim has received a rating of AV Preeminent from the publishers of the Martindale-Hubbell directory.

He is admitted to practice in the States of New York and Illinois as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh and Eleventh Circuits, and the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York, and the Northern District of Illinois.

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Christopher J. Keller focuses on complex securities litigation. His clients are institutional investors, including some of the world's largest public and private pension funds with tens of billions of dollars under management.

Described by *The Legal 500* as a "sharp and tenacious advocate" who "has his pulse on the trends," Chris has been instrumental in the Firm's appointments as lead counsel in some of the largest securities matters arising

out of the financial crisis, such as actions against Countrywide (\$624 million settlement), Bear Stearns (\$275 million settlement with Bear Stearns Companies, plus a \$19.9 million settlement with Deloitte & Touche LLP, Bear Stearns' outside auditor), Fannie Mae (\$170 million settlement), and Goldman Sachs.

Chris has also been integral in the prosecution of traditional fraud cases such as *In re Schering-Plough Corporation / ENHANCE Securities Litigation*; *In re Massey Energy Co. Securities Litigation*, where the Firm obtained a \$265 million all-cash settlement with Alpha Natural Resources, Massey's parent company; as well as *In re Satyam Computer Services, Ltd. Securities Litigation*, where the Firm obtained a settlement of more than \$150 million. Chris was also a principal litigator on the trial team of *In re Real Estate Associates Limited Partnership Litigation*. The six-week jury trial resulted in a \$184 million plaintiffs' verdict, one of the largest jury verdicts since the passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act.

In addition to his active caseload, Chris holds a variety of leadership positions within the Firm, including serving on the Firm's Executive Committee. In response to the evolving needs of clients, Chris also established, and currently leads, the Case Evaluation Group, which is comprised of attorneys, in-house investigators, financial analysts, and forensic accountants. The group is responsible for evaluating clients' financial losses and analyzing their potential legal claims both in and outside of the U.S. and tracking trends that are of potential concern to investors.

Educating institutional investors is a significant element of Chris' advocacy efforts for shareholder rights. He is regularly called upon for presentations on developing trends in the law and new case theories at annual meetings and seminars for institutional investors.

He is a member of several professional groups, including the New York State Bar Association and the New York County Lawyers' Association.

He is admitted to practice in the State of New York as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and the District of Colorado.

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An accomplished trial lawyer and partner with the Firm, Edward Labaton has devoted 50 years of practice to representing a full range of clients in class action and complex litigation matters in state and federal court. He is the recipient of the Alliance for Justice's 2015 Champion of Justice Award, given to outstanding individuals whose life and work exemplifies the principle of equal justice.

Ed has played a leading role as plaintiffs' class counsel in a number of successfully prosecuted, high-profile cases, involving companies such as PepsiCo, Dun & Bradstreet, Financial Corporation of America, ZZZZ Best, Revlon, GAF Co., American Brands, Petro Lewis and Jim Walter, as well as several Big Eight (now Four) accounting firms. He has also argued appeals in state and federal courts, achieving results with important precedential value.

Ed has been President of the Institute for Law and Economic Policy (ILEP) since its founding in 1996. Each year, ILEP co-sponsors at least one symposium with a major law school dealing with issues relating to the civil justice system. In 2010, he was appointed to the newly formed Advisory Board of George Washington University's Center for Law, Economics, & Finance (C-LEAF), a think tank within the Law School, for the study and debate of major issues in economic and financial law confronting the United States and the globe. Ed is an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law, a member of the American Law Institute, and a life member of the ABA Foundation. In addition, he has served on the Executive Committee and has been an officer of the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund since its inception in 1996.

Ed is the past Chairman of the Federal Courts Committee of the New York County Lawyers Association, and was a member of the Board of Directors of that organization. He is an active member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, where he was Chair of the Senior Lawyers' Committee and served on its Task Force on the Role of Lawyers in Corporate Governance. He has also served on its Federal Courts, Federal Legislation, Securities Regulation, International Human Rights, and Corporation Law Committees. He also served as Chair of the Legal Referral Service Committee, a joint committee of the New York County Lawyers' Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He has been an active member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Council, and the New York State Bar Association, where he has served as a member of the House of Delegates.

For more than 30 years, he has lectured on many topics including federal civil litigation, securities litigation, and corporate governance.

He is admitted to practice in the State of New York as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuits, and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the Central District of Illinois.

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Christopher J. McDonald focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases. Chris also works with the Firm's Antitrust & Competition Litigation Practice, representing businesses, associations, and individuals injured by anticompetitive activities and unfair business practices.

In the securities field, Chris is currently lead counsel in *In re Amgen Inc. Securities Litigation*. Most recently, he was co-lead counsel in *In re Schering-Plough Corporation / ENHANCE Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a \$473 million settlement, one of the largest securities class action settlements ever against a pharmaceutical company and among the ten largest recoveries ever in a securities class action that did not involve a financial reinstatement. He was also an integral part of the team that successfully litigated *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Securities Litigation*, where Labaton Sucharow secured a \$185 million settlement, as well as significant corporate governance reforms, on behalf of Bristol-Myers shareholders.

In the antitrust field, Chris was most recently co-lead counsel in *In re TriCor Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litigation*, obtaining a \$65.7 million settlement on behalf of the class.

Chris began his legal career at Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler LLP, where he gained extensive trial experience in areas ranging from employment contract disputes to false advertising claims. Later, as a senior attorney with a telecommunications company, Chris advocated before government regulatory agencies on a variety of complex legal, economic, and public policy issues. Since joining Labaton Sucharow, Chris' practice has developed a focus on life sciences industries; his cases often involve pharmaceutical, biotechnology, or medical device companies accused of wrongdoing.

During his time at Fordham University School of Law, Chris was a member of the *Law Review*. He is currently a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Chris is admitted to practice in the State of New York as well as before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Ninth, and Federal Circuits and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the Western District of Michigan.

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Michael H. Rogers focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors. Currently, Mike is actively involved in prosecuting *In re Goldman Sachs, Inc. Securities Litigation*; *Arkansas Teacher Retirement System v. State Street Corp.*; *3226701 Canada, Inc. v. Qualcomm, Inc.*; *Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi v. Sprouts Farmers Markets, Inc.*; and *In re Virtus Investment Partners, Inc. Securities Litigation*.

Since joining Labaton Sucharow, Mike has been a member of the lead or co-lead counsel teams in federal securities class actions against Countrywide Financial Corp. (\$624 million settlement), HealthSouth Corp. (\$671 million settlement), Mercury Interactive Corp. (\$117.5 million settlement), and Computer Sciences Corp. (\$97.5 million settlement).

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Mike was an attorney at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP, where he practiced securities and antitrust litigation, representing international banking institutions bringing federal securities and other claims against major banks, auditing firms, ratings agencies and individuals in complex multidistrict litigation. He also represented an international chemical shipping firm in arbitration of antitrust and other claims against conspirator ship owners.

Mike began his career as an attorney at Sullivan & Cromwell, where he was part of Microsoft's defense team in the remedies phase of the Department of Justice antitrust action against the company.

Mike received a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, where he was a member of the *Cardozo Law Review*. He earned a B.A., *magna cum laude*, in Literature-Writing from Columbia University.

Mike is proficient in Spanish.

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A seasoned litigator with three decades of experience, Ira A. Schochet focuses on class actions involving securities fraud. Ira has played a lead role in securing multimillion dollar recoveries and major corporate governance reforms in high-profile cases such as those against Countrywide Financial, Boeing, Massey Energy, Caterpillar, Spectrum Information Technologies, InterMune, and Amkor Technology.

A longtime leader in the securities class action bar, Ira represented one of the first institutional investors acting as a lead plaintiff in a post-Private Securities Litigation Reform Act case and ultimately obtained one of the first rulings interpreting the statute's intent provision in a manner favorable to investors. His efforts are regularly recognized by the courts, including in *Kamarasy v. Coopers & Lybrand*, where the court remarked on "the superior quality of the representation provided to the class." Further, in approving the settlement he achieved in the *InterMune* litigation, the court complimented Ira's ability to secure a significant recovery for the class in a very efficient manner, shielding the class from prolonged litigation and substantial risk.

Ira has also played a key role in groundbreaking cases in the field of merger and derivative litigation. In *In re Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Derivative Litigation*, he achieved the second largest derivative settlement in the Delaware Court of Chancery history, a \$153.75 million settlement with an unprecedented provision of direct payments to stockholders by means of a special dividend. In another first-of-its-kind case, Ira was featured in *The AmLaw Litigation Daily* as Litigator of the Week for his work in *In re El Paso Corporation Shareholder Litigation*. The action alleged breach of fiduciary duties in connection with a merger

transaction, including specific reference to wrongdoing by a conflicted financial advisory consultant, and resulted in a \$110 million recovery for a class of shareholders and a waiver by the consultant of its fee.

From 2009-2011, Ira served as President of the National Association of Shareholder and Consumer Attorneys (NASCAT), a membership organization of approximately 100 law firms that practice class action and complex civil litigation. During this time, he represented the plaintiffs' securities bar in meetings with members of Congress, the Administration, and the SEC.

From 1996 through 2012, Ira served as Chairman of the Class Action Committee of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association. During his tenure, he has served on the Executive Committee of the Section and authored important papers on issues relating to class action procedure including revisions proposed by both houses of Congress and the Advisory Committee on Civil Procedure of the United States Judicial Conference. Examples include: "Proposed Changes in Federal Class Action Procedure," "Opting Out On Opting In," and "The Interstate Class Action Jurisdiction Act of 1999."

He also has lectured extensively on securities litigation at continuing legal education seminars. He has also been awarded an AV Preeminent rating, the highest distinction, from the publishers of the Martindale-Hubbell directory.

He is admitted to practice in the State of New York as well as before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Fifth and Ninth Circuits and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Central District of Illinois, the Northern District of Texas, and the Western District of Michigan.

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As General Counsel to the Firm and a lead strategist on Labaton Sucharow's Case Evaluation Team, Michael W. Stocker is integral to the Firm's investigating and prosecuting securities, antitrust, and consumer class actions.

Mike represents institutional investors in a broad range of class action litigation, corporate governance, and securities matters. In one of the most significant securities class actions of the decade, Mike played an instrumental part of the team that took on American International Group, Inc. and 21 other defendants. The Firm negotiated a recovery of more than \$1 billion. He was also key in litigating *In re Bear Stearns Companies, Inc. Securities Litigation*, where the Firm secured a \$275 million settlement with Bear Stearns, plus a \$19.9 million settlement with the company's outside auditor, Deloitte & Touche LLP.

In a case against one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies, *In re Abbott Laboratories Norvir Antitrust Litigation*, Mike played a leadership role in litigating a landmark action arising at the intersection of antitrust and intellectual property law. The novel settlement in the case created a multimillion dollar fund to benefit nonprofit organizations serving individuals with HIV. In recognition of his work on *Norvir*, *The National Law Journal* named the Firm to the prestigious Plaintiffs' Hot List, and he received the 2010 Courage Award from the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. Mike has also been recognized by *The Legal 500* in the field of Securities, M&A, and Antitrust Litigation and was named a Securities Litigation Star by *Benchmark Litigation*.

Earlier in his career, Mike served as a senior staff attorney with the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and completed a legal externship with federal Judge Phyllis J. Hamilton, currently sitting in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. He earned a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, a Master of Criminology from the University of Sydney, and a J.D. from University of California's Hastings College of the Law.

He is an active member of the National Association of Public Pension Plan Attorneys (NAPPA), the New York State Bar Association, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Since 2013, Mike has served on

Law360's Securities Editorial Advisory Board, advising on timely and interesting topics warranting media coverage. For two consecutive years (2015-2016), the Council of Institutional Investors has appointed Mike to the Markets Advisory Council, which provides input on legal, financial reporting, and investment market trends. In 2016, he was elected as a member of The American Law Institute, the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law.

In addition to his litigation practice, Mike mentors youth through participation in Mentoring USA. The program seeks to empower young people with the guidance, skills, and resources necessary to maximize their full potential.

He is admitted to practice in the States of California and New York as well as before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Eighth and Ninth Circuits and the United States District Courts for the Northern and Central Districts of California and the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

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Carol C. Villegas focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors. Currently, she is litigating cases against Intuitive Surgical and Advanced Micro Devices, where she also serves as the lead discovery attorney.

Carol played a pivotal role in securing favorable settlements for investors from Aeropostale, a leader in the international retail apparel industry, ViroPharma Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, and Vocera, a healthcare communications provider. A true advocate for her clients, Carol's most recent argument in the case against Vocera resulted in a ruling from the bench, denying defendants' motion to dismiss in that case. Carol works on developing innovative case theories in complex cases, and particularly those cases involving complex regulatory schemes.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Carol served as the Assistant District Attorney in the Supreme Court Bureau for the Richmond County District Attorney's office. During her tenure at the District Attorney's office, Carol took several cases to trial. She began her career as an associate at King & Spalding LLP where she worked as a federal litigator in the Intellectual Property practice group.

Carol received a J.D. from New York University School of Law, and she was the recipient of The Irving H. Jurow Achievement Award for the Study of Law and selected to receive the Association of the Bar of the City of New York Minority Fellowship. Carol served as the Staff Editor, and later the Notes Editor, of the *Environmental Law Journal*. She earned a B.A., with honors, in English and Politics from New York University.

Carol is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and a member of the Executive Council for the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Women in the Law. She also devotes time to pro bono work with the Securities Arbitration Clinic at Brooklyn Law School and is a member of the Firm's Women's Initiative.

She is fluent in Spanish.

Carol is admitted to practice in the States of New York and New Jersey as well as before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Tenth and Eleventh Circuits and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the District of New Jersey, the District of Colorado, and the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

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Ned Weinberger focuses on representing investors in corporate governance and transactional matters, including class action and derivative litigation. Ned was recognized by *Chambers & Partners USA* in the Delaware Court of Chancery as an "Associate to Watch," noting his impressive range of practice areas.

Recently, Ned was part of a team that achieved a \$12 million recovery on behalf of stockholders of ArthroCare Corporation in a case alleging breaches of fiduciary duty by the ArthroCare board of directors and other defendants in connection with Smith & Nephew, Inc. acquisition of ArthroCare.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Ned was a litigation associate at Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. where he gained substantial experience in all aspects of investor protection, including representing shareholders in matters relating to securities fraud, mergers and acquisitions, and alternative entities. Representative of Ned's experience in the Delaware Court of Chancery is *In re Barnes & Noble Stockholders Derivative Litigation*, in which Ned assisted in obtaining approximately \$29 million in settlements on behalf of Barnes & Noble investors. Ned was also part of the litigation team in *In re Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, the settlement of which provided numerous benefits for Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings and its shareholders, including, among other things, a \$200 million cash dividend to the company's shareholders.

Ned received his J.D. from the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville where he served on the *Journal of Law and Education*. He earned his B.A. in English Literature, *cum laude*, at Miami University.

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A litigator with nearly two decades of experience, Nicole M. Zeiss leads the Settlement Group at Labaton Sucharow, analyzing the fairness and adequacy of the procedures used in class action settlements. Her practice includes negotiating and documenting complex class action settlements and obtaining the required court approval of the settlements, notice procedures, and payments of attorneys' fees.

Over the past year, Nicole was actively involved in finalizing settlements with Massey Energy Company (\$265 million), Fannie Mae (\$170 million), and Hewlett-Packard Company (\$57 million), among others.

Nicole was part of the Labaton Sucharow team that successfully litigated the \$185 million settlement in *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Securities Litigation*, and she played a significant role in *In re Monster Worldwide, Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$47.5 million settlement). Nicole also litigated on behalf of investors who have been damaged by fraud in the telecommunications, hedge fund, and banking industries.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Nicole practiced in the area of poverty law at MFY Legal Services. She also worked at Gaynor & Bass practicing general complex civil litigation, particularly representing the rights of freelance writers seeking copyright enforcement.

Nicole maintains a commitment to pro bono legal services by continuing to assist mentally ill clients in a variety of matters—from eviction proceedings to trust administration.

She received a J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, and earned a B.A. in Philosophy from Barnard College.

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With more than 20 years of experience, Garrett J. Bradley focuses on representing leading pension funds and other institutional investors. Garrett has experience in a broad range of commercial matters, including securities, antitrust and competition, consumer protection, and mass tort litigation.

Prior to Garrett's career in private practice, he worked as an Assistant District Attorney in the Plymouth County District Attorney's office.

Garrett is a member of the Public Justice Foundation and the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, an exclusive group of trial lawyers who have secured multimillion dollar verdicts for clients.

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Marisa recently served as legal adviser to the West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund in *In re Walgreen Co. Derivative Litigation*, which obtained significant corporate governance reforms and required Walgreens to extend its Drug Enforcement Agency commitments as part of the settlement related to the company's Controlled Substances Act violation.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Marisa devoted a substantial portion of her time litigating securities fraud, derivative, mergers and acquisitions, consumer fraud, and qui tam actions. During her eight years as a litigator, Marisa was an integral member of the legal teams that helped secure multimillion dollar settlements on behalf of aggrieved investors and defrauded consumers.

Marisa has been invited to speak on shareholder litigation-related matters, frequently lecturing on topics pertaining to securities fraud litigation, fiduciary responsibility, and corporate governance issues. Most recently, she testified before the Texas House of Representatives Pensions Committee to address the changing legal landscape public pensions have faced since the Supreme Court's *Morrison* decision and highlighted the best practices for non-U.S. investment recovery. During the 2008 financial crisis, Marisa spoke widely on the subprime mortgage crisis and its disastrous effect on the pension fund community at regional and national conferences, and addressed the crisis' global implications and related fraud to institutional investors internationally in Italy, France, and the United Kingdom. Marisa has also presented on issues pertaining to the federal regulatory response to the 2008 crisis, including implications of the Dodd-Frank legislation and the national debate on executive compensation and proxy access for shareholders.

In the spring of 2006, Marisa was selected over 250,000 applicants to appear on the sixth season of *The Apprentice*, which aired on January 7, 2007, on NBC. As a result of her role on *The Apprentice*, Marisa has appeared in numerous news media outlets, such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *People* magazine, and various national legal journals.

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His experience encompasses extensive work in the computer software field including licensing and consulting agreements. Joe also counsels and advises business entities in a broad variety of transactions.

Joe serves as an official mediator for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. He is an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and FINRA. Joe is a former member of the New York State Bar Association Committee on Civil Practice Law and Rules and the Council on Judicial Administration of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He currently is a member of the Arbitration Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

During Joe's time at New York University School of Law, he was a Pomeroy and Hirschman Foundation Scholar, and served as an Associate Editor of the *Law Review*.

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Christine M. Fox focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors. Currently, Christine is actively involved in prosecuting cases against Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc., Conn's, Inc., Intuitive Surgical, and Horizon Pharma.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Christine worked at a national litigation firm focusing on securities, antitrust, and consumer litigation in state and federal courts.

Christine received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and her B.A. from Cornell University. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Puerto Rican Bar Association.

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Mark S. Goldman has 30 years of experience in commercial litigation, primarily litigating class actions involving securities fraud, consumer fraud, and violations of federal and state antitrust laws.

Mark is currently prosecuting securities fraud claims on behalf of institutional and individual investors against the manufacturer of communications systems used by hospitals that allegedly misrepresented the impact of the ACA and budget sequestration of the company's sales, and a multi-layer marketing company that allegedly misled investors about its business structure in China. Mark is also participating in litigation brought against international air cargo carriers charged with conspiring to fix fuel and security surcharges, and domestic manufacturers of various auto parts charged with price-fixing.

Mark successfully litigated a number of consumer fraud cases brought against insurance companies challenging the manner in which they calculated life insurance premiums. He also prosecuted a number of insider trading cases brought against company insiders who, in violation of Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, engaged in short swing trading. In addition, Mark participated in the prosecution of *In re AOL Time Warner Securities Litigation*, a massive securities fraud case that settled for \$2.5 billion.

He is admitted to the state of Pennsylvania, the Third, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits of the U.S. Court of Appeals, the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the District of Colorado, and the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

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Lara Goldstone advises pension funds and other institutional investors on issues related to corporate fraud in the U.S. securities markets. Before joining Labaton Sucharow, Lara worked as a legal intern in the Larimer County District Attorney's Office and the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office.

Prior to her legal career, Lara worked at Industrial Labs where she worked closely with Federal Drug Administration standards and regulations. In addition, she was a teacher in Irvine, California.

Lara received a J.D. from University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where she was a judge of The Providence Foundation of Law & Leadership Mock Trial and a competitor of the Daniel S. Hoffman Trial Advocacy Competition. She earned a B.A. from The George Washington University where she was a recipient of a Presidential Scholarship for academic excellence. She earned a B.A. from The George Washington University where she was a recipient of a Presidential Scholarship for academic excellence.

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Domenico "Nico" Minerva advises leading pension funds and other institutional investors on issues related to corporate fraud in the U.S. securities markets. A former financial advisor, his work focuses on securities, antitrust, and consumer class action litigation and shareholder derivative litigation, representing Taft-Hartley and public pension funds across the country.

Nico's extensive experience litigating securities cases includes those against global securities systems company Tyco and co-defendant PricewaterhouseCoopers (*In re Tyco International Ltd., Securities Litigation*), which resulted in a \$3.2 billion settlement, achieving the largest single defendant settlement in post-PSLRA history. He also has counseled companies and institutional investors on corporate governance reform.

Nico has also done substantial work in antitrust class actions in pay-for-delay or "product hopping" cases in which pharmaceutical companies allegedly obstructed generic competitors in order to preserve monopoly profits on patented drugs, including *Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc. v. Warner Chilcott Public Limited Co.*, *In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litigation*, *In re Solodyn (MinocyclineHydrochloride) Antitrust Litigation*, *In re Niaspan Antitrust Litigation*, *In re Aggrenox Antitrust Litigation*, and *Sergeants Benevolent Association Health & Welfare Fund et al. v. Actavis PLC et al.* In an anticompetitive antitrust matter, *The Infirmary LLC vs. National Football League Inc et al.*, Nico played a part in challenging an exclusivity agreement between the NFL and

DirectTV over the service's "NFL Sunday Ticket" package, and he litigated on behalf of indirect purchasers of potatoes in a case alleging that growers conspired to control and suppress the nation's potato supply *In re Fresh and Process Potatoes Antitrust Litigation*.

On behalf of consumers, Nico represented a plaintiff in *In Re ConAgra Foods Inc.* over its claims that Wesson-brand vegetable oils are 100 percent natural.

An accomplished speaker, Nico has given numerous presentations to investors on a variety of topics of interest regarding corporate fraud, wrongdoing, and waste. He is also an active member of the National Association of Public Pension Plan Attorneys (NAPPA).

Nico obtained his J.D. from Tulane University Law School, where he also completed a two-year externship with the Honorable Kurt D. Engelhardt of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. He earned his B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Florida.

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Barry M. Okun is a seasoned trial and appellate lawyer with more than 30 years of experience in a broad range of commercial litigation. Currently, Barry is actively involved in prosecuting *In re Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*. Most recently, he was part of the Labaton Sucharow team that recovered more than \$1 billion in the eight-year litigation against American International Group, Inc. Barry also played a key role representing the Successor Liquidating Trustee of Lipper Convertibles LP and Lipper Fixed Income Fund LP, failed hedge funds, in actions against the Fund's former auditors, overdrawn limited partners, and management team. He helped recover \$5.2 million from overdrawn limited partners and \$30 million from the Fund's former auditors.

Barry has litigated several leading commercial law cases, including the first case in which the United States Supreme Court ruled on issues relating to products liability. He has argued appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second and Seventh Circuits and the Appellate Divisions of three out of the four judicial departments in New York State. Barry has appeared in numerous trial courts throughout the country.

He received a J.D., *cum laude*, from Boston University School of Law, where he was the Articles Editor of the *Law Review*. Barry earned a B.A., with a citation for academic distinction, in History from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Barry has received an AV Preeminent rating, the highest distinction, from the publishers of the Martindale-Hubbell directory.

He is admitted to practice in the State of New York as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Seventh and Eleventh Circuits, and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

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Richard Joffe's practice focuses on class action litigation, including securities fraud, antitrust, and consumer fraud cases. Since joining the Firm, Rich has represented such varied clients as institutional purchasers of corporate bonds, Wisconsin dairy farmers, and consumers who alleged they were defrauded when they purchased annuities. He played a key role in shareholders obtaining a \$303 million settlement of securities claims against General Motors and its outside auditor.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Rich was an associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, where he played a key role in obtaining a dismissal of claims against Merrill Lynch & Co. and a dozen other of America's largest investment banks and brokerage firms, who, in *Friedman v. Salomon/Smith Barney, Inc.*, were alleged to have conspired to fix the prices of initial public offerings.

Rich also worked as an associate at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson where, among other things, in a case handled pro bono, he obtained a successful settlement for several older women who alleged they were victims of age and sex discrimination when they were selected for termination by New York City's Health and Hospitals Corporation during a city-wide reduction in force.

Long before becoming a lawyer, Rich was a founding member of the internationally famous rock and roll group, Sha Na Na.

He is admitted to practice in the State of New York as well as before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits, and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

Exhibit 9

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

IN RE: NII HOLDINGS, INC.
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Case No. 1:14-cv-227-LMB-JFA

**DECLARATION OF GERALD H. SILK ON BEHALF OF
BERNSTEIN LITOWITZ BERGER & GROSSMANN LLP IN
SUPPORT OF CLASS COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND PAYMENT OF EXPENSES**

Gerald H. Silk, Esq., declares as follows, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am a partner of the law firm Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP ("BLB&G"). I submit this declaration in support of Class Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and payment of litigation expenses on behalf of all plaintiff's counsel who contributed to the prosecution of the claims in the above-captioned action (the "Action") from inception through July 8, 2016 (the "Time Period").

2. My firm is counsel for Lead Plaintiff Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Fund ("Jacksonville P&F") and additional counsel for the Class. Our work in this Action included, among other things:

(a) helping to draft Lead Plaintiffs' motion papers seeking appointment as Lead Plaintiffs under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Amended Complaint and Second Amended Complaint, Lead Plaintiffs' opposition to Defendants' motion to dismiss, discovery requests, discovery responses, discovery-related motions, status reports to the Court, Lead Plaintiffs' papers in support of class certification, Lead Plaintiffs' opposition to Defendants' Rule 23(f) petition, mediation statements, and settlement papers;

(b) researching the legal issues presented by the motion to dismiss, discovery motions, and class certification;

(c) reviewing and analyzing documents produced by NII and the Individual Defendants;

(d) taking the depositions of three witnesses, including a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition of NII and the deposition of Defendant Steven Shindler;

(e) communicating regularly with Jacksonville P&F about the status of the case, litigation strategy, and settlement negotiations;

(f) reviewing, analyzing, and producing to Defendants thousands of pages of documents from Jacksonville P&F;

(g) defending the deposition of a representative of Jacksonville P&F;

(h) attending hearings before the Court;

(i) participating in strategy discussions with Lead Counsel, Liaison Counsel, and Bankruptcy Counsel concerning all phases of the litigation, including the effect of NII's bankruptcy;

(j) consulting with Lead Plaintiffs' damages expert;

(k) revising Lead Plaintiffs' industry expert's report; and

(l) participating in two mediations with Lead Counsel and Defendants.

3. The schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A is a summary indicating the amount of time spent by each attorney and professional support staff-member of my firm who billed ten or more hours to the Action during the Time Period, and the lodestar calculation based on my firm's current billing rates. For personnel who are no longer employed by my firm, the lodestar calculation is based upon the billing rates for such personnel in his or her final year of

employment by my firm. The schedule was prepared from contemporaneous daily time records regularly prepared and maintained by my firm, which are available at the request of the Court. Time expended in preparing this application for fees and payment of expenses has not been included in this request.

4. The hourly rates for the attorneys and professional support staff in my firm included in Exhibit A are the same as my firm's regular rates charged for their services, which have been accepted in other securities or shareholder litigations.

5. The total number of hours reflected in Exhibit A from inception through and including July 8, 2016 is 6,480.00 hours. The total lodestar for my firm for those hours is \$2,928,763.75.

6. My firm's lodestar figures are based upon the firm's billing rates, which rates do not include charges for expense items. Expense items are billed separately and are not duplicated in my firm's billing rates.

7. As detailed in Exhibit B, my firm is seeking reimbursement for a total of \$143,187.77 in expenses incurred in connection with the prosecution of this Action. The reported expenses comply with BLB&G's policies concerning, among other things, out-of-town travel expenses (e.g., no first-class airfare, reasonable meal reimbursement, and lodging) and working meal reimbursement. In addition, internal copying costs have been capped at \$0.10 per page.

8. The litigation expenses incurred in this Action are reflected on the books and records of my firm. These books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records and other source materials and are an accurate record of the expenses incurred.

9. With respect to the standing of my firm, attached hereto as Exhibit C is a brief biography of my firm as well as biographies of the attorneys in my firm who were involved in this Action.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 10, 2016.



Gerald H. Silk

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Exhibit A

EXHIBIT A

IN RE NII HOLDINGS, INC. SEC. LITIG.
Civ. No. 1:14-cv-00227-LMB-JFA (E.D. Va.)

LODESTAR REPORT

FIRM: BERNSTEIN LITOWITZ BERGER & GROSSMANN LLP
REPORTING PERIOD: INCEPTION THROUGH JULY 8, 2016

PROFESSIONAL	STATUS	HOURLY RATE	HOURS	TOTAL LODESTAR
Avi Josefson	(P)	800.00	24.00	19,200.00
Gerald Silk	(P)	945.00	202.00	190,890.00
Jai Chandrasekhar	(SC)	700.00	601.00	420,700.00
Joseph Cohen	(SC)	700.00	12.00	8,400.00
Adam Hollander	(A)	600.00	13.00	7,800.00
Catherine McCaw	(A)	450.00	106.50	47,925.00
John Mills	(A)	600.00	49.00	29,400.00
Katherine Stefanou	(A)	500.00	121.00	60,500.00
Chris Clarkin	(SA)	375.00	556.00	208,500.00
Reiko Cyr	(SA)	395.00	542.75	214,386.25
George Doumas	(SA)	395.00	722.00	285,190.00
Jared Hoffman	(SA)	375.00	707.00	265,125.00
Lawrence Hosmer	(SA)	395.00	638.50	252,207.50
Jed Koslow	(SA)	375.00	638.50	239,437.50
Laura Lefkowitz	(SA)	395.00	400.25	158,098.75
Robert Stinson	(SA)	395.00	12.00	4,740.00
Emily Strickland	(SA)	340.00	404.00	137,360.00
Christina Suarez	(SA)	375.00	582.75	218,531.25
Nick DeFilippis	(FA)	500.00	14.00	7,000.00
Adam Weinschel	(FA)	415.00	43.00	17,845.00
Michelle Miklus	(FA)	325.00	24.00	7,800.00

PROFESSIONAL	STATUS	HOURLY RATE	HOURS	TOTAL LODESTAR
Rochelle Moses	(FA)	325.00	17.00	5,525.00
Sharon Safran	(FA)	325.00	46.50	15,112.50
Tanjila Sultana	(FA)	325.00	10.50	3,412.50
Chris Altiery	(I)	245.00	38.50	9,432.50
Amy Bitkower	(I)	495.00	17.25	8,538.75
Norbert Sygdziak	(PL)	310.00	87.00	26,970.00
Yvette Badillo	(PL)	285.00	148.75	42,393.75
Martin Braxton	(PL)	245.00	31.00	7,595.00
Errol Hall	(MC)	310.00	12.25	3,797.50
Babatunde Pedro	(LS)	275.00	18.00	4,950.00
TOTALS:			6,480.00	\$2,928,763.75

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Senior Counsel (SC)
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Staff Attorney (SA)
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Investigator (I)

Paralegal (PL)
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Litigation Support (LS)

Exhibit B

EXHIBIT B

IN RE NII HOLDINGS, INC. SEC. LITIG.
Civ. No. 1:14-cv-00227-LMB-JFA (E.D. Va.)

EXPENSE REPORT

FIRM: BERNSTEIN LITOWITZ BERGER & GROSSMANN LLP
REPORTING PERIOD: INCEPTION THROUGH JULY 8, 2016

EXPENSE	TOTAL AMOUNT
Duplicating	\$3,858.94
Postage	19.59
Telephone / Fax	7.30
Online Legal, Financial & Factual Research	8,986.36
Overnight Delivery Services	576.33
Transportation/Meals/Lodging	8,680.25
Litigation Expense Fund Contribution	121,059.00 ¹
TOTAL	\$143,187.77

¹ In addition to this Litigation Expense Fund Contribution, BLB&G also contributed \$31,191.00 to the Litigation Expense Fund which was applied to pay a portion of local counsel Susan Podolsky's legal fees. This sum will be reimbursed through the Court's fee award.

Exhibit C



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FIRM OVERVIEW

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP (“BLB&G”), a national law firm with offices located in New York, California, Louisiana and Illinois, prosecutes class and private actions on behalf of individual and institutional clients. The firm’s litigation practice areas include securities class and direct actions in federal and state courts; corporate governance and shareholder rights litigation, including claims for breach of fiduciary duty and proxy violations; mergers and acquisitions and transactional litigation; alternative dispute resolution; distressed debt and bankruptcy; civil rights and employment discrimination; consumer class actions and antitrust. We also handle, on behalf of major institutional clients and lenders, more general complex commercial litigation involving allegations of breach of contract, accountants’ liability, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and negligence.

We are the nation’s leading firm in representing institutional investors in securities fraud class action litigation. The firm’s institutional client base includes the New York State Common Retirement Fund; the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS); the Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan Board (the largest public pension funds in North America); the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA); the Chicago Municipal, Police and Labor Retirement Systems; the Teacher Retirement System of Texas; the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System; Forsta AP-fonden (“AP1”); Fjarde AP-fonden (“AP4”); the Florida State Board of Administration; the Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi; the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System; the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System; the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio; the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System; the Virginia Retirement System; the Louisiana School, State, Teachers and Municipal Police Retirement Systems; the Public School Teachers’ Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago; the New Jersey Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury; TIAA-CREF and other private institutions; as well as numerous other public and Taft-Hartley pension entities.

MORE TOP SECURITIES RECOVERIES

Since its founding in 1983, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP has litigated some of the most complex cases in history and has obtained over \$30 billion on behalf of investors. Unique among its peers, the firm has negotiated the largest settlements ever agreed to by public companies related to securities fraud, and obtained many of the largest securities recoveries in history (including 5 of the top 10):



- *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation* – \$6.19 billion recovery
- *In re Cendant Corporation Securities Litigation* – \$3.3 billion recovery
- *In re Bank of America Corp. Securities, Derivative, and Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) Litigation* – \$2.43 billion recovery
- *In re Nortel Networks Corporation Securities Litigation* (“Nortel II”) – \$1.07 billion recovery
- *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Securities Litigation* – \$1.06 billion recovery
- *In re McKesson HBOC, Inc. Securities Litigation* – \$1.05 billion recovery

For over a decade, Securities Class Action Services (SCAS – a division of ISS Governance) has compiled and published data on securities litigation recoveries and the law firms prosecuting the cases. BLB&G has been at or near the top of their rankings every year – often with the highest total recoveries, the highest settlement average, or both.

BLB&G also eclipses all competitors on SCAS’s “Top 100 Settlements” report, having recovered 37% of all the settlement dollars represented in the report (nearly \$23 billion), and having prosecuted nearly a third of all the cases on the list (29 of 100).

GIVING SHAREHOLDERS A VOICE AND CHANGING BUSINESS PRACTICES FOR THE BETTER

BLB&G was among the first law firms ever to obtain meaningful corporate governance reforms through litigation. In courts throughout the country, we prosecute shareholder class and derivative actions, asserting claims for breach of fiduciary duty and proxy violations wherever the conduct of corporate officers and/or directors, as well as M&A transactions, seek to deprive shareholders of fair value, undermine shareholder voting rights, or allow management to profit at the expense of shareholders.

We have prosecuted seminal cases establishing precedents which have increased market transparency, held wrongdoers accountable, addressed issues in the boardroom and executive suite, challenged unfair deals, and improved corporate business practices in groundbreaking ways.

From setting new standards of director independence, to restructuring board practices in the wake of persistent illegal conduct; from challenging the improper use of defensive measures and deal protections for management’s benefit, to confronting stock options backdating abuses and other self-dealing by executives; we have confronted a variety of questionable, unethical and proliferating corporate practices. Seeking to reform faulty management structures and address breaches of fiduciary duty by corporate officers and directors, we have obtained unprecedented victories on behalf of shareholders seeking to improve governance and protect the shareholder franchise.

ADVOCACY FOR VICTIMS OF CORPORATE WRONGDOING

While BLB&G is widely recognized as one of the leading law firms worldwide advising institutional investors on issues related to corporate governance, shareholder rights, and securities litigation, we have also prosecuted some of the most significant employment discrimination, civil rights and consumer protection cases on record. Equally important, the firm has advanced novel and socially beneficial principles by developing important new law in the areas in which we litigate.



The firm served as co-lead counsel on behalf of Texaco's African-American employees in *Roberts v. Texaco Inc.*, which resulted in a recovery of \$176 million, the largest settlement ever in a race discrimination case. The creation of a Task Force to oversee Texaco's human resources activities for five years was unprecedented and served as a model for public companies going forward.

In the consumer field, the firm has gained a nationwide reputation for vigorously protecting the rights of individuals and for achieving exceptional settlements. In several instances, the firm has obtained recoveries for consumer classes that represented the entirety of the class's losses – an extraordinary result in consumer class cases.

PRACTICE AREAS

SECURITIES FRAUD LITIGATION

Securities fraud litigation is the cornerstone of the firm's litigation practice. Since its founding, the firm has had the distinction of having tried and prosecuted many of the most high-profile securities fraud class actions in history, recovering billions of dollars and obtaining unprecedented corporate governance reforms on behalf of our clients. BLB&G continues to play a leading role in major securities litigation pending in federal and state courts, and the firm remains one of the nation's leaders in representing institutional investors in securities fraud class and derivative litigation.

The firm also pursues direct actions in securities fraud cases when appropriate. By selectively opting out of certain securities class actions, we seek to resolve our clients' claims efficiently and for substantial multiples of what they might otherwise recover from related class action settlements.

The attorneys in the securities fraud litigation practice group have extensive experience in the laws that regulate the securities markets and in the disclosure requirements of corporations that issue publicly traded securities. Many of the attorneys in this practice group also have accounting backgrounds. The group has access to state-of-the-art, online financial wire services and databases, which enable it to instantaneously investigate any potential securities fraud action involving a public company's debt and equity securities.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

The Corporate Governance and Shareholders' Rights Practice Group prosecutes derivative actions, claims for breach of fiduciary duty, and proxy violations on behalf of individual and institutional investors in state and federal courts throughout the country. The group has obtained unprecedented victories on behalf of shareholders seeking to improve corporate governance and protect the shareholder franchise, prosecuting actions challenging numerous highly publicized corporate transactions which violated fair process and fair price, and the applicability of the business judgment rule. We have also addressed issues of corporate waste, shareholder voting rights claims, and executive compensation. As a result of the firm's high-profile and widely recognized capabilities, the corporate governance practice group is increasingly in demand by institutional investors who are exercising a more assertive voice with corporate boards regarding corporate governance issues and the board's accountability to shareholders.

The firm is actively involved in litigating numerous cases in this area of law, an area that has become increasingly important in light of efforts by various market participants to buy companies from their public shareholders "on the cheap."

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS

The Employment Discrimination and Civil Rights Practice Group prosecutes class and multi-plaintiff actions, and other high-impact litigation against employers and other societal institutions that violate federal or state employment, anti-discrimination, and civil rights laws. The practice group represents diverse clients on a wide range of issues including Title VII actions: race, gender, sexual orientation and age discrimination suits; sexual harassment, and "glass ceiling" cases in which otherwise qualified employees are passed over for promotions to managerial or executive positions.

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP is committed to effecting positive social change in the workplace and in society. The practice group has the necessary financial and human resources to ensure that the class action approach to discrimination and civil rights issues is successful. This litigation method serves to empower employees and other civil rights victims, who are usually discouraged from pursuing litigation because of personal financial limitations, and offers the potential for effecting the greatest positive change for the greatest number of people affected by discriminatory practice in the workplace.

GENERAL COMMERCIAL LITIGATION AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The General Commercial Litigation practice group provides contingency fee representation in complex business litigation and has obtained substantial recoveries on behalf of investors, corporations, bankruptcy trustees, creditor committees and other business entities. We have faced down powerful and well-funded law firms and defendants – and consistently prevailed. However, not every dispute is best resolved through the courts. In such cases, BLB&G Alternative Dispute practitioners offer clients an accomplished team and a creative venue in which to resolve conflicts outside of the litigation process. BLB&G has extensive experience – and a marked record of successes – in ADR practice. For example, in the wake of the credit crisis, we successfully represented numerous former executives of a major financial institution in arbitrations relating to claims for compensation. Our attorneys have led complex business-to-business arbitrations and mediations domestically and abroad representing clients before all the major arbitration tribunals, including the American Arbitration Association (AAA), FINRA, JAMS, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the London Court of International Arbitration.

DISTRESSED DEBT AND BANKRUPTCY CREDITOR NEGOTIATION

The BLB&G Distressed Debt and Bankruptcy Creditor Negotiation Group has obtained billions of dollars through litigation on behalf of bondholders and creditors of distressed and bankrupt companies, as well as through third-party litigation brought by bankruptcy trustees and creditors' committees against auditors, appraisers, lawyers, officers and directors, and other defendants who may have contributed to client losses. As counsel, we advise institutions and individuals nationwide in developing strategies and tactics to recover assets presumed lost as a result of bankruptcy. Our record in this practice area is characterized by extensive trial experience in addition to completion of successful settlements.

CONSUMER ADVOCACY

The Consumer Advocacy Practice Group at Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP prosecutes cases across the entire spectrum of consumer rights, consumer fraud, and consumer protection issues. The firm represents victimized consumers in state and federal courts nationwide in individual and class action lawsuits that seek to provide consumers and purchasers of defective products with a means to recover their damages. The attorneys in this group are well versed in the vast array of laws and regulations that govern consumer interests and are aggressive, effective, court-tested litigators. The Consumer Practice Advocacy Group has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for millions of consumers throughout the country. Most notably, in a number of cases, the firm has obtained recoveries for the class that were the entirety of the potential damages suffered by the consumer. For example, in actions against MCI and Empire Blue Cross, the firm recovered all of the damages suffered by the class. The group achieved its successes by advancing innovative claims and theories of liabilities, such as obtaining decisions in Pennsylvania and Illinois appellate courts that adopted a new theory of consumer damages in mass marketing cases. Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP is, thus, able to lead the way in protecting the rights of consumers.

THE COURTS SPEAK

Throughout the firm's history, many courts have recognized the professional excellence and diligence of the firm and its members. A few examples are set forth below.

IN RE WORLDCom, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION

THE HONORABLE DENISE COTE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

"I have the utmost confidence in plaintiffs' counsel...they have been doing a superb job.... The Class is extraordinarily well represented in this litigation."

"The magnitude of this settlement is attributable in significant part to Lead Counsel's advocacy and energy.... The quality of the representation given by Lead Counsel...has been superb...and is unsurpassed in this Court's experience with plaintiffs' counsel in securities litigation."

"Lead Counsel has been energetic and creative. . . . Its negotiations with the Citigroup Defendants have resulted in a settlement of historic proportions."

IN RE CLARENT CORPORATION SECURITIES LITIGATION

THE HONORABLE CHARLES R. BREYER OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

"It was the best tried case I've witnessed in my years on the bench . . ."

"[A]n extraordinarily civilized way of presenting the issues to you [the jury]. . . . We've all been treated to great civility and the highest professional ethics in the presentation of the case...."

"These trial lawyers are some of the best I've ever seen."

LANDRY'S RESTAURANTS, INC. SHAREHOLDER LITIGATION

VICE CHANCELLOR J. TRAVIS LASTER OF THE DELAWARE COURT OF CHANCERY

"I do want to make a comment again about the excellent efforts . . . put into this case. . . . This case, I think, shows precisely the type of benefits that you can achieve for stockholders and how representative litigation can be a very important part of our corporate governance system . . . you hold up this case as an example of what to do."

MCCALL V. SCOTT (COLUMBIA/HCA DERIVATIVE LITIGATION)

THE HONORABLE THOMAS A. HIGGINS OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

"Counsel's excellent qualifications and reputations are well documented in the record, and they have litigated this complex case adeptly and tenaciously throughout the six years it has been pending. They assumed an enormous risk and have shown great patience by taking this case on a contingent basis, and despite an early setback they have persevered and brought about not only a large cash settlement but sweeping corporate reforms that may be invaluable to the beneficiaries."

RECENT ACTIONS & SIGNIFICANT RECOVERIES

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP is counsel in many diverse nationwide class and individual actions and has obtained many of the largest and most significant recoveries in history. Some examples from our practice groups include:

SECURITIES CLASS ACTIONS

CASE: *IN RE WORLDCom, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION*

COURT: United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

HIGHLIGHTS: \$6.19 billion securities fraud class action recovery – the second largest in history; unprecedented recoveries from Director Defendants.

CASE SUMMARY: Investors suffered massive losses in the wake of the financial fraud and subsequent bankruptcy of former telecom giant WorldCom, Inc. This litigation alleged that WorldCom and others disseminated false and misleading statements to the investing public regarding its earnings and financial condition in violation of the federal securities and other laws. It further alleged a nefarious relationship between Citigroup subsidiary Salomon Smith Barney and WorldCom, carried out primarily by Salomon employees involved in providing investment banking services to WorldCom, and by WorldCom's former CEO and CFO. As Court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel representing Lead Plaintiff the **New York State Common Retirement Fund**, we obtained unprecedented settlements totaling more than \$6 billion from the Investment Bank Defendants who underwrote WorldCom bonds, including a \$2.575 billion cash settlement to settle all claims against the Citigroup Defendants. On the eve of trial, the 13 remaining "Underwriter Defendants," including J.P. Morgan Chase, Deutsche Bank and Bank of America, agreed to pay settlements totaling nearly \$3.5 billion to resolve all claims against them. Additionally, the day before trial was scheduled to begin, all of the former WorldCom Director Defendants had agreed to pay over \$60 million to settle the claims against them. An unprecedented first for outside directors, \$24.75 million of that amount came out of the pockets of the individuals – 20% of their collective net worth. *The Wall Street Journal*, in its coverage, profiled the settlement as literally having "shaken Wall Street, the audit profession and corporate boardrooms." After four weeks of trial, Arthur Andersen, WorldCom's former auditor, settled for \$65 million. Subsequent settlements were reached with the former executives of WorldCom, and then with Andersen, bringing the total obtained for the Class to over \$6.19 billion.

CASE: *IN RE CENDANT CORPORATION SECURITIES LITIGATION*

COURT: United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

HIGHLIGHTS: \$3.3 billion securities fraud class action recovery – the third largest in history; significant corporate governance reforms obtained.

CASE SUMMARY: The firm was Co-Lead Counsel in this class action against Cendant Corporation, its officers and directors and Ernst & Young (E&Y), its auditors, for their role in disseminating materially false and misleading financial statements concerning the company's revenues, earnings and expenses for its 1997 fiscal year. As a result of company-wide accounting irregularities, Cendant restated its financial results for its 1995, 1996 and 1997 fiscal years and all fiscal quarters therein. Cendant agreed to settle the action for \$2.8 billion to adopt some of the most extensive corporate governance changes in history. E&Y settled for \$335 million. These settlements remain the largest sums ever recovered from a public company and a public accounting firm through securities class action litigation. BLB&G represented Lead Plaintiffs **CalPERS – the California Public Employees' Retirement System**, the **New York State Common Retirement Fund** and the **New York City Pension Funds**, the three largest public pension funds in America, in this action.



CASE: *IN RE BANK OF AMERICA CORP. SECURITIES, DERIVATIVE, AND EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT (ERISA) LITIGATION*

COURT: United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

HIGHLIGHTS: \$2.425 billion in cash; significant corporate governance reforms to resolve all claims. This recovery is by far the largest shareholder recovery related to the subprime meltdown and credit crisis; the single largest securities class action settlement ever resolving a Section 14(a) claim – the federal securities provision designed to protect investors against misstatements in connection with a proxy solicitation; the largest ever funded by a single corporate defendant for violations of the federal securities laws; the single largest settlement of a securities class action in which there was neither a financial restatement involved nor a criminal conviction related to the alleged misconduct; and one of the 10 largest securities class action recoveries in history.

DESCRIPTION: The firm represented Co-Lead Plaintiffs the **State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio**, the **Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**, and the **Teacher Retirement System of Texas** in this securities class action filed on behalf of shareholders of Bank of America Corporation (“BAC”) arising from BAC’s 2009 acquisition of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. The action alleges that BAC, Merrill Lynch, and certain of the companies’ current and former officers and directors violated the federal securities laws by making a series of materially false statements and omissions in connection with the acquisition. These violations included the alleged failure to disclose information regarding billions of dollars of losses which Merrill had suffered before the BAC shareholder vote on the proposed acquisition, as well as an undisclosed agreement allowing Merrill to pay billions in bonuses before the acquisition closed despite these losses. Not privy to these material facts, BAC shareholders voted to approve the acquisition.

CASE: *IN RE NORTEL NETWORKS CORPORATION SECURITIES LITIGATION (“NORTEL II”)*

COURT: United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

HIGHLIGHTS: Over \$1.07 billion in cash and common stock recovered for the class.

DESCRIPTION: This securities fraud class action charged Nortel Networks Corporation and certain of its officers and directors with violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, alleging that the Defendants knowingly or recklessly made false and misleading statements with respect to Nortel’s financial results during the relevant period. BLB&G clients the **Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan Board** and the **Treasury of the State of New Jersey and its Division of Investment** were appointed as Co-Lead Plaintiffs for the Class in one of two related actions (Nortel II), and BLB&G was appointed Lead Counsel for the Class. In a historic settlement, Nortel agreed to pay \$2.4 billion in cash and Nortel common stock (all figures in US dollars) to resolve both matters. Nortel later announced that its insurers had agreed to pay \$228.5 million toward the settlement, bringing the total amount of the global settlement to approximately \$2.7 billion, and the total amount of the Nortel II settlement to over \$1.07 billion.

CASE: *IN RE MERCK & CO., INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION*

COURT: United States District Court, District of New Jersey

HIGHLIGHTS: \$1.06 billion recovery for the class.

DESCRIPTION: This case arises out of misrepresentations and omissions concerning life-threatening risks posed by the “blockbuster” Cox-2 painkiller Vioxx, which Merck withdrew from the market in 2004. In January 2016, BLB&G achieved a \$1.062 billion settlement on the eve of trial after more than 12 years of hard-fought litigation that included a successful decision at the United States Supreme Court. This settlement is the second largest recovery ever obtained in the Third Circuit, one of the top 10 securities recoveries of all time, and the largest securities recovery ever achieved against a pharmaceutical company. BLB&G represented Lead Plaintiff the **Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi**.



CASE: *IN RE MCKESSON HBOC, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION*

COURT: United States District Court for the Northern District of California

HIGHLIGHTS: \$1.05 billion recovery for the class.

DESCRIPTION: This securities fraud litigation was filed on behalf of purchasers of HBOC, McKesson and McKesson HBOC securities, alleging that Defendants misled the investing public concerning HBOC's and McKesson HBOC's financial results. On behalf of Lead Plaintiff the **New York State Common Retirement Fund**, BLB&G obtained a \$960 million settlement from the company; \$72.5 million in cash from Arthur Andersen; and, on the eve of trial, a \$10 million settlement from Bear Stearns & Co. Inc., with total recoveries reaching more than \$1 billion.

CASE: *IN RE LEHMAN BROTHERS EQUITY/DEBT SECURITIES LITIGATION*

COURT: United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

HIGHLIGHTS: \$735 million in total recoveries.

DESCRIPTION: Representing the **Government of Guam Retirement Fund**, BLB&G successfully prosecuted this securities class action arising from Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.'s issuance of billions of dollars in offerings of debt and equity securities that were sold using offering materials that contained untrue statements and missing material information.

After four years of intense litigation, Lead Plaintiffs achieved a total of \$735 million in recoveries consisting of: a \$426 million settlement with underwriters of Lehman securities offerings; a \$90 million settlement with former Lehman directors and officers; a \$99 million settlement that resolves claims against Ernst & Young, Lehman's former auditor (considered one of the top 10 auditor settlements ever achieved); and a \$120 million settlement that resolves claims against UBS Financial Services, Inc. This recovery is truly remarkable not only because of the difficulty in recovering assets when the issuer defendant is bankrupt, but also because no financial results were restated, and that the auditors never disavowed the statements.

CASE: *HEALTHSOUTH CORPORATION BONDHOLDER LITIGATION*

COURT: United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama

HIGHLIGHTS: \$804.5 million in total recoveries.

DESCRIPTION: In this litigation, BLB&G was the appointed Co-Lead Counsel for the bond holder class, representing Lead Plaintiff the **Retirement Systems of Alabama**. This action arose from allegations that Birmingham, Alabama based HealthSouth Corporation overstated its earnings at the direction of its founder and former CEO Richard Scrushy. Subsequent revelations disclosed that the overstatement actually exceeded over \$2.4 billion, virtually wiping out all of HealthSouth's reported profits for the prior five years. A total recovery of \$804.5 million was obtained in this litigation through a series of settlements, including an approximately \$445 million settlement for shareholders and bondholders, a \$100 million in cash settlement from UBS AG, UBS Warburg LLC, and individual UBS Defendants (collectively, "UBS"), and \$33.5 million in cash from the company's auditor. The total settlement for injured HealthSouth bond purchasers exceeded \$230 million, recouping over a third of bond purchaser damages.

CASE: *IN RE CITIGROUP, INC. BOND ACTION LITIGATION*

COURT: United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

HIGHLIGHTS: \$730 million cash recovery; second largest recovery in a litigation arising from the financial crisis.

DESCRIPTION: In the years prior to the collapse of the subprime mortgage market, Citigroup issued 48 offerings of preferred stock and bonds. This securities fraud class action was filed on behalf of purchasers of

Citigroup bonds and preferred stock alleging that these offerings contained material misrepresentations and omissions regarding Citigroup's exposure to billions of dollars in mortgage-related assets, the loss reserves for its portfolio of high-risk residential mortgage loans, and the credit quality of the risky assets it held in off-balance sheet entities known as "structured investment vehicles." After protracted litigation lasting four years, we obtained a \$730 million cash recovery – the second largest securities class action recovery in a litigation arising from the financial crisis, and the second largest recovery ever in a securities class action brought on behalf of purchasers of debt securities. As Lead Bond Counsel for the Class, BLB&G represented Lead Bond Plaintiffs Minneapolis Firefighters' Relief Association, Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System, and Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

CASE: *IN RE WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM LITIGATION*

COURT: United States District Court for the District of Arizona

HIGHLIGHTS: Over \$750 million – the largest securities fraud settlement ever achieved at the time.

DESCRIPTION: BLB&G was appointed Chair of the Executive Committee responsible for litigating the action on behalf of the class in this action. The case was litigated for over seven years, and involved an estimated 200 million pages of documents produced in discovery; the depositions of 285 fact witnesses and 34 expert witnesses; more than 25,000 introduced exhibits; six published district court opinions; seven appeals or attempted appeals to the Ninth Circuit; and a three-month jury trial, which resulted in a settlement of over \$750 million – then the largest securities fraud settlement ever achieved.

CASE: *IN RE SCHERING-PLOUGH CORPORATION/ENHANCE SECURITIES LITIGATION; IN RE MERCK & CO., INC. VYTORIN/ZETIA SECURITIES LITIGATION*

COURT: United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

HIGHLIGHTS: \$688 million in combined settlements (Schering-Plough settled for \$473 million; Merck settled for \$215 million) in this coordinated securities fraud litigations filed on behalf of investors in Merck and Schering-Plough.

DESCRIPTION: After nearly five years of intense litigation, just days before trial, BLB&G resolved the two actions against Merck and Schering-Plough, which stemmed from claims that Merck and Schering artificially inflated their market value by concealing material information and making false and misleading statements regarding their blockbuster anti-cholesterol drugs Zetia and Vytorin. Specifically, we alleged that the companies knew that their "ENHANCE" clinical trial of Vytorin (a combination of Zetia and a generic) demonstrated that Vytorin was no more effective than the cheaper generic at reducing artery thickness. The companies nonetheless championed the "benefits" of their drugs, attracting billions of dollars of capital. When public pressure to release the results of the ENHANCE trial became too great, the companies reluctantly announced these negative results, which we alleged led to sharp declines in the value of the companies' securities, resulting in significant losses to investors. The combined \$688 million in settlements (Schering-Plough settled for \$473 million; Merck settled for \$215 million) is the second largest securities recovery ever in the Third Circuit, among the top 25 settlements of all time, and among the ten largest recoveries ever in a case where there was no financial restatement. BLB&G represented Lead Plaintiffs **Arkansas Teacher Retirement System**, the **Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi**, and the **Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System**.

CASE: *IN RE LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION*

COURT: United States District Court for the District of New Jersey



HIGHLIGHTS: \$667 million in total recoveries; the appointment of BLB&G as Co-Lead Counsel is especially noteworthy as it marked the first time since the 1995 passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act that a court reopened the lead plaintiff or lead counsel selection process to account for changed circumstances, new issues and possible conflicts between new and old allegations.

DESCRIPTION: BLB&G served as Co-Lead Counsel in this securities class action, representing Lead Plaintiffs the **Parnassus Fund, Teamsters Locals 175 & 505 D&P Pension Trust, Anchorage Police and Fire Retirement System** and the **Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System**. The complaint accused Lucent of making false and misleading statements to the investing public concerning its publicly reported financial results and failing to disclose the serious problems in its optical networking business. When the truth was disclosed, Lucent admitted that it had improperly recognized revenue of nearly \$679 million in fiscal 2000. The settlement obtained in this case is valued at approximately \$667 million, and is composed of cash, stock and warrants.

CASE: ***IN RE WACHOVIA PREFERRED SECURITIES AND BOND/NOTES LITIGATION***

COURT: **United States District Court for the Southern District of New York**

HIGHLIGHTS: \$627 million recovery – among the 20 largest securities class action recoveries in history; third largest recovery obtained in an action arising from the subprime mortgage crisis.

DESCRIPTION: This securities class action was filed on behalf of investors in certain Wachovia bonds and preferred securities against Wachovia Corp., certain former officers and directors, various underwriters, and its auditor, KPMG LLP. The case alleges that Wachovia provided offering materials that misrepresented and omitted material facts concerning the nature and quality of Wachovia's multi-billion dollar option-ARM (adjustable rate mortgage) "Pick-A-Pay" mortgage loan portfolio, and that Wachovia's loan loss reserves were materially inadequate. According to the Complaint, these undisclosed problems threatened the viability of the financial institution, requiring it to be "bailed out" during the financial crisis before it was acquired by Wells Fargo. The combined \$627 million recovery obtained in the action is among the 20 largest securities class action recoveries in history, the largest settlement ever in a class action case asserting only claims under the Securities Act of 1933, and one of a handful of securities class action recoveries obtained where there were no parallel civil or criminal actions brought by government authorities. The firm represented Co-Lead Plaintiffs **Orange County Employees Retirement System** and **Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund** in this action.

CASE: ***OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM V. FREDDIE MAC***

COURT: **United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio**

HIGHLIGHTS: \$410 million settlement.

DESCRIPTION: This securities fraud class action was filed on behalf of the **Ohio Public Employees Retirement System** and the **State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio** alleging that Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") and certain of its current and former officers issued false and misleading statements in connection with the company's previously reported financial results. Specifically, the Complaint alleged that the Defendants misrepresented the company's operations and financial results by having engaged in numerous improper transactions and accounting machinations that violated fundamental GAAP precepts in order to artificially smooth the company's earnings and to hide earnings volatility. In connection with these improprieties, Freddie Mac restated more than \$5 billion in earnings. A settlement of \$410 million was reached in the case just as deposition discovery had begun and document review was complete.

CASE: ***IN RE REFCO, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION***

COURT: **United States District Court for the Southern District of New York**

HIGHLIGHTS: Over \$407 million in total recoveries.

DESCRIPTION: The lawsuit arises from the revelation that Refco, a once prominent brokerage, had for years secreted hundreds of millions of dollars of uncollectible receivables with a related entity controlled by Phillip Bennett, the company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. This revelation caused the stunning collapse of the company a mere two months after its initial public offering of common stock. As a result, Refco filed one of the largest bankruptcies in U.S. history. Settlements have been obtained from multiple company and individual defendants, resulting in a total recovery for the class of over \$407 million. BLB&G represented Co-Lead Plaintiff **RH Capital Associates LLC**.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

CASE: **UNITEDHEALTH GROUP, INC. SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE LITIGATION**

COURT: United States District Court for the District of Minnesota

HIGHLIGHTS: Litigation recovered over \$920 million in ill-gotten compensation directly from former officers for their roles in illegally backdating stock options, while the company agreed to far-reaching reforms aimed at curbing future executive compensation abuses.

DESCRIPTION: This shareholder derivative action filed against certain current and former executive officers and members of the Board of Directors of UnitedHealth Group, Inc. alleged that the Defendants obtained, approved and/or acquiesced in the issuance of stock options to senior executives that were unlawfully backdated to provide the recipients with windfall compensation at the direct expense of UnitedHealth and its shareholders. The firm recovered over \$920 million in ill-gotten compensation directly from the former officer Defendants – the largest derivative recovery in history. As feature coverage in *The New York Times* indicated, “investors everywhere should applaud [the UnitedHealth settlement].... [T]he recovery sets a standard of behavior for other companies and boards when performance pay is later shown to have been based on ephemeral earnings.” The Plaintiffs in this action were the **St. Paul Teachers' Retirement Fund Association**, the **Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi**, the **Jacksonville Police & Fire Pension Fund**, the **Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension & Relief Fund**, the **Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System** and **Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado**.

CASE: **CAREMARK MERGER LITIGATION**

COURT: Delaware Court of Chancery – New Castle County

HIGHLIGHTS: Landmark Court ruling orders Caremark's board to disclose previously withheld information, enjoins shareholder vote on CVS merger offer, and grants statutory appraisal rights to Caremark shareholders. The litigation ultimately forced CVS to raise offer by \$7.50 per share, equal to more than \$3.3 billion in additional consideration to Caremark shareholders.

DESCRIPTION: Commenced on behalf of the **Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System** and other shareholders of Caremark RX, Inc. (“Caremark”), this shareholder class action accused the company's directors of violating their fiduciary duties by approving and endorsing a proposed merger with CVS Corporation (“CVS”), all the while refusing to fairly consider an alternative transaction proposed by another bidder. In a landmark decision, the Court ordered the Defendants to disclose material information that had previously been withheld, enjoined the shareholder vote on the CVS transaction until the additional disclosures occurred, and granted statutory appraisal rights to Caremark's shareholders—forcing CVS to increase the consideration offered to shareholders by \$7.50 per share in cash (over \$3 billion in total).

CASE: IN RE PFIZER INC. SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE LITIGATION**COURT: United States District Court for the Southern District of New York****HIGHLIGHTS:** Landmark settlement in which Defendants agreed to create a new Regulatory and Compliance Committee of the Pfizer Board that will be supported by a dedicated \$75 million fund.

DESCRIPTION: In the wake of Pfizer's agreement to pay \$2.3 billion as part of a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice to resolve civil and criminal charges relating to the illegal marketing of at least 13 of the company's most important drugs (the largest such fine ever imposed), this shareholder derivative action was filed against Pfizer's senior management and Board alleging they breached their fiduciary duties to Pfizer by, among other things, allowing unlawful promotion of drugs to continue after receiving numerous "red flags" that Pfizer's improper drug marketing was systemic and widespread. The suit was brought by Court-appointed Lead Plaintiffs **Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund and Skandia Life Insurance Company, Ltd.** In an unprecedented settlement reached by the parties, the Defendants agreed to create a new Regulatory and Compliance Committee of the Pfizer Board of Directors (the "Regulatory Committee") to oversee and monitor Pfizer's compliance and drug marketing practices and to review the compensation policies for Pfizer's drug sales related employees.

CASE: IN RE EL PASO CORP. SHAREHOLDER LITIGATION**COURT: Delaware Court of Chancery – New Castle County****HIGHLIGHTS:** Landmark Delaware ruling chastises Goldman Sachs for M&A conflicts of interest.

DESCRIPTION: This case aimed a spotlight on ways that financial insiders – in this instance, Wall Street titan Goldman Sachs – game the system. The Delaware Chancery Court harshly rebuked Goldman for ignoring blatant conflicts of interest while advising their corporate clients on Kinder Morgan's high-profile acquisition of El Paso Corporation. As a result of the lawsuit, Goldman was forced to relinquish a \$20 million advisory fee, and BLB&G obtained a \$110 million cash settlement for El Paso shareholders – one of the highest merger litigation damage recoveries in Delaware history.

CASE: IN RE DELPHI FINANCIAL GROUP SHAREHOLDER LITIGATION**COURT: Delaware Court of Chancery – New Castle County****HIGHLIGHTS:** Dominant shareholder is blocked from collecting a payoff at the expense of minority investors.

DESCRIPTION: As the Delphi Financial Group prepared to be acquired by Tokio Marine Holdings Inc., the conduct of Delphi's founder and controlling shareholder drew the scrutiny of BLB&G and its institutional investor clients for improperly using the transaction to expropriate at least \$55 million at the expense of the public shareholders. BLB&G aggressively litigated this action and obtained a settlement of \$49 million for Delphi's public shareholders. The settlement fund is equal to about 90% of recoverable Class damages – a virtually unprecedented recovery.

CASE: QUALCOMM BOOKS & RECORDS LITIGATION**COURT: Delaware Court of Chancery – New Castle County****HIGHLIGHTS:** Novel use of "books and records" litigation enhances disclosure of political spending and transparency.

DESCRIPTION: The U.S. Supreme Court's controversial 2010 opinion in *Citizens United v. FEC* made it easier for corporate directors and executives to secretly use company funds – shareholder assets – to support personally favored political candidates or causes. BLB&G prosecuted the first-ever "books and records" litigation to obtain disclosure of corporate political spending at our client's portfolio company – technology giant Qualcomm Inc. – in response to Qualcomm's refusal to share the information. As a result of the lawsuit, Qualcomm adopted a policy that provides its shareholders



with comprehensive disclosures regarding the company's political activities and places Qualcomm as a standard-bearer for other companies.

CASE: *IN RE NEWS CORP. SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE LITIGATION*

COURT: Delaware Court of Chancery – Kent County

HIGHLIGHTS: An unprecedented settlement in which News Corp. recoups \$139 million and enacts significant corporate governance reforms that combat self-dealing in the boardroom.

DESCRIPTION: Following News Corp.'s 2011 acquisition of a company owned by News Corp. Chairman and CEO Rupert Murdoch's daughter, and the phone-hacking scandal within its British newspaper division, we filed a derivative litigation on behalf of the company because of institutional shareholder concern with the conduct of News Corp.'s management. We ultimately obtained an unprecedented settlement in which News Corp. recouped \$139 million for the company coffers, and agreed to enact corporate governance enhancements to strengthen its compliance structure, the independence and functioning of its board, and the compensation and clawback policies for management.

CASE: *IN RE ACS SHAREHOLDER LITIGATION (XEROX)*

COURT: Delaware Court of Chancery – New Castle County

HIGHLIGHTS: BLB&G challenged an attempt by ACS CEO to extract a premium on his stock not shared with the company's public shareholders in a sale of ACS to Xerox. On the eve of trial, BLB&G obtained a \$69 million recovery, with a substantial portion of the settlement personally funded by the CEO.

DESCRIPTION: Filed on behalf of the **New Orleans Employees' Retirement System** and similarly situated shareholders of Affiliated Computer Service, Inc., this action alleged that members of the Board of Directors of ACS breached their fiduciary duties by approving a merger with Xerox Corporation which would allow Darwin Deason, ACS's founder and Chairman and largest stockholder, to extract hundreds of millions of dollars of value that rightfully belongs to ACS's public shareholders for himself. Per the agreement, Deason's consideration amounted to over a 50% premium when compared to the consideration paid to ACS's public stockholders. The ACS Board further breached its fiduciary duties by agreeing to certain deal protections in the merger agreement that essentially locked up the transaction between ACS and Xerox. After seeking a preliminary injunction to enjoin the deal and engaging in intense discovery and litigation in preparation for a looming trial date, Plaintiffs reached a global settlement with Defendants for \$69 million. In the settlement, Deason agreed to pay \$12.8 million, while ACS agreed to pay the remaining \$56.1 million.

CASE: *IN RE DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION SHAREHOLDER LITIGATION*

COURT: Sixth Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tennessee; Twentieth Judicial District, Nashville

HIGHLIGHTS: Holding Board accountable for accepting below-value "going private" offer.

DESCRIPTION: A Nashville, Tennessee corporation that operates retail stores selling discounted household goods, in early March 2007, Dollar General announced that its Board of Directors had approved the acquisition of the company by the private equity firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. ("KKR"). BLB&G, as Co-Lead Counsel for the **City of Miami General Employees' & Sanitation Employees' Retirement Trust**, filed a class action complaint alleging that the "going private" offer was approved as a result of breaches of fiduciary duty by the board and that the price offered by KKR did not reflect the fair value of Dollar General's publicly-held shares. On the eve of the summary judgment hearing, KKR agreed to pay a \$40 million settlement in favor of the shareholders, with a potential for \$17 million more for the Class.

CASE: *LANDRY'S RESTAURANTS, INC. SHAREHOLDER LITIGATION*

COURT: Delaware Court of Chancery – New Castle County

HIGHLIGHTS: Protecting shareholders from predatory CEO’s multiple attempts to take control of Landry’s Restaurants through improper means. Our litigation forced the CEO to increase his buyout offer by four times the price offered and obtained an additional \$14.5 million cash payment for the class.

DESCRIPTION: In this derivative and shareholder class action, shareholders alleged that Tilman J. Fertitta – chairman, CEO and largest shareholder of Landry’s Restaurants, Inc. – and its Board of Directors stripped public shareholders of their controlling interest in the company for no premium and severely devalued remaining public shares in breach of their fiduciary duties. BLB&G’s prosecution of the action on behalf of Plaintiff **Louisiana Municipal Police Employees’ Retirement System** resulted in recoveries that included the creation of a settlement fund composed of \$14.5 million in cash, as well as significant corporate governance reforms and an increase in consideration to shareholders of the purchase price valued at \$65 million.

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS

CASE: *ROBERTS V. TEXACO, INC.*

COURT: United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

HIGHLIGHTS: BLB&G recovered \$170 million on behalf of Texaco’s African-American employees and engineered the creation of an independent “Equality and Tolerance Task Force” at the company.

DESCRIPTION: Six highly qualified African-American employees filed a class action complaint against Texaco Inc. alleging that the company failed to promote African-American employees to upper level jobs and failed to compensate them fairly in relation to Caucasian employees in similar positions. BLB&G’s prosecution of the action revealed that African-Americans were significantly under-represented in high level management jobs and that Caucasian employees were promoted more frequently and at far higher rates for comparable positions within the company. The case settled for over \$170 million, and Texaco agreed to a Task Force to monitor its diversity programs for five years – a settlement described as the most significant race discrimination settlement in history.

CASE: *ECO A - GMAC/NMAC/FORD/TOYOTA/CHRYSLER - CONSUMER FINANCE DISCRIMINATION LITIGATION*

COURT: Multiple jurisdictions

HIGHLIGHTS: Landmark litigation in which financing arms of major auto manufacturers are compelled to cease discriminatory “kick-back” arrangements with dealers, leading to historic changes to auto financing practices nationwide.

DESCRIPTION: The cases involve allegations that the lending practices of General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Nissan Motor Acceptance Corporation, Ford Motor Credit, Toyota Motor Credit and DaimlerChrysler Financial cause African-American and Hispanic car buyers to pay millions of dollars more for car loans than similarly situated white buyers. At issue is a discriminatory kickback system under which minorities typically pay about 50% more in dealer mark-up which is shared by auto dealers with the Defendants.

NMAC: The United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee granted final approval of the settlement of the class action against Nissan Motor Acceptance Corporation (“NMAC”) in which NMAC agreed to offer pre-approved loans to hundreds of thousands of current and potential African-American and Hispanic NMAC customers, and limit how much it raises the interest charged to car buyers above the company’s minimum acceptable rate.

GMAC: The United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee granted final approval of a settlement of the litigation against General Motors Acceptance Corporation (“GMAC”) in which GMAC agreed to take the historic step of imposing a 2.5% markup cap on loans with terms up to 60 months, and a cap of 2% on extended term loans. GMAC also agreed to institute a substantial credit pre-approval program designed to provide special financing rates to

minority car buyers with special rate financing.

DAIMLERCHRYSLER: The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey granted final approval of the settlement in which DaimlerChrysler agreed to implement substantial changes to the company's practices, including limiting the maximum amount of mark-up dealers may charge customers to between 1.25% and 2.5% depending upon the length of the customer's loan. In addition, the company agreed to send out pre-approved credit offers of no-markup loans to African-American and Hispanic consumers, and contribute \$1.8 million to provide consumer education and assistance programs on credit financing.

FORD MOTOR CREDIT: The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York granted final approval of a settlement in which Ford Credit agreed to make contract disclosures informing consumers that the customer's Annual Percentage Rate ("APR") may be negotiated and that sellers may assign their contracts and retain rights to receive a portion of the finance charge.

CLIENTS AND FEES

We are firm believers in the contingency fee as a socially useful, productive and satisfying basis of compensation for legal services, particularly in litigation. Wherever appropriate, even with our corporate clients, we will encourage retention where our fee is contingent on the outcome of the litigation. This way, it is not the number of hours worked that will determine our fee, but rather the result achieved for our client.

Our clients include many large and well known financial and lending institutions and pension funds, as well as privately-held companies that are attracted to our firm because of our reputation, expertise and fee structure. Most of the firm's clients are referred by other clients, law firms and lawyers, bankers, investors and accountants. A considerable number of clients have been referred to the firm by former adversaries. We have always maintained a high level of independence and discretion in the cases we decide to prosecute. As a result, the level of personal satisfaction and commitment to our work is high.

IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP is guided by two principles: excellence in legal work and a belief that the law should serve a socially useful and dynamic purpose. Attorneys at the firm are active in academic, community and *pro bono* activities, as well as participating as speakers and contributors to professional organizations. In addition, the firm endows a public interest law fellowship and sponsors an academic scholarship at Columbia Law School.

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COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL – BLB&G is committed to fighting discrimination and effecting positive social change. In support of this commitment, the firm donated funds to Columbia Law School to create the Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann Public Interest Law Fellowship. This newly endowed fund at Columbia Law School will provide Fellows with 100% of the funding needed to make payments on their law school tuition loans so long as such graduates remain in the public interest law field. The BLB&G Fellows are able to begin their careers free of any school debt if they make a long-term commitment to public interest law.

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THE PAUL M. BERNSTEIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL – Paul M. Bernstein was the founding senior partner of the firm. Mr. Bernstein led a distinguished career as a lawyer and teacher and was deeply committed to the professional and personal development of young lawyers. The Paul M. Bernstein Memorial Scholarship Fund is a gift of the firm and the family and friends of Paul M. Bernstein, and is awarded annually to one or more second-year students selected for their academic excellence in their first year, professional responsibility, financial need and contributions to the community.

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BARUCH COLLEGE – In order to encourage outstanding minority undergraduates to pursue a meaningful career in the legal profession, the Max W. Berger Pre-Law Program was established at Baruch College. Providing workshops, seminars, counseling and mentoring to Baruch students, the program facilitates and guides them through the law school research and application process, as well as placing them in appropriate internships and other pre-law working environments.

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NEW YORK, NY – Founded in response to the outpouring of love shown to New York City by volunteers from all over the country in the wake of the 9/11 attacks, The New York Says Thank You Foundation sends volunteers from New York City to help rebuild communities around the country affected by disasters. BLB&G is a corporate sponsor of NYSTY and its goals are a heartfelt reflection of the firm's focus on community and activism.

OUR ATTORNEYS

MEMBERS

GERALD H. SILK's practice focuses on representing institutional investors on matters involving federal and state securities laws, accountants' liability, and the fiduciary duties of corporate officials, as well as general commercial and corporate litigation. He also advises creditors on their rights with respect to pursuing affirmative claims against officers and directors, as well as professionals both inside and outside the bankruptcy context.

Mr. Silk is a managing partner of the firm and oversees its New Matter department in which he, along with a group of attorneys, financial analysts and investigators, counsels institutional clients on potential legal claims. He was the subject of "Picking Winning Securities Cases," a feature article in the June 2005 issue of *Bloomberg Markets* magazine, which detailed his work for the firm in this capacity. A decade later, in December 2014, Mr. Silk was recognized by *The National Law Journal* in its inaugural list of "Litigation Trailblazers & Pioneers" — one of 50 lawyers in the country who have changed the practice of litigation through the use of innovative legal strategies — in no small part for the critical role he has played in helping the firm's investor clients recover billions of dollars in litigation arising from the financial crisis, among other matters.

In addition, *Lawdragon* magazine, which has named Mr. Silk one of the "100 Securities Litigators You Need to Know," one of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America" and one of America's top 500 "rising stars" in the legal profession, also recently profiled him as part of its "Lawyer Limelight" special series, discussing subprime litigation, his passion for plaintiffs' work and the trends he expects to see in the market. Recognized as one of an elite group of notable practitioners by *Chambers USA*, he is also named as a "Litigation Star" by *Benchmark*, is recommended by the *Legal 500 USA* guide in the field of plaintiffs' securities litigation, and has been selected by *New York Super Lawyers* every year since 2006.

In the wake of the financial crisis, he advised the firm's institutional investor clients on their rights with respect to claims involving transactions in residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) and collateralized debt obligations (CDOs). His work representing Cambridge Place Investment Management Inc. on claims under Massachusetts state law against numerous investment banks arising from the purchase of billions of dollars of RMBS was featured in a 2010 *New York Times* article by Gretchen Morgenson titled, "Mortgage Investors Turn to State Courts for Relief."

Mr. Silk also represented the New York State Teachers' Retirement System in a securities litigation against the General Motors Company arising from a series of misrepresentations concerning the quality, safety, and reliability of the Company's cars which resulted in a \$300 million settlement. In addition, he is actively involved in the firm's prosecution of highly successful M&A litigation, representing shareholders in widely publicized lawsuits, including the litigation arising from the proposed acquisition of Caremark Rx, Inc. by CVS Corporation — which led to an increase of approximately \$3.5 billion in the consideration offered to shareholders.

Mr. Silk was one of the principal attorneys responsible for prosecuting the *In re Independent Energy Holdings Securities Litigation*. A case against the officers and directors of Independent Energy as well as several investment banking firms which underwrote a \$200 million secondary offering of ADRs by the U.K.-based Independent Energy, the litigation was resolved for \$48 million. Mr. Silk has also prosecuted and successfully resolved several other securities class actions, which resulted in substantial cash recoveries for investors, including *In re Sykes Enterprises, Inc. Securities Litigation* in the Middle District of Florida, and *In re OM Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* in the Northern District of Ohio. He was also a member of the litigation team

responsible for the successful prosecution of *In re Cendant Corporation Securities Litigation* in the District of New Jersey, which was resolved for \$3.2 billion.

A graduate of the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania and Brooklyn Law School, in 1995-96, Mr. Silk served as a law clerk to the Hon. Steven M. Gold, U.S.M.J., in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

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He is a frequent commentator for the business media on television and in print. Among other outlets, he has appeared on NBC's *Today*, and CNBC's *Power Lunch*, *Morning Call*, and *Squawkbox* programs, as well as being featured in *The New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *Bloomberg*, *The National Law Journal*, and the *New York Law Journal*.

EDUCATION: Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, B.S., Economics, 1991. Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1995.

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AVI JOSEFSON prosecutes securities fraud litigation for the firm's institutional investor clients, and has participated in many of the firm's significant representations, including *In re SCOR Holding (Switzerland) AG Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a recovery worth in excess of \$143 million for investors. He was also a member of the team that litigated the *In re OM Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a settlement of \$92.4 million.

As a member of the firm's New Matter department, Mr. Josefson counsels institutional clients on potential legal claims. He has presented argument in several federal and state courts, including an appeal he argued before the Delaware Supreme Court.

Mr. Josefson is also actively involved in the M&A litigation practice, and represented shareholders in the litigation arising from the proposed acquisitions of Ceridian Corporation and Anheuser-Busch. A member of the firm's subprime litigation team, he has participated in securities fraud actions arising from the collapse of subprime mortgage lender American Home Mortgage and the actions against Lehman Brothers, Citigroup and Merrill Lynch, arising from those banks' multi-billion dollar loss from mortgage-backed investments. Mr. Josefson has prosecuted actions against Deutsche Bank and Morgan Stanley arising from their sale of mortgage-backed securities, and is advising U.S. and foreign institutions concerning similar claims arising from investments in mortgage-backed securities.

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Mr. Chandrasekhar is currently counsel for the plaintiffs in *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation*, a securities fraud class action arising from misrepresentations and omissions concerning the trading activities of JPMorgan's Chief Investment Officer and the losses suffered by investors following JPMorgan's surprise announcement in May 2012 that it had suffered over \$2 billion in losses on trades tied to complex credit derivative products. He is also counsel for the plaintiffs in *In re MF Global Holdings Ltd. Securities Litigation*, a securities class action arising out of the collapse of MF Global – formerly a leading derivatives brokerage firm – and concerning a series of materially false and misleading statements and omissions about MF Global's business and financial results.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Chandrasekhar was a Staff Attorney with the Division of Enforcement of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, where he investigated securities law violations and coordinated investigations involving multiple SEC offices and other government agencies. Before his tenure at the SEC, he was an associate at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, where he represented corporate issuers and underwriters in public and private offerings of stocks, bonds, and complex securities and advised corporations on periodic reporting under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and other corporate and securities matters.

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

EDUCATION: University of Rhode Island, B.S., Marketing, *cum laude*, 1986; Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D., 1989; New York University School of Law, LL.M., 1990.

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Mr. Hollander has represented institutional investors and corporations in state and federal trial and appellate courts throughout the country. Currently, he represents clients in a number of disputes relating to corporate governance and transactions, including a derivative action on behalf of Dish Network Corporation in the Nevada Business Court, a class and derivative action on behalf of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. and its limited partners, and a class action on behalf of the public shareholders of KKR Financial Holdings LLC. In addition, Mr. Hollander has drafted numerous briefs in matters before the federal courts of appeals.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Mr. Hollander clerked for the Honorable Barrington D. Parker, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and for the Honorable Stefan R. Underhill of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. He has also been associated with two New York defense firms, where he gained significant experience representing clients in various civil, criminal, and regulatory matters, including white collar and complex commercial litigation.

Mr. Hollander is currently a member of the teams prosecuting *Bach v. Amedisys, Inc.*, *The Department of the Treasury of the State of New Jersey and its Division of Investment v. Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.*, *In re Fairway Group Holdings Corp. Securities Litigation*, *In re Dish Network Corp. Shareholder Litigation*, *In re Kinder Morgan Energy Partnership, L.P. Derivative Litigation*, *In re Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, *In re KKR Financial Holdings LLC Shareholder Litigation*, *Central Laborers' Pension Fund v. Portnoy*, *Slotoroff v. Kinder Morgan, Inc.*, *City of Cambridge Retirement System v. Devitre*, *International Union of Operating Engineers Local 478 v. Hsu*, *Teamsters Local 443 Health Services & Insurance Plan v. Otis*, and *In re Sanchez Energy Derivative Litigation*.

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Prior to joining the firm in 2010, Mr. Clarkin worked as a contract attorney for several major law firms in New York City.

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REIKO CYR focuses on discovery matters, from the initial stages of electronic discovery through depositions. Among other cases, Ms. Cyr has worked on *In re NII Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *General Motors Securities Litigation* and *In re Bank of New York Mellon Corp. Forex Transactions Litigation*.

Prior to joining the firm in 2013, Ms. Cyr was an attorney at Constantine Cannon LLP.

EDUCATION: University of Alberta, B.S., 1990. McGill University, Faculty of Law, LL.B and B.C.L., 1999.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York, U.S. Dist. Ct. (E.D. Mich., E.D.N.Y., S.D.N.Y., D. Wisc.), Second Cir. Ct. of Appeals, Ninth Cir. Ct. of Appeals, Supreme Ct. of the United States.

GEORGE DOUMAS focuses on discovery matters, from the initial stages of electronic discovery through depositions. Among other cases, Mr. Doumas has worked on *In re NII Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *General Motors Securities Litigation*, *In re Bank of New York Mellon Corp. Forex Transactions Litigation*, *JPMorgan Mortgage Pass-Through Litigation*, *In re Citigroup Inc. Bond Litigation*, *In re Huron Consulting Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* and *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. Securities Litigation*.

Prior to joining the firm in 2008, Mr. Doumas worked as a contract attorney for several major law firms in New York City.

EDUCATION: St. John's University, B.S., Accounting, 1994. Southern New England School of Law, J.D., 1997.

BAR ADMISSIONS: Maryland, Massachusetts, U.S. Dist. Ct. (D. Md., D. Mass.).

JARED HOFFMAN focuses on discovery matters, from the initial stages of electronic discovery through depositions. Among other cases, Mr. Hoffman has worked on *In re NII Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *In re Facebook, Inc., IPO Securities and Derivative Litigation*; *In re Bank of New York Mellon Corp. Forex Transactions Litigation*; *SMART Technologies, Inc. Shareholder Litigation* and *In re Citigroup Inc. Bond Litigation*.

Prior to joining the firm in 2011, Mr. Hoffman was an associate at Blank Rome LLP and Sichenzia Ross Friedman Ference LLP.



EDUCATION: Emory University, Goizueta Business School, B.B.A., 2002. New York University, School of Law, J.D., 2005.

BAR ADMISSION: New York.

LAWRENCE S. HOSMER focuses on discovery matters, from the initial stages of electronic discovery through depositions. Among other cases, Mr. Hosmer has worked on *In re NII Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *In re Allergan, Inc. Proxy Violation Securities Litigation*, *General Motors Securities Litigation*, *In re Bank of New York Mellon Corp. Forex Transactions Litigation* and *In re State Street Corporation Securities Litigation*.

Prior to joining the firm in 2012, Mr. Hosmer was an eDiscovery attorney and project manager on several matters arising from the conduct of former Tyco International CEO Dennis Kozlowski, including the securities class action, ERISA action, criminal action and other related actions.

EDUCATION: University of Texas at Austin, B.A., 1993; National Merit Scholar. Southern Methodist University School of Law, J.D., 1996.

BAR ADMISSIONS: Texas.

JED KOSLOW has worked on numerous matters at BLB&G, including *In re NII Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *In re Bank of New York Mellon Corp. Forex Transactions Litigation*, *JPMorgan Mortgage Pass-Through Litigation*, *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Securities Litigation (VIOXX-related)*, *Dexia Holdings, Inc. v. JP Morgan* and *In re Schering-Plough Corp./ENHANCE Securities Litigation* and *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Vytarin/Zetia Securities Litigation*.

Prior to joining the firm in 2009, Mr. Koslow was Of Counsel at Lebowitz Law Office, LLC.

EDUCATION: Wesleyan University, B.A., 1999. Brooklyn Law School, J.D., 2006.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York.

LAURA LEFKOWITZ focuses on discovery matters, from the initial stages of electronic discovery through depositions. Among other cases, Ms. Lefkowitz has worked on *In re NII Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund v. DFC Global Corp.*, *General Motors Securities Litigation*, *In re Bank of New York Mellon Corp. Forex Transactions Litigation*, *JPMorgan Mortgage Pass-Through Litigation*, *SMART Technologies, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, *In re Citigroup Inc. Bond Litigation* and *In re Pfizer Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*.

Prior to joining the firm in 2010, Ms. Lefkowitz worked as a litigation associate at Morgenstern Fisher & Blue, LLC.

EDUCATION: University of Michigan, B.A., 1998. American University, Washington College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2001.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York, U.S. Dist. Ct. (E.D.N.Y, S.D.N.Y).



ROBERT STINSON has worked on numerous matters at BLB&G, including *In re NII Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation*, *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Securities Litigation (VIOXX-related)*, *In re Schering-Plough Corp./ENHANCE Securities Litigation*, *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Vytorin/Zetia Securities Litigation*, *In re Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Securities, Derivative and ERISA Litigation (Bond Action)* and *In re Converium Holding AG Securities Litigation*.

Prior to joining the firm in 2006, Mr. Stinson was an associate at Freiberg & Peck LLP.

EDUCATION: University at Texas at Austin, B.A., 1988. University of Texas at Arlington, M.S., 1994. Brooklyn Law School, J.D., 2001. New York University School of Law, LL.M., 2002.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York.

EMILY STRICKLAND focuses on discovery matters, from the initial stages of electronic discovery through depositions. Among other cases, Ms. Suarez has worked on *In re NII Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *General Motors Securities Litigation*, *In re Bank of New York Mellon Corp. Forex Transactions Litigation*.

Prior to joining the firm in 2014, Ms. Strickland was Compliance Counsel for DCM, Inc.

EDUCATION: St. John's College, B.A., 2003. Suffolk University Law School, J.D., 2009.

BAR ADMISSIONS: Massachusetts, New York.

CHRISTINA SUAREZ has worked on numerous matters at BLB&G, including *In re NII Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation*, *Kohut v. KBR, Inc. et al.*, *In re NII Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation* and *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co. Securities Litigation*.

Prior to joining the firm in 2014, Ms. Suarez was a litigation associate at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP.

EDUCATION: Barnard College, Columbia University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2002. George Washington University Law School, J.D., 2006.

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York.

Exhibit 10

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION**

IN RE: NII HOLDINGS, INC.
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Case No. 1:14-cv-227-LMB-JFA

**DECLARATION OF SUSAN R. PODOLSKY ON BEHALF OF
THE LAW OFFICE OF SUSAN R. PODOLSKY IN SUPPORT OF
CLASS COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND PAYMENT OF EXPENSES**

I, Susan R. Podolsky, declare as follows, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am the founding member of the Law Offices of Susan R. Podolsky. I submit this declaration in support of Class Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and payment of litigation expenses on behalf of all plaintiffs' counsel who contributed to the prosecution of the claims in the above-captioned action (the "Action") from inception through July 8, 2016 (the "Time Period").

2. I served as Liaison Counsel in this Action and, together with Labaton Sucharow LLP, Kessler Topaz, Meltzer & Check LLP, and Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossman LLP, acted as Plaintiffs' Counsel. I was involved in all aspects of the prosecution and settlement as set forth in the Joint Declaration of Joint Declaration of Gregory M. Castaldo, Joel H. Bernstein and Susan R. Podolsky In Support of Proposed Class Action Settlement, Plan of Allocation and Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, submitted herewith. In terms of my principal responsibilities, I have been involved in all aspects of prosecuting this case from early motion practice through today and participated in all strategic decisions. I negotiated discovery and briefing schedules; was involved in drafting expert reports and preparing for those depositions;

appeared before the Court numerous times on all motions and status conferences regarding this matter; participated in the drafting and revising of all motions and briefs; attended and contributed to all mediation negotiations and sessions; consulted with all counsel regarding various litigation and settlement matters; and worked with opposing counsel regarding all litigation and settlement matters.

3. The schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A is a summary indicating the amount of time spent by each attorney and professional support staff-member who was involved in the prosecution of the Action, and the lodestar calculation based on my firm's current billing rates. The schedule was prepared from contemporaneous daily time records regularly prepared and maintained by my firm, which are available at the request of the Court. Time expended in preparing this application for fees and payment of expenses has not been included in this request.

4. The hourly rates for the attorneys and professional support staff included in Exhibit A are the same as my firm's regular rates charged for their services in these cases, which have been accepted in other securities or shareholder litigations.

5. The total number of hours expended on this litigation by my firm during the Time Period is 397.6 hours. The total lodestar for my firm for those hours is \$198,800.

6. My firm's lodestar figures are based upon the firm's billing rates, which rates do not include charges for expense items. Expense items are billed separately and such charges are not duplicated in my firm's billing rates.

7. As detailed in the chart below, my firm has incurred a total of \$8668.62 in expenses in connection with the prosecution of the Action.

Category	Amount
Court Fees	\$1350.00
Court Reporters and Transcripts	\$145.75
Transportation / Working Meals / Lodging	\$6325.25
Postage, Courier, Overnight Delivery	\$397.62
Litigation Support Services	\$450.00
Grand Total	\$8668.62

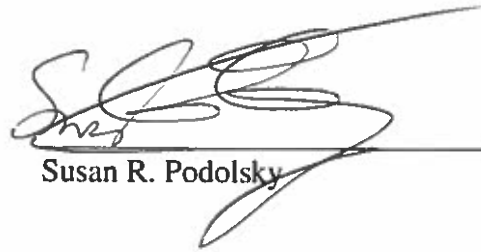
8. The expenses incurred in this Action are reflected on the books and records of my firm. These books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records, and other source materials and are an accurate record of the expenses incurred. In calculating the expenses in this Action, all out-of-town transportation is at coach rates and working meals exclude alcoholic beverages.

9. My compensation in this matter is being partially paid by the Litigation Expense Fund maintained by Labaton Sucharow LLP and established by counsel in order to efficiently and appropriately manage joint litigation expenses in the Action. My expenses, listed above, have all been paid by the Litigation Expense Fund and, accordingly, are also reported in the documentation concerning the fund submitted by Labaton Sucharow.

10. With respect to the standing of my firm, attached hereto as Exhibit B is a brief biography of my firm.

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

Aug 3, 2016.



Susan R. Podolsky

Exhibit A

EXHIBIT A

IN RE NII HOLDINGS, INC. SEC. LITIG.
Civ. No. 1:14-cv-00227-LMB-JFA (E.D. Va.)

LODESTAR REPORT

FIRM: LAW OFFICES OF SUSAN R. PODOLSKY
REPORTING PERIOD: INCEPTION THROUGH JULY 8, 2016

PROFESSIONAL	STATUS*	HOURLY RATE	TOTAL HOURS TO DATE	TOTAL LODESTAR TO DATE
Susan R. Podolsky	Principal	\$500	397.6	\$198,800
TOTAL		\$500	397.6	\$198,800

Principal (P)

Exhibit B

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Educational Background:

J.D., 1986, University of Virginia School of Law.

4-month Leningrad State University Russian Language program (1982).

A.B., 1981, Dartmouth College (*magna cum laude*). Member of Phi Beta Kappa. Captain of Varsity Tennis Team, sophomore and senior seasons. Major: Russian Language and Literature. Received three commendation awards for highest achievement.

Professional Background:

2006 – present: Solo practitioner, concentrating on civil corporate litigation and advising and assisting corporate clients, associations, and individuals on a variety of legal matters and issues.

1993 - July 2005: Partner, Jenner & Block LLP.

Awardee of the 2003 Albert E. Jenner Pro Bono Award for litigating race discrimination class action suit for ten years against municipal (Baltimore City) and federal housing agencies.

Member of the Litigation Practice, specializing in large, complex civil commercial cases in a variety of sectors, including telecommunications, contracts, intellectual property, and employment. Tried significant litigation matters of all sizes and consistently obtained successful results. Managed large discovery and document production projects, including electronic discovery projects, related to litigation, antitrust, and investigation matters. Federal litigation practice included national experience, with a particular focus on the Eastern District of Virginia.

Advised and counseled businesses on various legal matters and issues.

1988-1993: Associate, Jenner & Block LLP.

1986-88: Law clerk for Albert V. Bryan, Jr., then-Chief Judge of the Eastern District of Virginia.

1981-83: Legislative Correspondent and Legislative Assistant to United States Senator Donald W. Riegle, Jr. Responsible for correspondence, legislation, and policy with respect to Senator Riegle's service on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation.

Bar and Court Admissions:

Admitted to practice in the following jurisdictions: Virginia, District of Columbia, Maryland.

Admitted to practice in the following courts: Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Virginia, District of Maryland, District Court for the District of Columbia, Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, United States Supreme Court, Virginia Supreme Court, D.C. Court of Appeals.

Professional Associations:

Virginia State Bar

Maryland State Bar

District of Columbia Bar Association

Alexandria Bar Association

Federal Bar Association

American Bar Association

Exhibit 11

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

IN RE: NII HOLDINGS, INC.
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Case No. 1:14-cv-227-LMB-JFA

**DECLARATION OF MICHAEL S. ETKIN ON BEHALF OF
LOWENSTEIN SANDLER LLP IN SUPPORT OF
CLASS COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND PAYMENT OF EXPENSES**

Michael S. Etkin, Esq., declares as follows, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am a partner with the law firm of Lowenstein Sandler LLP ("Lowenstein"). I submit this declaration in support of Class Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and payment of litigation expenses on behalf of all plaintiffs' counsel who contributed to the prosecution of the claims in the above-captioned action (the "Action") from inception through July 8, 2016 (the "Time Period").

2. My firm is bankruptcy counsel to Lead Plaintiffs and the Class and also counsel of record for the Lead Plaintiffs in the NII Holdings, Inc. Chapter 11 proceeding pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

3. The schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A is a summary indicating the amount of time spent by each attorney and professional support staff-member of my firm who was involved in the prosecution of the Action, and the lodestar calculation based on my firm's current billing rates. For personnel who are no longer employed by my firm, the lodestar calculation is based upon the billing rates for such personnel in his or her final year of employment by my firm. The schedule was prepared from contemporaneous daily time records regularly prepared and

maintained by my firm, which are available at the request of the Court. Time expended in preparing this application for fees and payment of expenses has not been included in this request.

4. The hourly rates for the attorneys and professional support staff in my firm included in Exhibit A are the same as my firm's regular rates charged for their services, which have been accepted in other securities or shareholder litigations and bankruptcy proceedings.

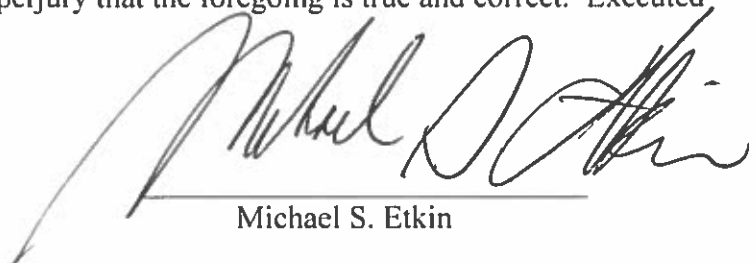
5. The total number of hours expended on this litigation by my firm during the Time Period is 661.30 hours. The total lodestar for my firm for those hours is \$570,671.50.

6. My firm's lodestar figures are based upon the firm's billing rates, which rates do not include charges for expense items. Expense items are billed separately and such charges are not duplicated in my firm's billing rates.

7. As detailed in Exhibit B, my firm has incurred a total of \$3,477.42 in expenses in connection with the prosecution of the Action. The expenses are reflected on the books and records of my firm. These books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records and other source materials and are an accurate record of the expenses incurred.

8. With respect to the standing of my firm, attached hereto as Exhibit C is a brief biography of the Declarant who led the firm's representation in this case. Also attached is a description of the firm's Bankruptcy and Creditors Rights Department.

9. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 1, 2016.



Michael S. Etkin

Exhibit A

EXHIBIT A

IN RE: NII HOLDINGS, INC. SEC. LITIG.
Civ. No. 1:14-cv-00227-LNB-JFA (E.D.Va.)

LODESTAR REPORT

LOWENSETIN SANDLER LLP
INCEPTION THROUGH JULY 8, 2016

PROFESSIONAL	STATUS	HOURLY RATE	TOTAL HOURS TO DATE	TOTAL LODESTAR TO DATE
Michael S. Etkin, Esq.	P	\$930.00	226.20	\$210,366.00
John L. Sherwood, Esq.	P	705.00	92.60	65,283.00
Ira M. Levee, Esq.	OC	600.00	297.00	278,200.00
Nicole M. Brown, Esq.	A	400.00	23.20	9,280.00
Anthony De Leo, Esq.	A	395.00	15.10	5,964.50
Gina C. Buccellato--Karnick	PL	210.00	3.20	672.00
Diane Claussen	PL	240.00	1.30	312.00
Kim LaFiura-Smith	PL	220.00	2.70	594.00
TOTALS			661.30	<u>\$570,671.50</u>

Legend:

P = PARTNER
OC = OF COUNSEL
A = ASSOCIATE
PL = PARALEGAL

Exhibit B

EXHIBIT B

IN RE: NII HOLDINGS, INC. SEC. LITIG.
Civ. No. 1:14-cv-00227-LNB-JFA (E.D.Va.)

EXPENSE REPORT

LOWENSETIN SANDLER LLP
INCEPTION THROUGH JULY 8, 2016

EXPENSE	TOTAL AMOUNT
Messenger and Delivery Charges	\$ 34.87
Duplicating Services – Internal	71.28
Postage	25.76
Computerized Legal Research	2,029.41
Telecommunications	889.00
Transcript Charges	206.00
Travel	221.10
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$3,477.42</u>

Exhibit C



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Partner

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Michael ("Mickey") S. Etkin is a senior bankruptcy practitioner and commercial litigator with significant experience in complex business reorganizations and litigation as well as securities and ERISA class action litigation. Mickey graduated from Boston University, *cum laude*, in 1975, and received his law degree, *with honors*, from St. John's University in 1978. He is admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of New York and New Jersey. Mickey is listed in the 2011-2016 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, which has described him as "a strong lawyer", "fantastic", "very plugged-in" and "instrumental in providing tactical advice" and noted his skill in "anticipating all the key issues that are likely to arise." In addition, he is also featured in the 2007-2016 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights section of the publication.

Mickey practices in Lowenstein Sandler's Bankruptcy, Financial Reorganization & Creditors' Rights and its Complex Business Litigation groups. Mickey's bankruptcy practice includes the representation of debtors, trustees, creditors and investors in a variety of complex bankruptcies and bankruptcy related litigation. On the creditor/investor side, Mickey has had significant involvement in many of the largest and most complex Chapter 11 proceedings where he represented the interests of major creditors, bondholders and/or shareholders. Mickey is currently representing shareholder and investor interests in the MolyCorp, RCS Capital Corporation, NII, Walter Energy, Arch Coal, Residential Capital, Lehman Brothers, Washington Mutual, Overseas Shipholding Group, Nortel, Tribune, Lyondell, Sino Forest and Point Blank Solutions Chapter 11 or Chapter 15 proceedings. He is a recognized national expert in the representation of defrauded investors and class action claimants in bankruptcy proceedings and has lectured on the rights of securities fraud claimants and class action plaintiffs in a Chapter 11 context. Mickey has also lectured on the interplay between bankruptcy law and product liability litigation.

Mickey also represents major energy companies in connection with bankruptcy proceedings involving their customers and counterparties. He has been invited to speak before financial institutions, bar association groups and credit associations regarding the rights of counterparties to derivatives in a bankruptcy context, including cutting edge issues emerging from the Lehman Brothers Chapter 11 and SIPC proceedings.

Mickey has represented both debtors and purchasers in acquisitions of assets of Chapter 11 and Chapter 7 bankruptcy estates. He has been retained as creditors' committee counsel in the Chapter 11 proceedings of retailers, telecommunications companies, and manufacturers and as special counsel on behalf of Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 trustees to prosecute fraud and similar claims. He has also been retained as debtors' counsel in the Chapter 11 proceedings of several industrial manufacturers and contractors, a major book publisher, a California shopping center, a software manufacturer, a converter, marketer and distributor of paper products and a discount retail store chain and has represented plan proponents in pre-packaged Chapter 11 proceedings.

PUBLICATIONS

RELATED AREAS

Bankruptcy, Financial
Reorganization &
Creditors' Rights
Commercial & Business
Litigation

EDUCATION

St. John's University
School of Law (J.D. ,
1978) , *with honors*

Boston University (B.S. ,
1975) , *cum laude*

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York

New Jersey

COURT ADMISSIONS

1979 , U.S. District Court,
Southern District of New
York

1979 , U.S. District Court,
Eastern District of New
York

1980 , U.S. Court of
International Trade

1981 , U.S. District Court,
District of New Jersey

1997 , U.S. Court of
Appeals, Second Circuit

2008 , U.S. Court of
Appeals, Sixth Circuit

2010 , U.S. Court of
Appeals, Seventh Circuit

AFFILIATIONS

MICHAEL S. ETKIN

Partner

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 - American Bar Association
 - New Jersey State Bar Association
 - New York State Bar Association
 - American Bankruptcy Institute
 - International Energy Credit Association

PRESS MENTIONS

- Michael S. Etkin is quoted in *Law360* from oral argument during the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings of Molycorp. On behalf of defrauded shareholders, Etkin expressed concern that certain notice provisions in connection with the plan of reorganization failed to make purchasers of Molycorp stock aware of the Debtor's attempt to release their claims against non-debtor defendants in pending securities litigation. , *Law360* , March 16, 2016
- Michael S. Etkin is quoted in *Law360* regarding certain disclosure issues and the Chapter 11 plan in rare earth miner Molycorp Inc.'s bankruptcy proceedings. Etkin is bankruptcy counsel to the court-appointed lead plaintiffs in the case. , *Law360* , March 8, 2016
- Michael S. Etkin comments on the bankruptcy court's recent decision regarding the enforceability of the GM Chapter 11 sale order to enjoin certain claims associated with the well-publicized ignition switch defect in General Motors products. In the June issue of the *Turnarounds & Workouts* newsletter, Etkin doubts that the decision will have a broad effect on Chapter 11 cases in general given the uniqueness of the GM case. , *Turnarounds & Workouts* , June 2015
- Michael S. Etkin discusses the status of the restructuring landscape and factors affecting change in the year ahead in the March issue of the *Turnarounds & Workouts* newsletter. , *Turnarounds & Workouts* , March 2015
- Michael S. Etkin comments in *Debtwire* regarding a recap of restructuring in 2014, and anticipated trends and issues to look for in 2015 , *Debtwire* , January 2, 2015
- Michael S. Etkin is featured and recognized in *IECA Insights*, the newsletter of the International Energy Credit Association. Etkin's longtime involvement to the IECA spans over eight years, as, among other contributions, a speaker and a member of the Contracts and Legal Education Group Committee. , *IECA Insights* , November 2014

MICHAEL S. ETKIN

Partner

- Michael S. Etkin was quoted in *Law360* from his oral argument before the Delaware Bankruptcy Court in connection with the objection of defrauded purchasers, who are plaintiffs in a federal securities class action suit, to the scope of the injunction sought by Furniture Brands International Inc. in its Chapter 11 liquidating plan. The Bankruptcy Court sustained that part of the objection. Etkin represents the lead plaintiff. , *Law360* , July 14, 2014
- Michael S. Etkin is quoted in *The National Law Journal* as objecting to the proposed scheduling order in the General Motors Bankruptcy case relating to the ignition switch litigation and claims. Etkin, co-counsel of plaintiffs, requested more information about a proposal to stay the litigation, as well as adequate communication amongst attorneys with cases against GM. , *The National Law Journal* , May 15, 2014
- In *Law360*, Michael S. Etkin and Michael Savetsky are highlighted for representing Kenneth Freeling, a former partner at the law firm Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, in connection with that firm's Chapter 11 liquidation proceeding. , *Law360* , February 13, 2013
- Michael S. Etkin comments on non-debtor third-party releases in Dynegy Inc.'s bankruptcy plan. , *SNL Financial* , August 27, 2012
- In *Law 360*, Michael S. Etkin is highlighted for representing the proposed lead plaintiff in a securities fraud class action against three executives of the bankrupt oil and gas company Delta Petroleum. On May 8, 2012, Mr. Etkin convinced the bankruptcy court after oral argument to deny Delta's motion to extend the bankruptcy automatic stay to shield the executives from the litigation. , *Law 360* , May 8, 2012
- Michael S. Etkin comments on the \$208.5 million settlement of the consolidated shareholder class-action lawsuit against former officers, directors, underwriters and auditors of Washington Mutual, Inc. alleging misrepresentations and failures to disclose relating to Washington Mutual's financial condition. Lowenstein Sandler is bankruptcy counsel to the lead institutional plaintiff and the class. , *Dow Jones Newswire and The Wall Street Journal* , July 1, 2011
- Michael S. Etkin and Ira M. Levee are highlighted for representing the securities plaintiffs in Colonial BancGroup Inc.'s Chapter 11 proceedings. , *Law360* , June 3, 2011
- Michael S. Etkin comments on Judge Mary Walrath's decision to reject confirmation of Washington Mutual Inc.'s Chapter 11 plan. , *Dow Jones Daily Bankruptcy Review* , January 19, 2011
- Michael S. Etkin featured in an article describing his success in striking a deal for securities claimants in the WorldCom Chapter 11 litigation. , *New Jersey Law Journal* , August 15, 2005
- Michael S. Etkin discusses the decrease of bankruptcy filings in 2005 , *Philadelphia Inquirer* , June 2005

Bankruptcy, Financial Reorganization & Creditors' Rights

Lowenstein Sandler's Bankruptcy, Financial Reorganization & Creditors' Rights Department is led by several of this country's top reorganization attorneys, who advise clients in many of the nation's largest Chapter 11 Cases, out-of-court workouts and financial restructurings. We have developed a national profile through our representation of unsecured creditors' committees as well as individual secured and unsecured creditors in Chapter 11 Cases filed throughout the country. The practice is top-ranked in the 2015 edition of the *Chambers USA* guide and is consistently ranked among the most active bankruptcy departments in the nation by *The Deal*.

Our practice cuts across various industries, including agriculture/food, chemical, floor covering, furniture, paper, publishing, textile, energy and telecom. The creditors' committees we represent generally include a diverse group of bondholders, financial institutions, trade vendors and unions. We have significant experience and success in bringing about consensus among constituencies with respect to financial restructuring. We also represent debtors in Chapter 11 Cases; investors in or purchasers of assets, securities or obligations of companies in Chapter 11; and indenture trustees, public debt holders, and others in the restructuring of publicly held debt and equity securities.

We have strong working relationships with the major investment banking and financial advisory firms that concentrate in the bankruptcy, reorganization and distressed-debt market. We have taken aggressive positions in the face of significant opposition in order to ensure that our clients received fair value and equitable treatment. We also have a demonstrated ability to litigate, when necessary, in the largest and most complex cases.

We serve as national bankruptcy counsel and render advice regarding creditors' rights to numerous Fortune 500 companies. Our services include auditing clients' accounts receivable procedures to minimize exposure to bad debts and preference liability; enforcing clients' rights to stop delivery of and reclaim goods that were shipped at or around the time of a bankruptcy filing; and defending preference actions, fraudulent conveyance setoffs and administrative actions nationwide. We have extensive knowledge of the law in each state as it pertains to preference and fraudulent conveyance litigation and all available defenses. We have also assisted our clients' credit departments in negotiating and preparing letters of credit; security, tolling, consignment and bailment agreements; offset agreements; sales of claims and put agreements; and other arrangements that increase the likelihood or extent of recovery on their claims. As part of these services, we have reviewed and advised our clients about the trade lien programs that are frequently being implemented in large retail bankruptcy cases.

Our attorneys have written and lectured extensively throughout the country on bankruptcy and creditors' rights issues. For example, one of our partners authored the American Bankruptcy Institute's *Trade Creditor Remedies Manual: Trade Creditors' Rights under the UCC and the U.S. Bankruptcy Code* and the National Association of Credit Management's *Manual of Credit and Commercial Laws*. Our lawyers are leaders in industry organizations such as the Commercial Finance Association, the National Association of Credit Management, the Turnaround Management Association and the American Bankruptcy Institute and are regular contributors to industry publications, including the *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal* and *Business Credit*.

Lowenstein advises clients in many of the nation's largest Chapter 11 cases, out-of-court workouts and financial restructurings. Our experience encompasses:

CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATIONS

- Debtors
- Creditors' committees
- Purchasers of assets
- Ad hoc groups of creditors
- Unions
- Class action plaintiffs
- Landlords
- Individual creditors
- Out-of-court workouts
- Prepackaged plans
- Institutional investors

WORKOUTS

- Construction loans
- Mortgages
- Leveraged buyouts
- ESOPs
- Commercial finance loans
- Asset-based loans

LITIGATION

- Fraudulent transfer
- Preference
- Claims litigation
- Lien avoidance actions
- Investor fraud

We continue to represent clients in significant cases in New York and throughout the country. Our practice includes industries such as retail, energy, agriculture/food, chemical, paper, publishing, furniture, textile and telecommunications.

- Represent debtors and creditors' committees in all aspects of Chapter 11 cases
- Audit clients' accounts receivable procedures to minimize exposure to bad debts and preference liability
- Enforce clients' rights to stop delivery of and reclaim goods that were shipped around the time of a bankruptcy filing
- Defend or prosecute preference actions and other litigation matters, fraudulent conveyance and other matters
- Assist clients in negotiating and preparing letters of credit Security, tolling, consignment and bailment agreements
- Offset agreements
- Sales of claims and put agreements
- Prosecute and defend all types of litigation related to bankruptcy proceedings
- Represent the interests of institutional and individual investors in connection with claims against corporate defendants who have filed for bankruptcy protection

Exhibit 12

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION**

IN RE: NII HOLDINGS, INC.
SECURITIES LITIGATION

Case No. 1:14-cv-227-LMB-JFA

**DECLARATION OF ROBERT D. KLAUSNER ON BEHALF OF
JACKSONVILLE POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND IN SUPPORT OF
CLASS COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND PAYMENT OF EXPENSES**

ROBERT D. KLAUSNER, Esq., declares as follows, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am a partner with the law firm of KLAUSNER, KAUFMAN, JENSEN & LEVINSON ("KKJL"). I submit this declaration in support of Class Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and payment of litigation expenses on behalf of all plaintiff's counsel who contributed to the prosecution of the claims in the above-captioned action (the "Action") from inception through July 8, 2016 (the "Time Period").

2. My firm is additional counsel for Lead Plaintiff JACKSONVILLE POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND.

3. The schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A is a summary indicating the amount of time spent by each attorney and professional support staff-member of my firm who was involved in the prosecution of the Action, and the lodestar calculation based on my firm's current billing rates. For personnel who are no longer employed by my firm, the lodestar calculation is based upon the billing rates for such personnel in his or her final year of employment by my firm. The schedule was prepared from contemporaneous daily time records regularly prepared and

maintained by my firm, which are available at the request of the Court. Time expended in preparing this application for fees and payment of expenses has not been included in this request.

4. The hourly rates for the attorneys and professional support staff in my firm included in Exhibit A are the same as my firm's regular rates charged for their services, which have been accepted in other securities or shareholder litigations.

5. The total number of hours expended on this litigation by my firm during the Time Period is 63.8 hours. The total lodestar for my firm for those hours is \$41,695.00.

6. My firm's lodestar figures are based upon the firm's billing rates, which rates do not include charges for expenses items. Expense items are billed separately and such charges are not duplicated in my firm's billing rates.

7. As detailed in Exhibit B, my firm has incurred a total of \$3,077.76 in expenses in connection with the prosecution of the Action. The expenses are reflected on the books and records of my firm. These books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records and other source materials and are an accurate record of the expenses.

8. With respect to the standing of my firm, attached hereto as Exhibit C is a brief biography of my firm as well as biographies of the firm's partners and of counsels.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 28, 2016.

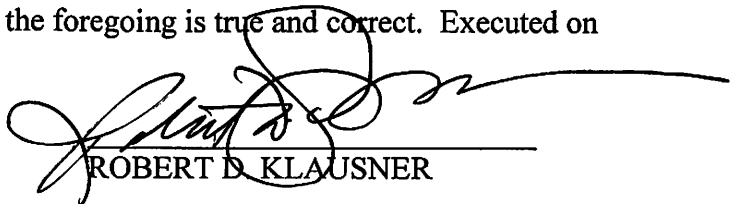

ROBERT D. KLAUSNER

Exhibit A

EXHIBIT A

IN RE NII HOLDINGS, INC. SEC. LITIG.
Civ. No. 1:14-cv-00227-LMB-JFA (E.D. Va.)

LODESTAR REPORT

FIRM: KLAUSNER, KAUFMAN, JENSEN & LEVINSON
REPORTING PERIOD: INCEPTION THROUGH JULY 8, 2016

PROFESSIONAL	STATUS*	HOURLY RATE	TOTAL HOURS TO DATE	TOTAL LODESTAR TO DATE
Robert D. Klausner	P	\$700.00	22.5	15,750.00
Stuart A. Kaufman	P	\$650.00	36.8	23,920.00
Paul A. Daragjati	A	\$450.00	4.5	2,025.00
TOTAL				41,695.00

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

Paralegal (PL)
Investigator (I)
Research Analyst (RA)

Exhibit B

EXHIBIT B

IN RE NII HOLDINGS, INC. SEC. LITIG.
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EXPENSE REPORT

FIRM: KLAUSNER, KAUFMAN, JENSEN & LEVINSON

REPORTING PERIOD: INCEPTION THROUGH JULY 8, 2016

EXPENSE	TOTAL AMOUNT
Duplicating	
Postage	
Telephone / Fax	
Messengers	
Filing & Witness Fees	
Court Hearing & Deposition Transcripts	
Online Legal and Financial Research	
Overnight Delivery Services	
Experts/Consultants	
Litigation Support/Electronic Discovery	
Transportation/Meals/Lodging	3,077.76
Litigation Fund Contribution	
Miscellaneous	
TOTAL	3,077.76

Exhibit C

EXHIBIT C

IN RE NII HOLDINGS, INC. SEC. LITIG.
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ATTORNEY BIOGRAPHIES AND FIRM RESUMÉ

FIRM: KLAUSNER, KAUFMAN, JENSEN & LEVINSON

REPORTING PERIOD: INCEPTION THROUGH JULY 8, 2016

ROBERT D. KLAUSNER:

Born Jacksonville, Florida, December 20, 1952; admitted to Bar 1977, Florida, 1977; U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 1978; U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 1981; U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 1997; U.S. Court of Claims, 1998; U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 2000; U.S. Supreme Court, 2000; U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 2004; U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2005; U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 2011; U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, 2012.

Education: University of Florida (B.A. with honors, 1974); University of Florida College of Law (J.D., 1977). Adjunct professor, Nova University Law School (1987 - 2005); adjunct professor, New York Institute of Technology, School of Labor Relations (1999-2003); instructor, Florida State University Center for Professional Development and Public Service (1980 - present); instructor, International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (1986 - present); instructor, National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (1987 - present); instructor, Public Safety Officers Benefits Conference (1988 - present); instructor, Labor Relations Information Systems (1990 - present); instructor, National Education Association Benefit Conferences (1989 - present); instructor,; instructor, Florida Division of Retirement Pension Trustees School (1980 - present);

Member: The Florida Bar; American Bar Association; Fellow of the American Bar Foundation; Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi.

Publication: Author, State and Local Retirement Law, West Publishing Co.
Co-Author, State and Local Government Employment Liability, West Publishing Co.

Honors: Best Lawyers in America - 15 years
Rated AV Pre-eminent - Martindale Hubbell

STUART A. KAUFMAN:

Born Queens, New York, March 21, 1965; admitted to Bar 1990; The New York Bar 1990; The Florida Bar 1993; United States District Court, Southern District of Florida 1993; United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 1998.

Education: State University of New York at Binghamton (B.A. 1986); University of Miami School of Law (J.D. 1989).

Member: The Association of the Bar of the City of New York; The Association of the Bar of the State of New York; The Florida Bar; American Bar Association.

PAUL A. DARAGJATI:

Born Staten Island, NY, April 12, 1971; Admitted to the Florida Bar, 2004; United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2007; United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2012; United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 2008; United States Supreme Court, 2009.

Education: University of North Florida (B.A. 1993); Florida State University School of Law (J.D. 2003).

Member: Professional: The Florida Bar, The Jacksonville Bar Association, Florida Bar's Fourth Circuit Grievance Committee "A" (Member: 2009 – 2013; Chairman: 2012 – 2013),

Personal: Board member, Jacksonville Youth Sanctuary, Member, Knights of Columbus, National Rifle Association; Fraternal Order of Police, Jacksonville Consolidated Lodge 5-30

A. SIZE AND STRUCTURE OF THE FIRM

The law firm of Klausner, Kaufman, Jensen & Levinson is a seven lawyer firm specializing exclusively in the representation of public employee retirement systems and related employment law matters. The lawyers are supported by five staff members.

As a result of our substantial involvement on a national level in public employee retirement matters, we have developed a unique and comprehensive research system enabling us to readily access the law in all 50 states and on the federal level in this unique area of specialty.

By limiting our practice to the area of public employee retirement and related employment issues, we are able to keep a focus on changing trends in the law that more general practitioners would consider a luxury.

B. BACKGROUND OF THE FIRM AND INDIVIDUALS AS RELATES TO PUBLIC PENSION LAW

The law firm of Klausner, Kaufman, Jensen & Levinson is among the most well known in the country in the area of public pension issues.

The firm is frequently called upon as an educational consultant by state and local governments throughout the United States on some of the newest and most sophisticated issues involving public retirement systems. The examples of those areas are:

1. Fiduciary Education.

The primary duty of a pension fund lawyer is to ensure that the trustees do the right thing. It is our practice to prepare for all of the boards of trustees which we represent, trustee handbooks which explain the general principles of fiduciary responsibility, as well as more specific principles regarding voting conflicts, compliance with open meeting laws, conflict of interest laws, etc. We regularly apprise the boards of trustees through newsletters, memoranda and other vehicles of changes in the law, both legislatively and judicially, which

impact upon their duties. <http://www.robertdklausner.com> We also conduct training workshops to improve the trustees' skills in conducting disability and other benefit hearings. As a result of our regular participation and educational programs on a monthly basis, all of the materials prepared as speaker materials for those programs are distributed without additional charge to our clients. Our firm provides its clients, as part of the fees paid, an annual pension education conference held in South Florida. This national event draws internationally known legal and financial experts and is attended by more than 200 trustees and administrators from throughout the United States.

2. Legal Counseling.

In the course of its duties, the board of trustees will be called upon from time to time to interpret various provisions of the statutes which governs its conduct. As a result, counsel to the board is responsible for issuing legal opinions to assist the trustees in performing their function in managing the trust. It is our practice to maintain an orderly system of the issuance of legal opinions so that they can form part of the overall body of law that guides the trustees. As changes in the law occur, it is our practice to update those legal opinions to ensure that the subjects which they cover are in conformance with the current state of the law.

3. Litigation.

Despite the best efforts and intentions of the staff and trustees, there will be times when the pension fund finds itself as either a plaintiff or defendant in a legal action. We have successfully defended boards of trustees in claims for benefits, actions regarding under-funding, securities matters and alleged failure of plan fiduciaries to fulfill their responsibilities to the trust. The lawyers in the firm have not only substantial state and federal court trial experience, but regularly argue complex appellate matters on both the state and federal levels. Mr. Klausner has

represented retirement plans in nearly a dozen states (appellate and supreme courts), numerous federal district courts, federal appeals courts for the 2nd, 5th, 6th, 8th, 10th and 11th circuits. In 2008, Mr. Klausner successfully represented the Kentucky Retirement Systems before the United States Supreme Court in Kentucky Retirement Systems v. EEOC, 128 S.Ct. 2361 (2008)

4. Investments.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, more than 60% of the money necessary to pay long term costs in a defined benefit retirement program will come from investment return. Due diligence in all aspects of the investment program is a combined effort between the investment experts who judge the competence, buy/sell discipline, and performance of asset managers and the lawyers who insure that the promises made by investment providers are reflected in the investment contracts that ultimately govern the relationships between the Fund and its asset managers.

We have considerable experience in all aspects of legal due diligence related to investments. We are currently performing the legal due diligence for the Texas Municipal Retirement System in its conversion from an all-fixed income portfolio to a broadly diversified investment program for this 850 employer cash balance defined benefit plan with more than \$26 billion in assets. Similarly, we advised the Teachers' Retirement System of the City of New York in its complex custodial/securities lending/foreign exchange program.

Our firm is frequently looked to on a national basis for education on best practices and risk avoidance in investment contracts. We work regularly with investment consultants, internal auditors, and internal investment committees to insure that asset management contracts are clear and enforceable.

We are currently engaged in investment work in a variety of alternatives - hedge funds, private equity, and real estate. While the wisdom of an investment is always the decision of the financial experts, the involvement of counsel in the contract process is essential.

There are times, regardless of the care and diligence, that investment programs disputes will arise. We have substantial experience in vigorously asserting the rights of our clients in investment related matters. Our firm successfully represented more than 70 Florida public pension funds in an action against an investment consultant for breach of fiduciary duty, seeking disgorgement of all fees. The matter, which settled, recouped more than 55% of all fees and transactional costs paid over a period of nearly 10 years. We are currently pursuing rights of pension funds as investors in a variety of complex securities litigation matters in multiple state and federal jurisdictions.