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IN RE THE BOEING COMPANY  
DERIVATIVE LITIGATION

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**CO-LEAD PLAINTIFFS' BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF SETTLEMENT,  
APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES,  
AND INCENTIVE AWARD FOR CO-LEAD PLAINTIFF FPPA**

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## **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

Two Boeing 737 MAX airplanes tragically crashed in October 2018 and March 2019, leading to the deaths of all 346 passengers and crew on board, numerous investigations of the crashes and a twenty-month worldwide grounding of the 737 MAX fleet. On January 9, 2020, again The Boeing Company (“Boeing” or the “Company”) made headlines when it publicly released hundreds of documents, including internal messages among and between Boeing employees, about the development of the 737 MAX, that the Company had disclosed to Congress and the Federal Aviation Administration (the “FAA”).

Shortly thereafter, two public pension systems came together to pursue a *Caremark* breach of fiduciary duty claim against present and former directors and officers of Boeing: (i) Plaintiff Thomas P. DiNapoli, Comptroller of the State of New York, as Administrative Head of the New York State and Local Retirement System, and as Trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund (“NYSCRF”); and (ii) Plaintiff Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado (“FPPA”, and together with NYSCRF, “Co-Lead Plaintiffs”).

Co-Lead Plaintiffs and their counsel (Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP (“Lief Cabraser”) and Friedlander & Gorris, P.A. (“F&G”, and together with Lief Cabraser, “Co-Lead Counsel”)) analyzed an extensive record, including abundant publicly available information and a Section 220 production by Boeing

that included over 44,100 documents totaling more than 630,000 pages.

Declaration of Joel Friedlander (“Friedlander Decl.”) ¶¶ 10-13.

On August 3, 2020, following a contested leadership hearing, Chancellor Bouchard appointed NYSCRF and FPPA as Co-Lead Plaintiffs and appointed Lieff Cabraser and F&G as Co-Lead Counsel. *Id.* ¶ 8, Ex. D. Co-Lead Plaintiffs filed a Verified Consolidated Complaint on September 2, 2020 and, in November 2020, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss, together with appendices of supporting materials. *Id.* ¶¶ 19-20. On January 29, 2021, Co-Lead Plaintiffs filed a Verified Amended Consolidated Complaint incorporating many of the documents Defendants relied on in the previous motion to dismiss, as well as a Criminal Information and Deferred Prosecution Agreement that had been filed against Boeing three weeks earlier. *Id.* ¶¶ 21-25. Briefing and oral argument followed on Defendants’ motion to dismiss. *Id.* ¶ 26.

During briefing on the motion to dismiss the Amended Complaint, Defendants inquired whether Co-Lead Plaintiffs would be amenable to participating in mediation. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 27. Co-Lead Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel agreed to entertain mediation, so long as it did not delay or interfere with the progress of the litigation, in particular the resolution of the motion to dismiss. *Id.* The parties retained former United States District Court Judge Layn R. Phillips to serve as mediator. *Id.* ¶ 28. A full-day mediation with Defendants

and their insurers was held on September 3, 2021, before a decision was rendered on the motion to dismiss. *Id.*

The Court's September 7, 2021 decision on the motion to dismiss upheld Co-Lead Plaintiffs' primary claim for breach of fiduciary duty against the Director Defendants in connection with their oversight of airplane safety, and dismissed the claim against the Company's officers and the claim relating to then-CEO Dennis Muilenburg's receipt of certain compensation upon his departure. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 31.

Throughout the mediation, which was conducted through extensive in-person, Zoom and telephonic negotiations, Co-Lead Plaintiffs emphasized governance reform as well as maximizing monetary recovery of any settlement. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 30. The scope of recoverable damages was limited, as a practical matter, by Boeing's available D&O insurance coverage. *Id.* ¶ 43. Because even a record monetary settlement could not approach the actual economic harm suffered by Boeing and its stockholders, Co-Lead Plaintiffs were adamant about obtaining governance reforms that would create lasting improvements and prevent future problems on a Company-wide scale. *Id.* ¶ 30.

The proposed settlement is precedent setting from both monetary and governance perspectives. The monetary component of \$237.5 million far exceeds the recovery on any *Caremark* claim in Delaware. It also represents the second-

largest monetary settlement in a derivative case in this Court. The non-monetary components are wide-ranging and structural corporate governance reforms meant to address Boeing's oversight of airplane safety, including, among other things, the addition of a director with relevant expertise in aviation, aerospace engineering or product safety oversight; the creation of an Ombudsperson program to assist Boeing personnel working with the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA"); and additional mandatory reporting on airplane safety to the Boeing Board of Directors (the "Board") and Aerospace Safety Committee ("ASC") (collectively, the "Corporate Governance Measures").

Co-Lead Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel agreed with Defendants that the fee application for any pertinent law firms would not exceed 12.5% of the monetary settlement component, or \$29,687,500 in the aggregate. Settlement Agmt., ¶ 35. The fee application here seeks a lesser amount, which reflects Co-Lead Counsel's contractual arrangement with Co-Lead Plaintiffs. The total fee application is for \$18,260,000, or 7.69% of the monetary settlement component. This sum compensates Co-Lead Counsel, as well insurance counsel who assisted Co-Lead Counsel in the mediations, and also two additional law firms for their work in litigating the Section 220 action and obtaining Section 220 documents that were made available to Co-Lead Counsel. In addition, Co-Lead Plaintiff FPPA seeks an incentive award of \$12,500, to be paid from the fee award.

## **FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

### **A. Public Revelation of Boeing's Governance Failures**

In early 2020, a wealth of publicly available information existed about the Boeing 737 MAX. Lion Air Flight 610 had crashed on October 29, 2018. Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 had crashed on March 10, 2019. The Boeing 737 MAX was grounded worldwide shortly thereafter. These events were global news and the subject of investigative reporting, private litigation, and governmental inquiries. Boeing executives testified in Congress in 2019, and Boeing produced internal documents to Congress. In the wake of these events, then-CEO Dennis Muilenburg left Boeing in December 2019. A month later, on January 9, 2020, Boeing's production to Congress of its internal documents raised deeper concerns about the Company.<sup>1</sup>

### **B. Boeing's Section 220 Production**

Co-Lead Plaintiffs sent Boeing Section 220 demands on February 12, 2020, and April 20, 2020. Friedlander Decl. ¶¶ 10-11. The ensuing Section 220 production included the following categories of documents: (i) minutes of any

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Jamie Freed and Tracy Rucinsky, Factbox: In Boeing internal messages, employees distrust the 737 MAX and mock regulators, Reuters (Jan. 10, 2020, 2:38 a.m.), <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-boeing-737max-factbox/factbox-in-boeing-internal-messages-employees-distrust-the-737-max-and-mock-regulators-idUSKBN1Z90NP> (“Boeing Co has released hundreds of internal messages that show attempts to duck regulatory scrutiny in the development of the 737 MAX, as well as employees disparaging the plane, the company and aviation regulators.”).

Board meeting or any committee thereof, that related to the 737 MAX 8 from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2019, including documents that the Board, or any committee thereof, received in connection with any meeting that related to the 737 MAX; (ii) electronic communications from Muilenburg (June 1, 2018 through June 6, 2019), former CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes Kevin McAllister (through June 11, 2019), and Boeing chief engineer Greg Hyslop (through June 11, 2019), based on an agreed set of search terms; (iii) materials regarding the 737 MAX that Boeing produced to Congress in response to congressional inquiries into the 737 MAX (through December 31, 2019); and (iv) any documents produced in response to any Section 220 demand made by any Boeing stockholder. *Id.* ¶ 12.

Co-Lead Plaintiffs negotiated with Boeing for additional documents beyond those initially produced, including documents concerning the Board's December 22, 2019 decision to replace Muilenburg and documents that post-dated the time period from which the initial Section 220 production was made. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 13. In total, Co-Lead Plaintiffs obtained and analyzed approximately 44,100 documents from Boeing, totaling more than 630,000 pages. *Id.*

**C. Appointment of Leadership**

Co-Lead Plaintiffs' initial complaint, filed on June 12, 2020, (styled as *DiNapoli, et al. v. Duberstein, et al.*, C.A. No. 2020-0465-AGB (Del. Ch.)), named

as Defendants (i) present and former outside directors Kenneth M. Duberstein, Mike S. Zafirovski, Arthur D. Collins, Edward M. Liddy, Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani Jr., David L. Calhoun, Susan C. Schwab, Ronald A. Williams, Lawrence W. Kellner, Lynn J. Good, Robert A. Bradway, Randall L. Stephenson, Caroline B. Kennedy (the “Director Defendants”); and (ii) present and former officers W. James McNerney Jr., Dennis A. Muilenburg, Kevin G. McAllister, Raymond L. Conner, Greg Smith, J. Michael Luttig, Greg Hyslop, and Diana L. Sands. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 17. The complaint examined how the focus of Boeing’s Board shifted from a top-down safety culture to emphasizing cost-cutting and revenue maximization. *Id.* ¶ 15.

Chancellor Bouchard evaluated the competing complaints and noted that Co-Lead Plaintiff’s complaint was “the superior pleading because it (a) more cogently focuses on, and contains more factual allegations relevant to, board knowledge and (b) includes a loyalty claim concerning Muilenburg that may be relevant to demand futility.” Friedlander Decl. Ex. D.

**D. Co-Lead Plaintiffs’ Amended Complaints**

On September 2, 2020, Co-Lead Plaintiffs filed a Verified Consolidated Complaint. It pleaded the same counts against the same Defendants while reflecting enhanced factual support of the prior allegations, especially extensive

details about the Company's response to the crashes. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 19; Compl. ¶¶ 290-306.

On November 9, 2020, Defendants moved to dismiss and filed an opening brief supported by a transmittal declaration that attached 106 documents. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 20.

Co-Lead Plaintiffs filed a proposed Verified Amended Consolidated Complaint (the "Amended Complaint") on January 26, 2021. The Amended Complaint contained new allegations about a significant development—Boeing's January 7, 2021 Deferred Prosecution Agreement with the Department of Justice (the "DPA"). Friedlander Decl. ¶ 22. In the DPA, Boeing admitted that information had been intentionally withheld and concealed from the FAA Aircraft Evaluation Group about the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System ("MCAS") software on the 737 MAX (*i.e.*, the software that brought about the crashes of Lion Air Flight 610 and Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302). *Id.* ¶¶ 22-25. Co-Lead Plaintiffs maintained that Boeing's admission, and other aspects of the DPA, supported the Amended Complaint's allegations of oversight failures at Boeing. *Id.*

The Amended Complaint alleged the same counts against the same Defendants as Co-Lead Plaintiffs' prior complaints. Sections V-VII of the Amended Complaint were revised to focus on how Muilenburg, with the Board's



support, maintained—without foundation—that the 737 MAX was safe in the wake of the first 737 MAX plane crash. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 24. Paragraphs 127 and 128 of the Amended Complaint include allegations drawn from presentations to the Board focused on profitability, rather than safety issues or FAA compliance that the Defendants had submitted to the Court in connection with their motion to dismiss. *Id.* ¶ 25.

**E. Defendants’ Motion To Dismiss**

The Amended Complaint was the subject of full briefing and oral argument on Defendants’ motion to dismiss, which was supported by a transmittal declaration that attached 84 documents. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 26.

On September 7, 2021, the Court issued its decision on the motion to dismiss, denying the motion with respect to Co-Lead Plaintiffs’ claim for breach of fiduciary duty against the Director Defendants in connection with their oversight of airplane safety; and granting the motion with respect to the Company’s officers and the claim relating to Muilenburg’s receipt of certain compensation upon his retirement. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 31. Shortly thereafter, the Director Defendants filed a motion for clarification. Co-Lead Plaintiffs prepared an opposition to the motion, but it was not filed before the Court denied the Director Defendants’ motion. *Id.*

**F. The Mediation**

In mid-2021, Defendants inquired whether Co-Lead Plaintiffs would be amenable to participating in mediation. Co-Lead Plaintiffs consented so long as it did not delay or interfere with the progress of the litigation, in particular the resolution of the motion to dismiss. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 27.

The parties retained former United States District Court Judge Layn R. Phillips to serve as mediator, and on September 3 and 12, 2021, the parties participated in full-day mediation sessions in New York City. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 28. Several further formal mediation sessions followed: a September 23, 2021 session was devoted exclusively to a discussion of the proposed corporate governance reforms with direct participation of various senior Boeing personnel; on October 1, 2021, a third mediation session with Judge Phillips; and on October 5, 2021, a further discussion about corporate governance. *Id.* ¶¶ 38-40. In addition to the formal mediation sessions, the parties communicated extensively concerning corporate governance and engaged in multiple meetings and communications to discuss corporate governance changes at the Company. Settlement Agmt. ¶ UU.

On October 6, 2021, the parties agreed to a settlement in principle consisting of a monetary component of \$237.5 million and an extensive corporate governance reform package. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 41.

## **G. The Settlement**

The parties filed the Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise, Settlement, and Release (“Settlement”), on November 5, 2021. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 42. The Settlement provides for (a) payment of \$237.5 million by Defendants’ D&O insurers to Boeing and (b) the following corporate governance measures:

- (i) election of an additional Board director with aviation/aerospace engineering and/or product safety oversight expertise;
- (ii) creation of an Ombudsperson Program within the organization of the Chief Aerospace Safety Officer;
- (iii) amending the Company By-Laws to require the separation of the CEO and Board Chair positions;
- (iv) amending the Company’s Corporate Governance Principles to include language that the Governance & Public Policy Committee shall “ensure that” at least three directors have “knowledge, experience, and/or expertise with aviation/aerospace, engineering, and/or product safety oversight;”
- (v) amending the Aerospace Safety Committee (“ASC”) charter to include requirements that the Chief Aerospace Safety Officer and Chief Engineer ensure that certain safety-related matters be reported to the ASC;

- (vi) continuing consideration of safety metrics in determining executive compensation for named executive officers;
- (vii) amending the ASC charter so that the ASC is comprised of only independent directors; and
- (viii) public disclosure of safety enhancements and initiatives implemented by the Company since the events giving rise to the Action. *Id.* ¶ 43.

The Ombudsperson Program must remain in effect for five years, and the other corporate governance measures are binding for no less than four years. *Id.*

The proposed settlement received widespread press coverage as soon as it was announced.<sup>2</sup> NYSCRF filed the settlement papers on its website,<sup>3</sup> and both Co-Lead Plaintiffs published press releases to their websites.<sup>4</sup> Following Court approval of the notice forms, the Notice of Pendency of Derivative Action, Proposed Settlement of Derivative Action, Settlement Hearing and Right to Appear (“Notice”) was sent directly to tens of thousands of Boeing stockholders of record. On December 7, 2021, the Summary Notice of Pendency of Derivative Action, Proposed Settlement of Derivative Action, Settlement Hearing and Right to Appear

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<sup>2</sup> Andrew Tangel, Boeing Board to Add Safety Expert, Make Other Changes in 737 MAX Settlement, WALL STREET JOURNAL, Nov. 5, 2021; Niraj Chokshi, *Boeing directors reach a settlement in a shareholder lawsuit over the 737 Max crashes*, N.Y. Times, Nov. 5, 2021.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/press/pdf/stipulation-of-settlement-boeing.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> Declaration of Nelson R. Sheingold (“Sheingold Decl.”), Exhibit B; Declaration of Kevin B. Lindahl (“Lindahl Decl.”), Exhibit B.

(the “Summary Notice”) was issued by press release and placed in the *Wall Street Journal* and the Notice was posted on Boeing’s website.<sup>5</sup> The Notice was also posted to a website established by Co-Lead Counsel.<sup>6</sup>

#### **H. Co-Lead Counsel’s Fee Request**

Co-Lead Plaintiffs are seeking compensation on behalf of Co-Lead Counsel for the entirety of their work on this matter. That time is summarized below:

<b>Firm</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP	10,244.4
Friedlander & Gorris, P.A.	1,315.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,559.94</b>

(Friedlander Decl. ¶ 54; Declaration of Nicholas Diamand (“Diamand Decl.”) ¶ 3).

Co-Lead Plaintiffs also seek compensation for 138.7 hours of work performed by insurance counsel Farella Braun + Martel LLP in connection with the mediation.

(Declaration of Erica Villanueva (“Villanueva Decl.”) ¶ 3.)

In addition, Co-Lead Plaintiffs recognize the contribution of Prickett, Jones & Elliott, P.A. and Hach Rose Schirripa & Cheverie LLP for their litigation of the Section 220 action (including the negotiation of document productions) and

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<sup>5</sup> <https://boeing.mediaroom.com/2021-12-17-Summary-Notice-of-Pendency-of-Derivative-Action,-Proposed-Settlement-of-Derivative-Action,-Settlement-Hearing-and-Right-to-Appear>.

<sup>6</sup> <https://boeingderivativesettlement.com/>.

include them in the fee request. Their time related to the Section 220 action is summarized below:

<b>Firm</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Prickett, Jones & Elliott, P.A.	1,698.8
Hach Rose Schirripa & Cheverie LLP	1,262.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,960.8</b>

(Declaration of Daniel B. Rehns (“Rehns Decl.”) ¶ 8; Declaration of Samuel Closic (“Closic Decl.”) ¶ 8).

Separately, Co-Lead Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel considered but declined requests for compensation by plaintiff’s counsel in the stayed, demand-refused *Isman*<sup>7</sup> action, and by plaintiff’s counsel in the consolidated *Slotoroff*<sup>8</sup> action. The Settlement was reached without the participation of *Isman*’s and *Slotoroff*’s counsel. Co-Lead Counsel does not believe that the pendency of the stayed *Isman* action or the consolidated *Slotoroff* action had a causal impact on the corporate benefits achieved in the Settlement. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 52.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> *Isman v. Bradway, et al.*, C.A. No. 2019-0794-AGB (Del. Ch.).

<sup>8</sup> *Slotoroff v. Bradway, et al.*, C.A. No. 2019-0941-AGB (Del. Ch.).

<sup>9</sup> Co-Lead Plaintiffs have no procedural objection to *Isman*’s and *Slotoroff*’s counsel making independent fee applications on or before February 3, 2022.

## **ARGUMENT**<sup>10</sup>

### **I. THE SETTLEMENT IS FAIR, REASONABLE, AND ADEQUATE**

Delaware courts have long favored the voluntary settlement of contested claims. *Forsythe v. ESC Fund Mgmt. Co. (U.S.) Inc.*, 2012 WL 1655538, at \*2 (Del. Ch. May 9, 2012). While the Court’s role in approving the settlement requires it to “insure that the interests [of the corporation] have been fairly represented,” the approval process “does not require a definitive evaluation of the case on its merits,” as doing so “would defeat the basic purpose of the settlement of litigation.” *Id.* at \*2-3 Factors to consider include: (a) the risks of establishing liability; (b) the risks of establishing damages; (c) the collectability of a judgment; (d) the complexity, expense, risk and duration of further litigation; (e) the reaction of the affected stockholders to the proposed settlement; and (f) the views of counsel. *See Polk v. Good*, 507 A.2d 531, 536 (Del. 1986).

By any standard, the proposed Settlement warrants approval. The Settlement will provide \$237.5 million in cash to the Company and significant corporate governance changes that will benefit Boeing and its stockholders. The cash payment and the governance changes are, Co-Lead Plaintiffs respectfully

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<sup>10</sup> Co-Lead Plaintiffs will respond to objections or fee requests, if any, in their reply brief to be filed on February 11, 2022.

submit, an outstanding result considering the substantial risks Co-Lead Plaintiffs faced in successfully litigating the case to a judgment of that amount or more.

**A. The Risk of Establishing Liability**

In determining whether a settlement is fair and reasonable, the Court balances the strength of the plaintiff's claims against the benefits the settlement secures. *See Kahn v. Sullivan*, 594 A.2d 48, 59 (Del. 1991); *Barkan v. Amsted Indus., Inc.*, 567 A.2d 1279, 1285-86 (Del. 1989). "The tasks assigned to the court include . . . assessing the reasonableness of the 'give' and the 'get.'" *In re Activision Blizzard, Inc. S'holder Litig.*, 124 A.3d 1025, 1043 (Del. Ch. 2015). That balance weighs heavily in favor of approving the Settlement.

The negotiated settlement terms reflect a fair compromise of the sustained *Caremark* claim against the director defendants, and all other released derivative claims, such as any *Caremark* claim against non-director officers.

On the merits, Co-Lead Plaintiffs confronted the oft-repeated dicta from *Caremark* that bad faith oversight may be "the most difficult theory in corporation law upon which a plaintiff might hope to win a judgment." *Marchand v. Barnhill*, 805 A.2d 805, 820 n.99 (Del. 2019) (quoting *In re Caremark Int'l Inc. Derivative Litig.*, 698 A.2d 959, 967 (Del. Ch. 1996)). This recognition had to be tempered here by the realistic prospect of prevailing on what may be the strongest claim in this action—a *Caremark* claim arising from the response to the Lion Air crash.



Even as to this claim, however, Co-Lead Plaintiffs understood that the documentary record at this stage of the litigation was incomplete in light of numerous redactions and withheld documents. Friedlander Decl. ¶ 47. Co-Lead Plaintiffs could not have confidence that they would ever discover the content of privileged communications between Boeing management and its legal team. *Id.* Nor could they predict what advice was rendered and whether privilege would be waived in future proceedings. *Id.* Another source of uncertainty were the numerous “Annex 13” redactions in the Section 220 production, which relate to the investigation of airplane crashes and presumably would be ultimately un-redacted. *Id.* Defendants would also presumably try to introduce evidence into the record about their awareness of the scope and function of Boeing’s enterprise risk management system. *Id.* Continued litigation inevitably raises the possibility of further risks at summary judgment, trial and on appeal. *Id.* ¶ 35. Moreover, any additional delay could have jeopardized the proposed corporate governance reforms, which would not be an available remedy at trial. *Id.*

Additional risks materialized after Co-Lead Plaintiffs’ prevailed on the primary breach of fiduciary duty claim against the Director Defendants. *Id.* ¶ 32. Co-Lead Counsel operated on the assumption that, if the mediation was not successful, Boeing’s Board would form a special litigation committee (“SLC”) that

would be charged with investigating the derivative claims at issue here, and would seek to stay the litigation pending the completion of the SLC investigation. *Id.*

If an SLC were created, the potential for obtaining important governance reforms might be lost. *Id.* ¶ 33. An SLC that was duly constituted by independent directors might perceive no need to negotiate over new governance mechanisms that Co-Lead Plaintiffs deemed important. *Id.* Or, at a minimum, any such negotiations would be suspended by at least six months (and perhaps much longer) during the pendency of the SLC's investigation. *Id.* A further uncertainty was whether the SLC would be willing or able to negotiate for a monetary recovery from insurers on the scale that was under discussion in the mediation. *Id.* The SLC might decide not to negotiate for any monetary recovery, or might settle for a smaller sum. *Id.*

Given the record, Co-Lead Counsel believed that an SLC investigation would not exculpate Defendants on all claims. *Id.* ¶ 34. Further, Co-Lead Counsel believed that Boeing and the Director Defendants would be disinclined to deal with ongoing publicity and future litigation under *Zapata Corp. v. Maldonado*, 430 A.2d 779 (Del. 1981), respecting the outcome of the SLC's investigation, even if an SLC determination were favorable for the director defendants. *Id.*

**B. The Extent of Collectible Damages**

The quantum of Boeing's damage exposure as a result of the crashes was and is enormous. Boeing's D&O insurance policies provided the only realistic source of large-scale recovery in this derivative action. Beyond the available insurance, and absent external sources to fund a settlement approaching the full potential damages, there was, as a practical matter, no available monetary recovery avenue. *See In re Coleman Co. Inc. S'holders Litig.*, 750 A.2d 1202, 1208 (Del. Ch. 1999), *as revised* (Nov. 22, 1999) ("Thus, even though plaintiffs raise colorable claims, the delay, expense, and trouble of litigation coupled with serious collectability problems seem to justify the proposed settlement agreement.").

**C. The Import of the Mediation**

The Settlement was facilitated by Judge Philips who has served as a mediator in numerous complex businesses litigations in this court and throughout the United States. *See Activision*, 124 A.3d at 1067 ("The manner in which the Settlement was reached provides further evidence of its reasonableness. It resulted from a protracted mediation conducted by a highly respected former United States District Court Judge, with the negotiations taking place in the shadow of an impending trial"). Co-Lead Plaintiffs were active participants in the entirety of the mediation. In addition to the \$237.5 million cash consideration, they insisted on corporate governance reforms that would yield major, lasting benefits throughout

Boeing's commercial aircraft operations. Co-Lead Plaintiffs recognize that governance reforms impact long-term value in companies, including Boeing. Sheingold Decl. ¶ 4; Lindahl Decl. ¶ 4.

**D. The Corporate Governance Measures**

The Corporate Governance Measures will enhance the Board's oversight of airplane safety going forward. These measures target and seek to improve critical elements in Boeing's existing Board oversight functions.

At the time of the two 737 MAX crashes and grounding, Co-Lead Plaintiffs maintain that Boeing's Board did not have sufficient independent directors with experience in airplane safety oversight. The Settlement requires Boeing to add an additional new director with aviation/aerospace, engineering, and/or product safety oversight expertise, and that Boeing amend its published Corporate Governance Principles to require the Board to have at least three directors with that same expertise. Settlement Agmt., Ex. A. Similarly, the Settlement requires that the ASC be comprised of three independent directors with similar expertise. *Id.*

The ASC, which the Boeing Board created after the 737 MAX fleet was grounded, is the Board committee responsible for safety oversight, and therefore the Settlement provides that it be staffed with individuals that have relevant expertise to oversee this mission-critical aspect of Boeing's business. *Id.* To further emphasize the importance of airplane safety within the organization, the

Corporate Governance Measures provide that the Compensation Committee shall consider certain safety metrics (to be established in consultation with the ASC), in setting executive compensation. *Id.*

The FAA's Organizational Designation Authorization ("ODA") program is the means by which the FAA grants designee authority to organizations or companies, including Boeing, to ensure compliance with FAA mandates. *Id.* The Ombudsperson Program will address and remedy issues with ODA independence and transparency. *Id.* The Ombudsperson will serve as a neutral third party to advise and assist Boeing employees who work within the ODA Program (referred to as "Unit Members") to address concerns about undue pressure, among other core issues at the Company. *Id.* If necessary, the Ombudsperson will bring those matters to the attention of the Chief Aerospace Safety Officer and the ASC, consistent with the guidance set forth by the International Ombudsman Association. *Id.*

Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint alleged that neither the Board nor any of its committees received regular reporting on airplane safety until after the 737 MAX grounding. Co-Lead Plaintiffs therefore sought to implement reforms to strengthen the Company's airplane safety oversight. Most significant among those reforms is mandatory, regular reporting by the Chief Aerospace Safety Officer to the full Board at least semiannually. *Id.* The Settlement also specifies the type of

information that management, including the Chief Engineer and Chief Aerospace Safety Officer, must provide to the ASC, including the following: (i) “Speak Up” portal submissions; (ii) FAA airworthiness directives issued for Boeing airplanes; (iii) the issuance of FAA type certificates and/or production certificates; and (iv) significant communications with the FAA (including those relating to ODA interference and transparency). *Id.* The required contents of these reports enumerated in the Corporate Governance Measures were informed by data Boeing provided during negotiations about the safety enhancement programs the Company had initiated since the 737 MAX crashes and grounding. *Id.* The new reporting requirements should ensure that robust information about future airplane safety issues will be provided to the Board and ASC to enable them to meet their oversight responsibilities in the future. *Id.*

The Corporate Governance Measures further ensure that Boeing publicly discloses its enhanced safety programs, and provide annual updates on its aerospace safety oversight. *Id.*

Finally, to promote Board independence from the Company’s CEO, the Company will amend its By-Laws to require that the Board Chair be an independent director. *Id.*

## II. THE FEE APPLICATION IS FAIR AND REASONABLE

The amount of a fee award is committed to the sound discretion of the Court. *In re Abercrombie & Fitch Co. S'holders Deriv. Litig.*, 886 A.2d 1271, 1273 (Del. 2005). The familiar *Sugarland* factors include: (1) the results achieved; (2) the time and effort of counsel; (3) the complexity of the issues; (4) whether counsel was working on a contingent fee basis; and (5) counsel's standing and ability. *Loral Space & Commc'ns Inc. v. Highland Crusader Offshore Partners, L.P.*, 977 A.2d 867, 870 (Del. 2009) (citing *Sugarland Indus., Inc. v. Thomas*, 420 A.2d 142 (Del. 1980)). The Court's goals are "to align counsel's interest with those of their clients and encourage entrepreneurial plaintiff's lawyers to identify and litigate real claims," and to "avoid conferring unhealthy windfalls on plaintiff's counsel." *In re Sauer-Danfoss Inc. S'holders Litig.*, 65 A.3d 1116, 1141 (Del. Ch. 2011); *see also In re Topps Co. S'holders Litig.*, 924 A.2d 951, 962 n.39 (Del. Ch. 2007) ("Nor can stockholder-plaintiffs believe that their lawyers will not receive appropriate remuneration in this court for achieving an important benefit for the corporation or a class of stockholders.").

The negotiated fee application of \$18,260,000 is eminently reasonable under the pertinent factors and applicable precedent.

**A. The Benefits Achieved Support the Fee Application**

“*Sugarland’s* first factor is indeed its most important – the results accomplished for the benefit of the shareholders.” *Seinfeld v. Coker*, 847 A.2d 330, 336 (Del. Ch. 2000). The proposed settlement is the second-largest monetary recovery in a derivative settlement in this Court’s history and is coupled with significant corporate governance reforms aimed at airplane safety oversight.

Co-Lead Plaintiffs’ requested fee award of \$18,260,000 on a settlement of \$237.5 million with significant corporate governance reforms is far less than comparable settlements. The largest monetary recovery in a Chancery Court derivative settlement was *In re Activision Blizzard, Inc. Stockholder Litigation*, 124 A.3d 1043 (Del. Ch. 2015), where this Court awarded a fee of \$72.5 million in a case in which plaintiffs recovered \$275 million and obtained significant governance relief. *Id.* at 1067 (Del. Ch. 2015) (“The non-monetary consideration provided important additional benefits,” which “was a form of relief that Lead Counsel could not have obtained at trial”). The requested fee award of \$18,260,000 here also compares favorably to the \$22 million fee Judge Rakoff awarded in *In re Pfizer Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, 780 F. Supp. 2d 336 (S.D.N.Y. 2011), where plaintiffs obtained a \$75 million settlement and certain governance reforms, including an “ombudsman” program. *Id.* at 339-40. Judge Rakoff “conclude[d] that the settlement is likely to provide considerable



corporate benefits to Pfizer and its shareholders, in the form of a significantly improved institutional structure for detecting and rectifying the types of wrongdoing that have, in recent years, caused extensive harm to the company.” *Id.* at 342. Here, the Settlement provides similarly significant governance reforms and ***more than three times*** as much cash consideration.

The requested fee award similarly compares favorably to *City of Monroe Employees’ Retirement System v. Murdoch*, 2018 WL 822498 (Del. Ch. Feb. 9, 2018). There, Chancellor Bouchard awarded \$22.5 million in fees and expenses for a pre-filing settlement that resulted in a \$90 million settlement and governance reforms. *Id.* at \*3. The Settlement here provides for ***more than two-and-a-half times*** the cash consideration while offering more impressive governance reforms.

The requested fee award of 7.69% is appropriate for the stage of the case as fee awards for monetary benefits are based on a sliding scale of increasing percentages based on the litigation effort that produced the benefit.

When a case settles early, the Court of Chancery tends to award 10–15% of the monetary benefit conferred. When a case settles after the plaintiffs have engaged in meaningful litigation efforts, typically including multiple depositions and some level of motion practice, fee awards in the Court of Chancery range from 15–25% of the monetary benefits conferred. “A study of recent Delaware fee awards finds that the average amount of fees awarded when derivative and class actions settle for both monetary and therapeutic consideration is approximately 23% of the monetary benefit conferred; the median is 25%.”

*Americas Mining Corp. v. Theriault*, 51 A.3d 1213, 1259–60 (Del. 2012) (quoting Richard A. Rosen, David C. McBride & Danielle Gibbs, *Settlement Agreements in Commercial Disputes: Negotiating, Drafting and Enforcement*, § 27.10, at 27–100 (2010)). The percentage of the recovery is not affected by the scale of the settlement:

The incentive effects of the sliding scale apply equally to large and small settlements. Risk aversion can be most problematic when entrepreneurial counsel are negotiating for incremental dollars after investing much uncompensated time and expense. As Chief Justice Strine explained while serving as a member of this court, “I’ve said this before and I will continue to say it—that, you know, you don’t reduce people’s fees because they gain much. You should, in fact, want to create an incentive for real litigation.”

*Activision*, 124 A.3d at 1071 (quoting *In re Am. Int’l Group, Inc. Cons. Deriv. Litig.*, C.A. No. 769-VCS, tr. at 9-10 (Del. Ch. Jan. 25, 2011)).

Likewise, the robust corporate governance changes confer value to the Company. *Activision* recognized that significant governance relief for a large corporation can be worth attorney compensation of \$5-10 million:

The Settlement adds two independent directors and reduced Kotick and Kelly’s voting power from 24.9% to 19.9%. Establishing an independent Board majority and reducing the stockholder-level control of insiders at a corporation with a market capitalization in excess of \$15 billion is a valuable non-monetary benefit. Precedent suggests that an award of \$5–10 million could be justified.

*Activision*, 124 A.3d at 1071 & n.30 (citing authority); *see also In re Google Inc. Class C S’holder Litig.*, Cons. C.A. No. 7469–CS, tr. at 19–20 (Del. Ch. Oct. 28,

2013) (awarding \$8.5 million plus expenses for a “largely corporate governance settlement” in which “the benefits are substantial” and “somewhere between a solid single and a double”); *Hollywood Firefighters’ Pension Fund v. Malone*, 2021 WL 5179219, at \*10-11 (Del. Ch. Nov. 8, 2021) (awarding \$9.35 million for non-monetary relief, including adding a director). The magnitude of the non-monetary relief here not only exceeds those cases, but is coupled with the second largest monetary recovery in a Delaware derivative case.

**B. Litigation was Contingent, Difficult, and Complex**

The contingent nature of the representation, as Co-Lead Counsel were retained, is the “second most important factor considered by this Court” in awarding attorneys’ fees. *Dow Jones & Co. v. Shields*, 1992 WL 44907, at \*2 (Del. Ch. Mar. 4, 1992). It is the “public policy of Delaware to reward risk-taking in the interests of shareholders.” *In re Plains Res. S’holders Litig.*, 2005 WL 332811, at \*6 (Del. Ch. Feb. 4, 2005). Counsel is typically “entitled to a much larger fee when the compensation is contingent than when it is fixed on an hourly or contractual basis.” *Ryan v. Gifford*, 2009 WL 18142, at \*13 (Del. Ch. Jan. 2, 2009).

In *Seinfeld v. Coker*, 847 A.2d 330 (Del. Ch. 2000), Chancellor Chandler explained that it is important for plaintiffs lawyers to litigate efficiently: “One of the historic reasons Delaware judges have been so willing to award substantial

attorneys' fees, even after a relatively quick settlement of the case, is that our fee awards are not structured to reward lawyers for needlessly prolonging litigation.”

*Id.* at 333. Co-Lead Counsel did so here.

“As Chancellor Allen first observed in *Caremark*, and as since emphasized by this Court many times, perhaps to redundancy, the claim that corporate fiduciaries have breached their duties to stockholders by failing to monitor corporate affairs is ‘possibly the most difficult theory in corporation law upon which a plaintiff might hope to win a judgment.’” *In re Boeing Co. Derivative Litig.*, No. CV 2019-0907-MTZ, 2021 WL 4059934, at \*24 (Del. Ch. Sept. 7, 2021) (internal citations omitted). Co-Lead Counsel marshalled the facts from a massive public record and tens of thousands of Section 220 documents to present a compelling factual story and legal argument.

**C. Deference to a Fee Negotiated with Plaintiffs and Defendants**

The fee Co-Lead Counsel seeks is the product of a fee agreement with sophisticated clients *and* arm’s-length negotiations with Defendants.

This Court and courts around the country give deference to fee awards that are the product of negotiation with sophisticated clients. In *3-Sigma Value Financial Opps. LP v. Jones*, C.A. No. 11655-VCG, tr. (Apr. 10, 2017), Vice Chancellor Glasscock approved a fee request equal to 22% of a common fund obtained after no motion to dismiss briefing and one deposition. *Id.* at 40. The

Court credited a fee agreement that was “negotiated by sophisticated clients”: “If there had not been a preexisting contingency fee agreement, this case, in my mind, might have even justified a greater fee.” *Id.* Federal courts are in accord. *See In re Cendant Corp. Litig.*, 264 F.3d 201, 220 (3d Cir. 2001) (“[C]ourts should afford a presumption of reasonableness to fee requests submitted pursuant to an agreement between a properly-selected lead plaintiff and properly-selected lead counsel.”); *In re Lucent Tech. Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 327 F. Supp. 2d 426, 442 (D.N.J. 2004) (“Significantly, the Lead Plaintiffs, both of whom are Institutional investors with great financial stakes in the outcome of the litigation, have reviewed and approved Lead Counsel’s fees and expenses request.”). Co-Lead Plaintiffs are large holders of Boeing stock and are among the most sophisticated public institutional investors in the country with every reason to maximize the Company’s recovery. Co-Lead Counsel’s fee request is consistent with its agreements with Co-Lead Plaintiffs. Diamand Decl. ¶ 6.

This Court also defers to fee requests, like this one, that are the product of arm’s-length negotiation between plaintiffs and defendants. *See, e.g., Forsta AP-Fonden v. News Corp.*, C.A. No. 7580-CS, tr. at 10 (Del. Ch. Apr. 26, 2013) (“I give credit to the arm’s length bargaining.”); *Forsythe v. ESC Fund Mgmt. Co.*, 2012 WL 1655538, at \*7 (Del. Ch. May 9, 2012) (“The fee falls within a reasonable range, warranting deference to the parties’ negotiated amount.”); *In re*

*J. Crew Grp., Inc. S'holders' Litig.*, C.A. No. 6043-CS, tr. at 78 (Del. Ch. Dec. 14, 2011) (“I’m not going to quibble with what was negotiated.”).

Vice Chancellor Laster explained that Delaware courts will defer the negotiated fee awards when the award falls “within a reasonable range”:

The fact that a fee is negotiated does not obviate the need for independent judicial scrutiny of the fee because of the omnipresent threat that plaintiffs would trade off settlement benefits for an agreement that the defendant will not contest a substantial fee award. Notwithstanding these statements, some of this court’s decisions speak of giving deference to a negotiated fee agreement. In my view, any apparent tension can be harmonized by differentiating between evaluating a range of reasonableness and determining a specific amount. Under Delaware Supreme Court precedent, the court must determine that the award falls within a reasonable range. If it does, then a court can defer to the parties’ negotiated amount.

*Activision*, 124 A.3d at 1074-75 (internal quotation and footnote omitted). As in *Activision*, the fee and expense award is reasonable and was negotiated with Defendants following the negotiation of the substance of the Settlement. Indeed, Co-Lead Counsel’s fee request of \$18,260,000 falls well *below* the maximum allowable under the Settlement (\$29,687,500).

**D. The Standing and Ability of Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel**

The standing, ability, and reputation of Co-Lead Counsel also support the fee requested. A high degree of skill was needed to present difficult and complex *Caremark* prong one and prong two claims that survived a motion to dismiss, and

then to negotiate a momentous resolution that reflected the strength of those claims.

The standing and ability of Co-Lead Counsel is also evidenced by the high quality of the five firms representing Boeing and the Defendants. *See Kurz v. Holbrook*, C.A. No. 5019-VCL, tr. at 104 (Del. Ch. July 19, 2010) (“And I take into account that they were opposed by five rather significant firms.”).

**E. The Time Expended**

“The time and effort expended by counsel serves [as] a cross-check on the reasonableness of a fee award. This factor has two separate but related components: (i) time and (ii) effort.” *In re Sauer-Danfoss Inc. S’holders Litig.*, 65 A.3d 1116, 1138 (Del. Ch. 2011) (citation omitted).

Plaintiffs’ Counsel expended 14,659.44 hours through January 20, 2022 and Co-Lead Counsel will continue to spend time through the settlement hearing, but “more important than hours is effort, as in what Plaintiffs’ counsel actually did.” *Ams. Mining*, 51 A.3d at 1258 (quoting *In re Del Monte Foods Co. S’holders Litig.*, 2011 WL 2535256, at \*13 (Del. Ch. June 27, 2011)). Performing the tasks necessary to review and analyze 44,000 documents and a massive public record, to marshal the facts into a compelling story, to defeat a motion to dismiss, and to build a case for a mediation matters more than churning hours. “Running hours simply for the sake of running hours is not something we should encourage.

Instead, we should look at the benefits achieved. Efficiency is not a bad thing.” *In re Gardner Denver, Inc. S’holder Litig.*, C.A. No. 8505-VCN, tr. at 28 (Del. Ch. Sept. 3, 2014).

The requested award, excluding expenses, translates into an implied hourly rate of approximately \$1,231 per hour for the combined work. This implied hourly rate is well within this Court’s precedents.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> See, e.g., *Ams. Mining*, 51 A.3d at 1257 (affirming fee award that implied “approximately \$35,000 an hour, if you look at it that way”); *In re Versum Materials, Inc. S’holder Litig.*, Consol. C.A. No. 2019-0206-JTL, tr. (Del. Ch. Feb. 5, 2020) (Trans. ID 64682305) at 64; *Sciabacucchi v. Salzberg*, 2019 WL 2913272, at \*6 (Del. Ch. July 8, 2019) (awarding \$11,262.26 hourly rate and stating that a \$6,000 hourly rate would be reasonable); *In re Medley Capital Corp. S’holders Litig.*, Consol. C.A. No. 2019-0100-KSJM, tr. (Del. Ch. Nov. 19, 2019) (Trans. ID 64511321) at 67-68 (finding a \$5,989 hourly rate would not be “beyond the bounds of reasonableness” and noting that a 6x or 7x multiplier “is well within the range that this Court has awarded over the years”); *Activision*, 124 A.3d at 129 (awarding fee that represented \$9,685 per hour); *City of Monroe Employees’ Ret. Sys. v. Murdoch*, 2018 WL 822498, at \*3 (Del. Ch. Feb. 9, 2018) (order), 2018 WL 565520 (Del. Ch. Jan. 19, 2018) (brief) (awarding fee that represented \$3,979.15 per hour); *In re Globe Specialty Metals, Inc. S’holders Litig.*, C.A. No. 10865-VCN (Del. Ch. Feb. 10, 2016) (awarding fee that represented \$2,392 per hour); *In re Jefferies Grp. S’holder Litig.*, 2015 WL 3540662, at \*4 (Del. Ch. June 5, 2015) (awarding fee that represented \$2,418.52 per hour); *In re Clear Channel Outdoor Hldgs. Inc., Deriv. Litig.*, C.A. No. 7315-CS, tr. at 7 (Del. Ch. Sept. 9, 2013) (awarding fee that represented over \$5,700 per hour; “The fee, it’s a nice hourly wage that’s requested, but I’m not going to quibble with it”); *In re Gardner Denver, Inc. S’holder Litig.*, C.A. No. 8505-VCN, tr. at 27-29 (Del. Ch. Sept. 3, 2014) (\$4,527 per hour); *In re Genentech, Inc. S’holder Litig.*, C.A. No. 3911-VCS, tr. at 56 (Del. Ch. July 9, 2009) (awarding a \$24.5 million fee where the implied hourly rate was “something like \$5,400” and “the multiple of the lodestar is something like 11.3”); *Franklin Balance Sheet Inv. Fund v. Crowley*, 2007 WL 2495018, at \*13-14 (Del. Ch. Aug. 30, 2007) (awarding a fee that represented an effective rate of \$4,023 per hour).



### III. AN INCENTIVE AWARD FOR FPPA IS APPROPRIATE

Co-Lead Counsel and FPPA respectfully request permission for a modest incentive award to FPPA to be paid out of any attorneys' fees awarded to Co-Lead Counsel. "Delaware decisions have approved similar awards under similar circumstances." *In re Orchard Enterprises, Inc. S'holder Litig.*, 2014 WL 4181912, at \*13 (Del. Ch. Aug. 22, 2014).<sup>12</sup> "Compensating the lead plaintiff for efforts expended is not only a rescissory measure returning certain lead plaintiffs to their position before the case was initiated, but an incentive to proceed with costly litigation (especially costly for an actively participating plaintiff) with uncertain outcomes." *Raider v. Sunderland*, 2006 WL 75310, at \*1 (Del. Ch. Jan. 4, 2006).

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<sup>12</sup> *Accord In re Santander Consumer USA Hldgs., Inc.*, 2021 WL 256431, at \*3 (Del. Ch. Jan. 25, 2021) ("Plaintiffs' Counsel shall pay \$5,000 to each Plaintiff as an incentive award."); *In re Tile Shop Hldgs., Inc.*, 2020 WL 6044639, at \*4 (Del. Ch. Oct. 12, 2020) (approving incentive award of \$25,000 to each of two plaintiffs); *Riche v. Pappas*, 2020 WL 6037162, at \*2 (Del. Ch. Oct. 8, 2020) (approving incentive award of \$7,500); *In re Schuff Intern., Inc.*, 2020 WL 4755218, at \*5 (Del. Ch. Aug. 14, 2020) (approving incentive award of \$25,000); *Mesirov v. Enbridge Energy Co., Inc.*, 2019 WL 690410, at \*1 (Del. Ch. Feb. 18, 2019) (approving special award of \$7,500 to plaintiff); *Hignett v. Adams*, 2018 WL 4922098, at \*3 (Del. Ch. Oct. 9, 2018) (approving \$5,000 incentive award to each of two lead plaintiffs); *Doppelt v. Windstream Hldgs., Inc.*, 2018 WL 3069771, at \*3 (Del. Ch. June 20, 2018) (approving incentive awards of \$15,000 and \$7,500 to lead plaintiffs); *In re EZCORP Inc. Consulting Agreement Deriv. Litig.*, 2018 WL 1627226, at \*4 (Del. Ch. Apr. 3, 2018) (approving incentive award of \$5,000 to lead plaintiff); *In re Sanchez Energy Deriv. Litig.*, C.A. No. 9132-VCG, tr. at 10 (Del. Ch. Nov. 6, 2017) (approving \$5,000 incentive payment to each plaintiff); *In re Physicians Formula Hldgs., Inc.*, 2017 WL 319058, at \*4 (Del. Ch. Jan. 20, 2017) (approving \$25,000 incentive award to one lead plaintiff, and \$5,000 to another).

The Delaware Supreme Court has confirmed that such awards are permissible, based upon a review of the factors set forth in *Raider*. See *Isaacson v. Niedermayer*, 200 A.3d 1205, 2018 WL 6822709 (Del. Dec. 26, 2018) (Table). Those factors include the “time, effort and expertise expended by the class representative, and a significant benefit to the class.” *Raider*, 2006 WL 75310, at \*1; accord *Chen v. Howard-Anderson*, 2017 WL 2842185, at \*4 (Del. Ch. June 30, 2017) (“An award may be justified if the named plaintiff has incurred a significant amount of time and effort, provided meaningful expertise, or generated significant benefits for the class.”). “Courts also have considered the risks a named plaintiff shoulders when determining whether to grant an incentive award.” *Chen*, 2017 WL 2842185, at \*5.

FPPA, in its role as Co-Lead Plaintiff, participated extensively in each phase of the case alongside NYSCRF—from the Section 220 request it filed in February 2020 through its attendance at the 2021 mediation sessions, including cross-country travel to New York to attend one in person. See Lindahl Decl. ¶ 4; see also Sheingold Decl. ¶ 5 (describing NYSCRF’s involvement). It reviewed and advised Co-Lead Plaintiffs with respect to each pleading in this case, the motion to dismiss opposition, and attended the June 2021 hearing remotely. *Id.* In total, FPPA devoted approximately 100 hours to this Action. Lindahl Decl., ¶ 6.

In light of these efforts, Co-Lead Counsel and FPPA respectfully request that FPPA be allowed an award of \$12,500. “The amounts are reasonable and will be paid out of [counsel’s] fee, so they do not harm the class.” *Orchard*, 2014 WL 4181912, at \*13.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Co-Lead Plaintiffs respectfully request the Court enter the attached Proposed Order and Final Judgment.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on January 24, 2022, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Brief in Support of Settlement, Application for Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, and Incentive Award for Co-Lead Plaintiff FPPA** to be served upon the following counsel of record via File & Serve*Xpress*:

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**IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN RE THE BOEING COMPANY :  
DERIVATIVE LITIGATION : Consol. C.A. No. 2019-0907-MTZ

**UNSWORN DECLARATION PURSUANT  
TO 10 *DEL. C.* § 3927 OF JOEL FRIEDLANDER**

Pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3927, Joel Friedlander, hereby declares:

1. I am a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware and a partner with the law firm of Friedlander & Gorris, P.A. (“F&G”), Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs. I have actively participated in all phases of the prosecution of this action. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Co-Lead Plaintiffs’ Application for Approval of Settlement and an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses, and Incentive Award for Co-Lead Plaintiff FPPA.<sup>1</sup>

2. This declaration is intended to inform the Court about how F&G and Co-Lead Counsel Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP (“Lieff Cabraser”) approached these proceedings, the work undertaken by Co-Lead Plaintiffs Thomas P. DiNapoli, Comptroller of the State of New York, as Administrative Head of the New York State and Local Retirement System, and as Trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund (“NYSCRF”), and Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado (“FPPA”), together with Co-Lead Counsel, and the bases for seeking approval of the proposed settlement and fee application.

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<sup>1</sup> The descriptions provided herein are not waivers of work product or attorney-client privilege.

## Co-Lead Counsel and Co-Lead Plaintiffs

3. Co-Lead Counsel and Co-Lead Plaintiffs litigated this case based on a shared conviction that the two mass-fatality crashes of the Boeing 737 MAX were the product of corporate governance issues, and that a strong opportunity existed, if the prosecution of the action were properly overseen and conducted, to obtain monetary and non-monetary relief in this Court that would create lasting reforms.

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is the Declaration of Nelson R. Sheingold, dated June 18, 2020, which was filed as Exhibit 3 of NYSCRF and FPPA's Application for Appointment as Lead Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is the Declaration of Kevin B. Lindahl, dated June 19, 2020, which was filed as Exhibit 4 of NYSCRF and FPPA's Application for Appointment as Lead Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is the firm profile of Lieff Cabraser that was filed as Exhibit 5 of NYSCRF & FPPA's Application for Appointment as Lead Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel. Among other cases it has litigated, Lieff Cabraser was co-lead counsel in *In re Wells Fargo & Co. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, No. 16-cv-5541-JST (N.D. Cal.), representing co-lead plaintiff FPPA, a *Caremark* case that settled for \$240 million and governance reforms.

7. Among other cases it has litigated, F&G was co-lead counsel in *In re Activision Blizzard, Inc. Stockholder Litigation*, 124 A.3d 1025 (Del. Ch. 2015), which settled for \$275 million and governance reforms.

8. The competing leadership motions were heard on July 30, 2020 and adjudicated in an Order entered by Chancellor Andre G. Bouchard on August 3, 2020, which is attached hereto as Exhibit D. The leadership Order noted as distinguishing factors, among other things, (i) NYSCRF and FPPA's combined ownership of 1,195,792 Boeing shares, (ii) "the unique internal resources NYSCRF brings to the case," and (iii) the "depth of [Lieff Cabraser's] resources," compared to other competing non-Delaware firms.

#### **Co-Lead Counsel's Pre-Suit Investigation and Section 220 Demands**

9. In early 2020, a wealth of publicly available information existed about the Boeing 737 MAX. Lion Air Flight 610 had crashed on October 29, 2018. Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 had crashed on March 10, 2019. The Boeing 737 MAX was grounded worldwide shortly thereafter. These events were global news and the subject of investigative reporting, private litigation, and governmental inquiries. Boeing executives testified in Congress in 2019, and Boeing produced internal documents to Congress. In the wake of these events, then-CEO Dennis Muilenburg left Boeing in December 2019. Boeing's production to Congress of

additional internal documents on January 9, 2020 raised fresh concerns about Boeing.<sup>2</sup>

10. FPPA sent Boeing a Section 220 demand on February 12, 2020.
11. NYSCRF sent Boeing a Section 220 demand on April 20, 2020.
12. The Section 220 production made to FPPA and NYSCRF included the following categories of documents: (i) minutes of any Board meeting or any committee thereof, that related to the 737 MAX 8 from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2019, including documents that the Board, or any committee thereof, received in connection with any meeting that related to the 737 MAX; (ii) electronic communications from Muilenburg (June 1, 2018 through June 6, 2019), former CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes Kevin McAllister (through June 11, 2019), and Boeing chief engineer Greg Hyslop (through June 11, 2019), based on an agreed set of search terms; (iii) materials regarding the 737 MAX that Boeing produced to Congress in response to congressional inquiries into the 737 MAX (through December 31, 2019); and (iv) any documents produced in response to any Section 220 demand made by any Boeing stockholder.

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<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., Jamie Freed and Tracy Rucinsky, *Factbox: In Boeing internal messages, employees distrust the 737 MAX and mock regulators*, Reuters (Jan. 10, 2020, 2:38 a.m.), <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-boeing-737max-factbox/factbox-in-boeing-internal-messages-employees-distrust-the-737-max-and-mock-regulators-idUSKBN1Z90NP> (“Boeing Co has released hundreds of internal messages that show attempts to duck regulatory scrutiny in the development of the 737 MAX, as well as employees disparaging the plane, the company and aviation regulators.”).



13. Co-Lead Plaintiffs negotiated with Boeing for additional documents beyond those initially produced, including documents concerning the Board's December 22, 2019 decision to replace Muilenburg and documents that post-dated the time period from which the initial Section 220 production was made. In total, Co-Lead Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel obtained and analyzed approximately 44,100 documents from Boeing, totaling more than 630,000 pages.

### **Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Pleadings**

14. Co-Lead Counsel marshalled the wealth of information available to draft complaints alleging director and officer liability under *Caremark* and its progeny. Of particular relevance was the framework and reasoning of *Marchand v. Barnhill*, 212 A.3d 805 (Del. 2019), which was rendered by the Delaware Supreme Court after the grounding of the 737 MAX.

15. In drafting our initial complaint when contesting leadership, Co-Lead Counsel focused on documents that revealed the decision-making and thought processes of various Boeing fiduciaries over many years. Co-Lead Counsel took an historical perspective and examined how Boeing's board of directors shifted its focus from a top-down safety culture to place greater emphasis on cost-cutting and revenue maximization.

16. Co-Lead Counsel consulted with a former airline CEO to better understand the technical issues respecting the 737 MAX, how other boards of

directors approach airplane safety issues, and the interplay between aircraft manufacturers, pilots, airline customers, and regulators.

17. Co-Lead Plaintiffs' initial complaint, filed on June 12, 2020 (styled as *DiNapoli, et al. v. Duberstein, et al.*, C.A. No. 2020-0465-AGB (Del. Ch.)), named as defendants (i) present and former outside directors Kenneth M. Duberstein, Mike S. Zafirovski, Arthur D. Collins, Edward M. Liddy, Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani Jr., David L. Calhoun, Susan C. Schwab, Ronald A. Williams, Lawrence W. Kellner, Lynn J. Good, Robert A. Bradway, Randall L. Stephenson, Caroline B. Kennedy; and (ii) present and former officers W. James McNerney Jr., Dennis A. Muilenburg, Kevin G. McAllister, Raymond L. Conner, Greg Smith, J. Michael Luttig, Greg Hyslop, and Diana L. Sands.

18. Chancellor Bouchard's leadership Order evaluated the competing complaints and noted that Co-Lead Counsel's complaint was "the superior pleading because it (a) more cogently focuses on, and contains more factual allegations relevant to, board knowledge and (b) includes a loyalty claim concerning Muilenburg that may be relevant to demand futility." Exhibit D.

19. On September 2, 2020, Co-Lead Plaintiffs filed a Verified Consolidated Complaint. It pleaded the same counts against the same defendants while reflecting enhanced factual support of the prior allegations. Notably, in

paragraphs 17, and 290 to 306, it pleaded extensive details about the Company’s response to the crashes.

20. On November 9, 2020, Defendants moved to dismiss and filed an opening brief supported by a transmittal declaration that attached 106 documents.

21. Co-Lead Plaintiffs responded by filing a motion for leave to file a proposed Verified Amended Consolidated Complaint (the “Amended Complaint”) on January 26, 2021.

22. The Amended Complaint contained new allegations about a late-breaking development—Boeing’s January 7, 2021 Deferred Prosecution Agreement with the Department of Justice (the “DPA”). In the DPA, Boeing admitted that information had been intentionally withheld and concealed from the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) Aircraft Evaluation Group about the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System (“MCAS”) software on the 737 MAX (*i.e.*, the software that brought about the crashes of Lion Air Flight 610 and Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302). Boeing’s admission, and other aspects of the DPA, supported the Amended Complaint’s allegations of oversight failures at Boeing. *Id.*

23. The Amended Complaint alleged the same counts against the same defendants as Co-Lead Plaintiffs’ prior complaints.

24. Sections V-VII of the Amended Complaint were revised to focus on how Muilenburg, with the board's support, maintained—without foundation—that the 737 MAX was safe in the wake of the first 737 MAX plane crash.

25. Paragraphs 127 and 128 of the Amended Complaint include allegations drawn from presentations to the Board focused on profitability, rather than safety issues or FAA compliance that the Defendants had submitted to the Court in connection with their motion to dismiss.

### **The Motion to Dismiss**

26. The Amended Complaint was the operative complaint. It was the subject of full briefing and oral argument on Defendants' motion to dismiss, which was supported by a transmittal declaration that attached 84 documents. Oral argument on that motion was held on June 25, 2021.

### **The Mediation**

27. In mid-2021, Defendants inquired whether Co-Lead Plaintiffs would be amenable to participating in mediation. Co-Lead Plaintiffs consented so long as it did not delay or interfere with the progress of the litigation, in particular the resolution of the motion to dismiss.

28. The parties retained former United States District Court Judge Layn R. Phillips to serve as mediator. The parties scheduled a full-day mediation

session on September 3, 2021 in New York City, with time reserved for a follow-up session on Sunday, September 12, 2021, if the first session was fruitful.

29. Representatives from the insurers attended the mediations.

30. On a separate track, Co-Lead Counsel and Co-Lead Plaintiffs negotiated with Boeing over corporate governance reforms. Co-Lead Plaintiffs were adamant that substantial governance reforms be central to any settlement. Members of NYSCRF's Bureau of Corporate Governance participated in developing and negotiating the proposed reforms.

31. On September 7, 2021, the Court issued its decision on the motion to dismiss. The second mediation session went forward on September 12. In the interim, the Director Defendants filed a motion for clarification. Co-Lead Plaintiffs prepared an opposition to the motion, but it was not filed before the Court denied the Director Defendants' motion.

32. Co-Lead Counsel operated on the assumption that if the mediation was not successful, Boeing's board of directors would form a special litigation committee ("SLC") that would be charged with investigating the derivative claims at issue here, and would seek to stay the litigation pending the completion of the SLC investigation.

33. If an SLC were created, the potential for obtaining important governance reforms might be lost. An SLC that was duly constituted by

independent directors might perceive no need to negotiate over new governance mechanisms that Co-Lead Plaintiffs deemed important. Or, at a minimum, any such negotiations would be suspended by at least six months (and perhaps much longer) during the pendency of the SLC's investigation. A further uncertainty was whether the SLC would be willing or able to negotiate for a monetary recovery from insurers on the scale that was under discussion in the mediation. The SLC might decide not to negotiate for any monetary recovery, or might settle for a smaller sum.

34. Given the record, Co-Lead Counsel believed that an SLC investigation would not exculpate Defendants on all claims. Further, Co-Lead Counsel believed that Boeing and the director defendants would be disinclined to deal with ongoing publicity and future litigation under *Zapata Corp. v. Maldonado*, 430 A.2d 779 (Del. 1981), respecting the outcome of the SLC's investigation, even if an SLC determination were favorable for the director defendants.

35. Continued litigation could raise the possibility of further risks. Defendants could be expected to argue that the scope of discovery could differ from the Section 220 production, and would include testimony from parties and non-parties alike. Defendants were also likely to challenge the merits of Co-Lead Plaintiffs' claims at summary judgment. Even if Co-Lead Plaintiffs succeeded at

trial, Defendants could be expected to appeal. Further, continued litigation would have delayed the benefits achieved by the Settlement, and put at risk the opportunity to improve Boeing's corporate governance through the reforms, which would not be an available remedy at trial.

36. In that context, the parties continued to mediate. Between formal mediation sessions, the parties communicated extensively regarding corporate governance and engaged in multiple meetings and communications to discuss corporate governance measures.

37. On September 23, 2021, a Zoom meeting was held that was devoted exclusively to a discussion of the proposed corporate governance reforms with direct participation of various senior Boeing leads.

38. On September 30, 2021, the Court denied Defendants' motion for clarification.

39. On October 1, 2021, a third mediation session (via Zoom) with Judge Phillips was held.

40. On October 5, 2021, Co-Lead Counsel and Co-Lead Plaintiffs met directly with Boeing representatives to discuss corporate governance.

41. On October 6, 2021, the parties agreed to a settlement in principle consisting of a monetary component of \$237.5 million and an extensive corporate governance reform package.

## **The Settlement**

42. The parties converted the agreement in principle into a Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise, Settlement, and Release (“Settlement”), which the parties filed on November 5, 2021.

43. The Settlement provides for (a) payment of \$237.5 million by Defendants’ D&O insurers to Boeing and (b) the following corporate governance measures:

- (i) election of an additional Board director with aviation/aerospace engineering and/or product safety oversight expertise;
- (ii) creation of an Ombudsperson Program within the organization of the Chief Aerospace Safety Officer;
- (iii) amending the Company By-Laws to require the separation of the CEO and Board Chair positions;
- (iv) amending the Company’s Corporate Governance Principles to include language that the Governance & Public Policy Committee shall “ensure that” at least three directors have “knowledge, experience, and/or expertise with aviation/aerospace, engineering, and/or product safety oversight;”
- (v) amending the Aerospace Safety Committee (“ASC”) charter to include requirements that the Chief Aerospace Safety Officer and



Chief Engineer ensure that certain safety-related matters be reported to the ASC;

- (vi) continuing consideration of safety metrics in determining executive compensation for named executive officers;
- (vii) amending the ASC charter so that the ASC is comprised of only independent directors; and
- (viii) public disclosure of safety enhancements and initiatives implemented by the Company since the events giving rise to the Action.

The Ombudsperson Program must remain in effect for five years, and the other corporate governance measures are binding for no less than four years.

44. The corporate governance measures were the product of extensive negotiations between the parties. Co-Lead Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel drew on the expertise of NYSCRF's Bureau of Corporate Governance and an aerospace industry consultant in crafting and negotiating the corporate governance measures.

45. For many reasons, Co-Lead Counsel believe that the negotiated settlement terms reflect a fair compromise of the sustained *Caremark* claim against the director defendants, and all other released derivative claims, such as any *Caremark* claim against non-director officers.

46. On the merits, Co-Lead Counsel confronted the oft-repeated dicta from *Caremark* that bad faith oversight may be "the most difficult theory in

corporation law upon which a plaintiff might hope to win a judgment.” This recognition had to be tempered here by the realistic prospect of prevailing on what may be the strongest claim in this action—a *Caremark* claim arising from the response to the Lion Air crash.

47. Even as to this claim, however, Co-Lead Plaintiffs understood that the documentary record at this stage of the litigation was incomplete in light of numerous redactions and withheld documents. Co-Lead Counsel could not have confidence that we would ever discover the content of privileged communications between Boeing management and its legal team. Nor could we predict what advice was rendered and whether privilege would be waived in future proceedings. Another source of uncertainty were the numerous “Annex 13” redactions in the Section 220 production, which relate to the investigation of airplane crashes and presumably would be ultimately un-redacted. Defendants would also presumably try to introduce evidence into the record about the Defendants’ awareness of the scope and function of Boeing’s enterprise risk management system.

48. Co-Lead Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel retained the law firm of Farella Braun + Martel LLP (“Farella”) to analyze the D&O insurance.

### **The *Isman* and *Slotoroff* Actions**

49. At all relevant times to the prosecution of this action, a parallel demand-refused derivative case styled *Isman v. Bradway, et al.*, C.A. No. 2019-

0794-AGB (Del. Ch.) (the “*Isman* Action”), remained stayed. Chancellor Bouchard stayed the *Isman* Action on January 21, 2020. Isman sought to lift the stay when other plaintiffs who had alleged demand futility were competing for leadership. Co-Lead Plaintiffs opposed lifting the stay on multiple grounds. That opposition, filed on June 22, 2020 is attached hereto (without exhibits) as Exhibit E.

50. On August 3, 2020, Chancellor Bouchard declined to lift the stay and ordered that “Isman may seek relief from the stay after the issue of demand futility has been adjudicated.” Isman sought no relief following the Court’s order on the Motion to Dismiss dated September 7, 2021. The *Isman* Action was consolidated into this action without objection as a condition of the Settlement.

51. Separately, on August 3, 2020, Chancellor Bouchard consolidated another demand futility action, *Slotoroff v. Bradway, et al.*, C.A. No. 2019-0941-AGB (Del. Ch.) (the “*Slotoroff* Action”), with this Action.

52. The Settlement was reached without the participation of *Isman*’s and *Slotoroff*’s counsel, and Co-Lead Counsel does not believe that the pendency of the stayed *Isman* action or the consolidated *Slotoroff* action had any causal impact on the corporate benefits achieved in the Settlement.

### **The Fee Application**

53. After negotiation of the substantive terms of the Settlement, Co-Lead Counsel and Defendants' counsel discussed the terms of the fee application.

54. F&G partners, associates, and paraprofessionals dedicated 1,315.54 hours to the prosecution of the action on a fully contingent basis through January 20, 2022. A summary of F&G's time at current hourly rates is as follows:

<b>Timekeeper</b>	<b>Hours through 11/5/2021</b>	<b>Hours after 11/5/2021</b>	<b>Current Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Lodestar</b>
Joel Friedlander (P)	506.65	37.05	\$1250	\$679,625.00
Jeffrey Gorris (P)	192.00	11.60	\$875	\$178,150.00
Christopher Foulds (P)	341.60	71.70	\$825	\$340,972.50
Brad Lehman (A)	117.60		\$395	\$46,452.00
David Hahn (A)	1.80		\$425	\$765.00
Paralegal	35.54		\$210	\$7,463.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,195.19</b>	<b>120.35</b>		<b>\$1,253,427.90</b>

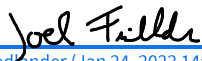
55. Through January 20, 2022, F&G paid/charged the following expenses related to the prosecution of this action and the defense of the Settlement:

<b>DISBURSEMENT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Travel expenses	1,184.02
Outside Photocopy charges	7,145.09
FedEx	152.50
Filing Fees	8,943.90
Courier fee	239.90
Court Reporting fees	1,387.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,052.41</b>

56. F&G's expenses are reflected in the firm's books and records, which are prepared from invoices, bills, expense vouchers, and check records kept in the normal course of business.

Pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3927 and Delaware Court of Chancery Standing Order No. 8, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Delaware that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 24th day of January, 2022, in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

  
Joel Friedlander (Jan 24, 2022 14:43 EST)

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# **EXHIBIT A**

**IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

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HEAD OF THE NEW YORK STATE  
AND LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM,  
AND AS TRUSTEE FOR THE NEW  
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RETIREMENT FUND, and FIRE AND  
POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION OF  
COLORADO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN, MIKE S.  
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HYSLOP, and DIANA L. SANDS,

Defendants,

and

THE BOEING COMPANY,

Nominal Defendant.

C.A. No. 2020-0465-AGB

**DECLARATION OF KEVIN B. LINDAHL PURSUANT TO DELAWARE  
SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3, IN RE COVID-19  
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES**



I, Kevin B. Lindahl, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am General Counsel to Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado (“FPPA”). I submit this declaration in support of the motion to (1) appoint FPPA and Thomas P. DiNapoli, the Comptroller of the State of New York, as Administrative Head of the New York State and Local Retirement System, and as Trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund (“NYSCRF”) as co-lead plaintiffs and (2) appoint Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP (“Lieff Cabraser”) and Friedlander & Gorris, P.A. (“F&G”) as co-lead counsel. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated in this declaration and, if called upon, I could and would competently testify to them.

**FPPA’s Mandate**

2. FPPA is Trustee for the Fire and Police Members’ Benefit Investment Fund, which contains assets of governmental defined benefit pension plans for the purpose of providing benefits for Colorado firefighters and police officers and beneficiaries upon retirement, disability, or death. FPPA’s net investible assets totaled \$5.6 billion as of January 1, 2020.

3. The FPPA Board of Directors has adopted a securities litigation policy to establish procedures and guidelines for monitoring securities lawsuits and participating in such actions when appropriate to protect FPPA’s interests. FPPA’s policy is predicated on the fact that participation as lead plaintiff by large,

sophisticated shareholders—particularly institutional investors—results in significantly larger and stronger recoveries, among other benefits. One of FPPA’s objectives in participating in securities litigation is to pursue claims against responsible individuals who are directors or officers of the corporation and responsible third-party professionals who advised the corporation. The policy further prioritizes FPPA’s role in litigation where FPPA is a long-term shareholder, as in the case of Boeing, to seek improved corporate governance. In pursuit of its policy, FPPA has engaged several law firms to monitor its portfolio, advise it on corporate malfeasance and ensure it files claims where appropriate.

4. FPPA is an active participant in the Council of Institutional Investors, which among other things, promotes corporate governance reform. FPPA often supports other institutional investors through filing amicus curiae briefs. The FPPA Board has adopted a Proxy Voting Policy and Proxy Voting Guidelines and has employed a process to ensure proxies are filed accordingly.

5. I have been FPPA’s General Counsel since 2000, and am a nationally recognized, experienced pension fund attorney. I am the past President of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (“NAPPA”) and have served on its Executive Board. NAPPA is the principal professional legal and educational organization and consists exclusively of public pension fund attorneys. I am responsible for FPPA’s corporate governance monitoring program.

### **FPPA's Leadership of Other Shareholder Litigation**

6. In the last 15 years, FPPA has served as lead plaintiff in several high-profile securities and derivative actions and has achieved excellent results on behalf of shareholders.

7. Most recently, FPPA served as co-lead plaintiff in a shareholder derivative action against Wells Fargo's current and former officers and directors arising out of the bank's unauthorized account scandal. *In re Wells Fargo & Co. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, No. 16-cv-5541-JST (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented FPPA in the *Wells Fargo* litigation, as co-lead counsel. The case was heavily contested, involving multiple motions to dismiss, millions of pages of document discovery, intervention in two state courts (including Delaware Chancery Court), and complicated settlement negotiations spanning seven separate mediation sessions. The case settled for a \$240 million cash payment, representing the second largest cash payment (and largest insurer-funded payment) in history, as well as governance reforms. The *Wells Fargo* settlement received final approval in April 2020.

8. FPPA also served as a co-lead plaintiff in the shareholder derivative action *In re UnitedHealth Group Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, No. 0:06-cv-01216 (D. Minn.), which settled on favorable terms in 2009, including a

monetary remediation component valued at more than \$800 million, as well as corporate governance reforms.

9. FPPA served as a co-plaintiff together with other institutional investors in *In re Tronox Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 09-CV-06220-SAS (S.D.N.Y.), which resulted in a \$37 million recovery for investors.

10. As FPPA's General Counsel, I was responsible for pursuing and overseeing both the *Wells Fargo* and *UnitedHealth* derivative cases and the *In re Tronox* securities case.

#### **FPPA's Involvement in This Litigation**

11. As set forth in the Verified Stockholder Derivative Complaint filed in the Action on June 12, 2020 (the "Complaint"), FPPA has been a continuous holder of Boeing stock at all relevant times. As of June 8, 2020, FPPA held approximately 9,165 shares of Boeing stock.

12. On February 12, 2020, FPPA made a Section 220 demand on Boeing for documents relating to the Company's development of the 737 MAX and response to the crashes. Beginning on March 17, 2020 and continuing into June 2020, Boeing produced more than 44,000 documents spanning over 630,000 pages in response to FPPA's Section 220 demand. These materials, along with publicly available information, provided the basis for the allegations in the Complaint.

13. At various points during FPPA's investigation, I spoke with members of NYSCRF's legal staff. Several of those telephone calls occurred without counsel from Lieff Cabraser present. As a result of those conversations, FPPA and NYSCRF decided that it would be productive to work together to efficiently prosecute the claims brought forth in this Action. FPPA and NYSCRF decided to retain Lieff Cabraser, with F&G, to represent them both in this matter and pursue the claims together.

14. FPPA has worked on a collaborative and collegial basis with NYSCRF through the Section 220 process and the drafting of the Complaint in this Action.

15. While FPPA and NYSCRF pursued our investigations, I attended scheduling conferences in Delaware Chancery Court on April 21, 2020 and May 29, 2020. I reviewed and provided input on the proposed schedules Lieff Cabraser and F&G submitted to the Chancery Court prior to those status conferences.

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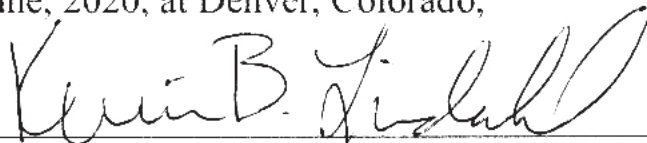
Boeing, due to the harm to the Company's financial condition and reputation caused by failing to monitor the safety of the 737 MAXs.

17. FPPA supports the appointment of Lieff Cabraser and F&G as co-lead counsel based on, among other things, the firms' expertise in shareholders' rights litigation and demonstrated success in achieving significant results for corporations and their shareholders. To date, Lieff Cabraser and F&G have diligently advocated on behalf of FPPA, been in regular communication with FPPA, and provided an open dialogue about the case strategy with FPPA and NYSCRF.

18. FPPA understands that, if appointed Co-Lead Plaintiff, it would owe a fiduciary duty to Boeing and its shareholders to provide fair and adequate representation and to vigorously represent the interests of Boeing and its shareholders throughout the course of the Action. FPPA understands its role as a shareholder representative plaintiff in the Action and knows that to continue to pursue claims on Boeing's behalf it must continue to own Boeing stock. FPPA intends to continue to hold Boeing shares until the resolution of the Action.

19. Pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3927 and Delaware Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 3, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Delaware that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 19th day of June, 2020, at Denver, Colorado,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin B. Lindahl", written over a horizontal line.

Kevin B. Lindahl

General Counsel

Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado

## **EXHIBIT B**



**IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

THOMAS P. DiNAPOLI,  
COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK, AS ADMINISTRATIVE  
HEAD OF THE NEW YORK STATE  
AND LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM,  
AND AS TRUSTEE FOR THE NEW  
YORK STATE COMMON  
RETIREMENT FUND, and FIRE AND  
POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION OF  
COLORADO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

C.A. No. 2020-0465-AGB

KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN, MIKE S.  
ZAFIROVSKI, ARTHUR D. COLLINS,  
EDWARD M. LIDDY, ADMIRAL  
EDMUND P. GIAMBASTIANI JR.,  
DAVID L. CALHOUN, SUSAN C.  
SCHWAB, RONALD A. WILLIAMS,  
LAWRENCE W. KELLNER, LYNN J.  
GOOD, ROBERT A. BRADWAY,  
RANDALL L. STEPHENSON,  
CAROLINE B. KENNEDY, W. JAMES  
MCNERNEY, JR., DENNIS A.  
MUILENBURG, KEVIN MCALLISTER,  
RAYMOND L. CONNER, GREG  
SMITH, J. MICHAEL LUTTIG, GREG  
HYSLOP, and DIANA L. SANDS,

Defendants,

and

THE BOEING COMPANY,

Nominal Defendant.

**DECLARATION OF NELSON R. SHEINGOLD PURSUANT TO DELAWARE  
SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3, IN RE COVID-19  
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES**

I, Nelson R. Sheingold, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am Counsel to Plaintiff Thomas P. DiNapoli, the Comptroller of the State of New York, as Administrative Head of the New York State and Local Retirement System, and as Trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund (“NYSCRF” or the “Fund”)), plaintiff in the above-captioned case (the “Action”). My responsibilities as Counsel to the Comptroller include overseeing, along with my staff, litigation brought by NYSCRF. I submit this declaration in support of the motion to (1) appoint NYSCRF and Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado (“FPPA”) as co-lead plaintiffs and (2) appoint Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP (“Lieff Cabraser”) and Friedlander & Gorris, P.A. (“F&G”) as co-lead counsel. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated in this declaration and, if called upon, I could and would competently testify to them.

**NYSCRF’s Mandate**

2. NYSCRF is the third-largest public pension fund in the United States with \$210.5 billion in assets held in trust as of March 31, 2019. It has more than 1.1 million members, retirees, and beneficiaries. NYSCRF holds the assets of the New York State and Local Retirement System, composed of the Employees’ Retirement System (“ERS”) and the Police and Fire Retirement System (“PFRS”).

3. As Counsel to the Comptroller, I oversee the Office of the State Comptroller's Division of Legal Services, which consists of 64 employees. The Division of Legal Services is organized into several units, including one unit focused exclusively on investment and fiduciary matters, with two attorneys in that unit dedicated to handling securities litigation and corporate governance matters. With my guidance, they will closely monitor and supervise this derivative action with support and input from the Fund's General Counsel and the Division's Deputy Counsel. I have over twenty-five years of civil and criminal litigation experience in federal and state courts, including trials and appellate practice. I have also represented New York State in complex class action litigation.

4. NYSCRF believes that sound environmental, social and governance practices benefit long-term company value. Accordingly, as a major investor, NYSCRF is an active owner and brings its concerns to companies through direct communication, shareholder proposals, its proxy votes, and shareholder lawsuits, including derivative actions. NYSCRF publishes an annual Corporate Governance Stewardship Report outlining the breadth of its Corporate Governance Program. The report and the results of its proxy votes<sup>1</sup> are published on its website. Attached as Exhibit A is NYSCRF's most recent Corporate Governance Stewardship Report, from 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/common-retirement-fund/corporate-governance/proxy-voting>

5. NYSCRF's Corporate Governance Program focuses on, among other things: (1) executive compensation that is transparent and tightly tied to long-term company performance; (2) sustainable corporate practices that respond to short- and long-term environmental issues; and (3) diversity in the boardroom and workplace.

6. During the 2019 proxy season, NYSCRF cast nearly 30,000 votes at more than 3,000 companies of which it is a shareholder.

7. NYSCRF has a staff of eight full-time professionals in its Bureau of Corporate Governance, dedicated to reviewing corporate governance practices and working to initiate reform in the companies in which it is invested, when needed, consistent with the Fund's Corporate Governance Program and proxy voting guidelines.

8. NYSCRF is highly regarded among shareholder advocacy groups. The Bureau's senior staff collectively have more than 50 years of experience representing institutional investors on corporate governance matters and the Corporate Governance team spearheaded the governance reforms in *Wynn Resorts*.

9. In addition to the two attorneys who will provide the day-to-day oversight as mentioned above, the Division of Legal Services has extensive litigation and investigative experience across the board. The Division's size affords it the ability to allow specialization and the eight dedicated attorneys

handle investment and fiduciary matters (including corporate governance and securities litigation) on a daily basis. The Division also has a wide roster of outside counsel and therefore has significant experience working with and managing counsel, particularly in matters related to NYCRF's investments.

10. Under Comptroller DiNapoli's leadership, the Fund works in a variety of ways to encourage sound corporate management, including through collaboration with other investors. NYSCRF has a history of leadership in a variety of coalitions, including the Council of Institutional Investors, CERES (where the Comptroller serves as a board member), the Thirty Percent Coalition, the Center for Political Accountability, Climate Action 100+, and the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. It also has a strong history of working with other funds, including public pension funds, Taft-Hartley funds, and private funds to align the Fund's interests and work together to achieve common corporate governance goals.

#### **NYSCRF's Role as a Shareholder of Boeing**

11. As set forth in the Verified Stockholder Derivative Complaint filed in the Action on June 12, 2020 (the "Complaint"), NYSCRF holds 1,186,627 shares of Boeing stock and has been a continuous shareholder of Boeing stock at all relevant times.

12. NYSCRF has been an active shareholder with respect to its Boeing holdings, including repeatedly offering corporate governance proposals for shareholder vote. For example, in 2014, NYSCRF put forward a shareholder proposal asking the Board to authorize the preparation of a report, updated annually, that would disclose company policy and procedures governing lobbying; payments by Boeing used for lobbying; Boeing's membership in and payments to any tax-exempt organization that writes and endorses model legislation; and a description of the decision making process and oversight by management and the Board for making lobbying payments.

13. Further, in 2019 and 2020, NYSCRF submitted a shareholder proposal urging Boeing's Compensation Committee to adopt a policy requiring that senior executives retain a significant percentage of shares acquired through equity compensation programs until reaching normal retirement age.

14. NYSCRF also takes positions on directorships at Boeing. In 2019, NYSCRF voted against the directorship of Lawrence Kellner (a defendant in the Action) due to risk management concerns about his role as chair of the Audit Committee with respect to the issues in the Action.

15. In addition, at the shareholder meeting in April 2020, NYSCRF voted against directors Robert A. Bradway, David L. Calhoun, Arthur D. Collins Jr., Edmund P. Giambastiani Jr., Lynn J. Good, Lawrence W. Kellner, Caroline B.

Kennedy, Susan C. Schwab, and Ronald A. Williams, all of whom are defendants in the Action, due to their conduct as described in the Action. These votes demonstrate that NYSCRF has taken its responsibility as a significant shareholder seriously and has repeatedly expressed its concerns with Boeing's management.

**NYSCRF's Involvement in Prior Shareholder Derivative Lawsuits**

16. NYSCRF has a history of successfully representing shareholders in prior derivative lawsuits.

17. Since 2018, NYSCRF served as Co-Lead Plaintiff in a lawsuit against certain officers and directors of Wynn Resorts Ltd. based on alleged breaches of fiduciary duty claiming that they failed to protect the company and employees from former CEO Steve Wynn's alleged abusive behavior. *DiNapoli v. Wynn, et al.*, Case No. A-18-770013-B (Nev. Sup. Ct.).

18. The *Wynn* action settled in 2019, and the settlement received final approval in early 2020. The settlement provides for \$21 million in insurer payments, \$20 million paid personally by Steve Wynn, and corporate governance reforms valued at \$49 million. The settlement achieved important new corporate governance reforms including: (a) an amendment to the company's bylaws requiring that directors be elected by a majority vote except in the case of a proxy contest, (b) adoption of a 10b5-1 trading plan, (c) the creation of a succession plan for the company's executive officers, (d) a bylaw mandating the separation of the

positions of Chairman and CEO, (e) a commitment to achieve a diverse board. The litigation was also a factor in the company's decision to revise its harassment policies, provide enhanced sexual harassment training, create a Women's Leadership Council, launch a parental leave policy, begin a policy to provide a bonus to employees upon the birth of a child, implement new diversity and inclusion training, extend the hours of the employee relations department, implement various new compliance policies, prohibit arbitration clauses for discrimination or sexual misconduct claims, prohibit the use of nondisclosure agreements relating to discrimination or sexual misconduct claims, and adopt a Rooney Rule for the evaluation of Board candidates.

19. NYSCRF also has significant experience in securities fraud litigation. Some examples of cases where NYSCRF served as lead plaintiff or co-lead plaintiff include *In re: BP plc Securities Litig.*, 10-md-2185 (S.D. Tex.), *George Pappas v. Countrywide Fin. Corp. et al.*, 07-cv-5295 (C.D. Cal.), *Aronson, et al. v. McKesson HBOC, Inc. et al.*, 99-cv-20743 (N.D. Cal.), *Meisel v. Raytheon Co.*, 99-cv-12142 (D. Mass.), *In re: Worldcom, Inc. Securities Litig.*, 02-cv-3288 (S.D.N.Y.), and *In re: Goldstein, et al. v. Cendant Corp. et al.*, 98-cv-1664 (D.N.J.). These were high-profile cases that culminated in some of the largest securities class action settlements, yielding over \$11 billion cumulatively for investors.



20. In addition to its experience in *Wynn Resorts*, the New York State Comptroller was also lead plaintiff in *Columbia/HCA Derivative Litig.*, Case No. 97-cv-838 (M.D. Tenn. 2003). In settling that action, NYSCRF was able to secure substantial governance reforms, including (a) requiring that two-thirds of the Board of Directors be independent and the audit committee be composed solely of independent directors; (b) rotation of the external auditing firm; (c) restrictions on board members serving on multiple other company boards; and (d) the opportunity to vote on the issuance of equity compensation to the Company's five highest-paid executives.

#### **NYSCRF's Involvement in This Action**

21. NYSCRF has carefully monitored news about the crashes of Boeing's 737 MAX airplanes, the Company's response to those crashes, and changes in leadership, including the departure of former CEO Dennis Muilenburg in late 2019.

22. On April 20, 2020, NYSCRF made a Section 220 demand on Boeing for documents relating to the Company's development of the 737 MAX and response to the crashes.

23. The following day, April 21, 2020, two of NYSCRF's in-house attorneys attended a scheduling conference in the consolidated derivative actions already on file in Delaware Chancery Court. These attorneys also attended the

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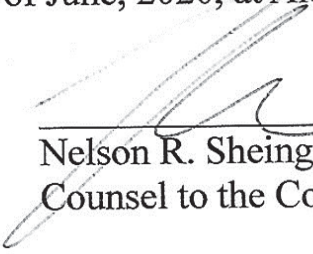
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29. Pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3927 and Delaware Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 3, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Delaware that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 18th day of June, 2020, at Albany, New York,



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Nelson R. Sheingold  
Counsel to the Comptroller

# EXHIBIT A

# 2019 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

NEW YORK STATE COMMON RETIREMENT FUND

Enhancing Long-Term Value Through  
SUSTAINABILITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION,  
AND ACCOUNTABILITY

OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER  
Thomas P. DiNapoli, State Comptroller

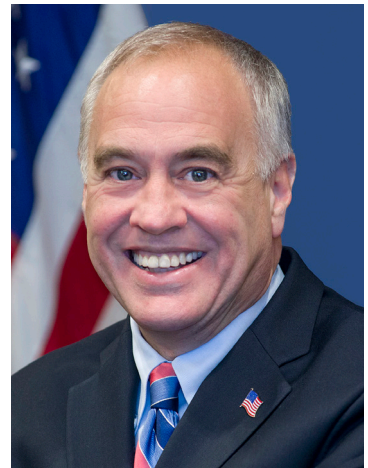


# Message from the Comptroller

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June 2020

The New York State Common Retirement Fund (Fund) is one of the largest public pension funds in the nation, with assets held in trust for the benefit of the more than one million members and pensioners of the New York State and Local Retirement System (System). The System is widely regarded as one of the nation's best-managed and best-funded public pension plans. I am pleased to share our 2019 Corporate Governance Stewardship Report, which highlights the Fund's work on its corporate governance agenda, along with major initiatives and achievements. As Trustee of the Fund, I have a responsibility to safeguard its investments. Accordingly, we work to identify risks as well as opportunities that can help strengthen the long-term value of our investments.



Our stewardship program encourages the companies in which the Fund invests to operate according to sound management principles—including on matters of sustainability, diversity and accountability—that have been shown to promote long-term financial success. Our engagement takes many forms, including voting on nearly 30,000 proxy measures annually, filing shareholder resolutions, writing letters as specific issues arise and discussing important environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues directly with corporate directors and management.

In 2019, we built upon our internationally recognized work addressing climate change-related investment risk at our portfolio companies with the release of the Fund's Climate Action Plan. The Plan involves developing industry-specific minimum standards for managing climate risk, assessing company performance against these standards and taking steps to mitigate risks from companies that fail to meet them. We continued to promote diversity and inclusion at our portfolio companies through proxy voting and by withholding support for director candidates at companies which lack gender diversity on their boards. The Fund also encouraged companies to adopt sexual orientation and gender expression nondiscrimination policies and disability inclusion policies.

We advanced new and emerging accountability issues surrounding executive compensation in 2019, including asking companies to exclude the impact of share buybacks on incentive pay for senior executives and aligning CEO pay practices with pay practices for other employees.

I remain dedicated to protecting the investments that enable the Fund to meet current and long-term obligations to our members, retirees and beneficiaries. Our Corporate Governance Program is a critical component of our responsible stewardship of those investments.

**Thomas P. DiNapoli**  
State Comptroller

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# Investment Philosophy & Strategic Focus

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**THE PRIMARY MISSION** of the New York State Common Retirement Fund's Corporate Governance Program is to mitigate risks and identify opportunities to enhance the long-term value of the investments made on behalf of the 1.1 million members and pensioners who rely on the New York State and Local Retirement System for their pensions.

A thriving economy, efficient markets and the adoption of best practices with respect to ESG issues by portfolio companies can help ensure the long-term value of the Fund's investments. ESG factors can have a profound impact on both risks and returns, so it is vital to evaluate the long-term impact that such factors may have on the performance of the Fund's investments.

## New York State Common Retirement Fund's ESG Investment Philosophy

We consider environmental, social, and governance factors in our investment process because they can influence both risks and returns.

The Fund believes that the long-term value of its investments is enhanced by the actions of its Corporate Governance Program. This report describes the Program's key initiatives, along with outcomes and discussion of the benefits to the Fund that result from these efforts.

As a long-term owner that invests in all sectors of the economy (i.e., a "universal owner"), the Fund works to promote sound ESG practices at the public companies in its portfolio through active ownership and targeted public policy advocacy focusing on sustainability, diversity and accountability.

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## Engagement – Through Active Ownership

The Fund's commitment to active ownership—using the Fund's voice and votes to ensure the long-term success of its portfolio investments—underlies all its engagement activities.

The Fund's **independent proxy** voting is an integral part of the Comptroller's fiduciary duty to invest prudently and for the exclusive benefit of the System's members, retirees, and beneficiaries. Proxy voting allows the Fund to participate in selecting a company's directors, and impact governance, business practices, strategies and risk management. In 2019, the Fund voted on 28,322 ballot items at 3,273 portfolio company meetings.

Filing **shareholder proposals** is another powerful engagement tool that provides an opportunity to bring specific issues to the attention of a company's board, management and fellow investors. When filing a shareholder proposal, the Fund seeks a productive dialogue with the company. This includes discussing the proposal with the company, allowing the company to highlight its work on the given issue, and negotiating how management can address the Fund's concerns. If the company and the Fund reach an agreement regarding the implementation of the proposal, the Fund withdraws the proposal.

In the 2019 proxy season, the Fund filed 46 shareholder proposals with companies representing a combined portfolio value of \$8.5 billion. These filings resulted in 25 agreements to implement the proposals and record votes at a number of companies, including one majority vote and votes of greater than 30 percent on proposals at 10 companies.

Other shareholder engagement efforts can also lead to productive dialogues with or actions by directors and management. Raising critical issues through written correspondence, investor statements, press strategies and private dialogue has resulted in many important company actions, commitments and disclosures to address investor concerns, and will continue to play an essential role in our engagements.

The Fund is not alone in its commitment to enhancing the long-term value of its investments, and works with many like-minded investor associations, coalitions and organizations to amplify our voices. These **affiliations, partners, and coalitions** include four where the Fund holds leadership positions:

- *The Council of Institutional Investors*, which works to promote the interests of institutional investors;
- *Ceres*, a nonprofit devoted to sustainable investing, where the Comptroller serves as a director;
- *The Thirty Percent Coalition*, dedicated to board diversity; and
- *Chief Executives for Corporate Purpose*, which empowers corporations to be a force for good in society by adopting social strategies to engage stakeholders.

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Other organizations where the Fund plays an active role include the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), the Center for Political Accountability, Climate Action 100+, the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, and the Human Rights Alliance. The Fund also maintains alliances with other public pension funds, asset managers, and Taft-Hartley funds (multiemployer benefit trust funds regulated by the federal Taft-Hartley Act).



In addition to engaging directly with companies, the Corporate Governance Program also focuses on **public policy advocacy** when it will improve the long-term value of our investments by supporting policies that promote the overall stability, transparency and functionality of financial markets and the economy. This public policy engagement takes many forms, including meetings and correspondence with elected representatives, regulators and other public officials, testimony at hearings and forums, comments on regulatory and legislative proposals, and participation in state, national, and international forums and initiatives. In 2019, our primary public policy priorities included protecting our rights as a shareholder and fighting efforts to roll back environmental protections that could threaten the Fund's investments.

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## ESG Priorities

The Corporate Governance Program is designed to enhance long-term value through a commitment to robust ESG practices with a strategic focus on **sustainability, diversity & inclusion, and accountability**.

**Sustainability** is of vital interest to the Fund because our long-term commitment to the System's members and pensioners requires us to assess the long-range vision and prospects of the public companies in our portfolio. Sustainable corporate practices help companies navigate problems successfully by: anticipating and responding effectively to environmental challenges; managing changes in the political and regulatory landscape; and protecting the health, safety and rights of employees in the company's own workforce and in its supply chain to ensure productivity, while diminishing the risks of liability and reputational damage. A commitment to sustainability provides a framework for companies—and the Fund's investments—to flourish for decades to come.



**Diversity & Inclusion** in their many forms are additional key components of the Fund's long-term strategy for success. Research shows that the ability to draw on a wide range of viewpoints, backgrounds, skills and experience is increasingly critical to corporations' long-term success in the global marketplace. Therefore, encouraging diversity and inclusion on the boards of directors, in executive management, and throughout the workforces of the companies in which the Fund invests is a key focus of our active ownership.



**Accountability** is essential for the Fund because of the vast scale and scope of its investments and its nature as a long-term, universal investor. With such an array of investments in every industry and sector, the Fund relies on independent boards to represent investors and structure compensation to properly incentivize strong long-term returns. The Fund also expects the full disclosure of risks, opportunities and strategies. Accountability and transparency are critical to making informed decisions.



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In implementing the strategic focus of enhancing long-term value through sustainability, diversity & inclusion and accountability, the Corporate Governance Program's priority issue areas for 2019 were:

- **Sustainability**

- **Climate Risk** – climate scenario reporting, reporting aligned with the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), greenhouse gas emissions reduction, energy efficiency and renewable energy, and sustainability reporting.
- **Labor Standards & Human Rights** – encouraging companies to adopt policies that protect the health, safety, and human rights of its employees and those in a company's supply chain.

- **Diversity & Inclusion** – board diversity.

- **Board Diversity** – diversity on corporate boards and in management.
- **Disability Inclusion** – hiring policies and practices for people with disabilities.
- **Equal Employment & Nondiscrimination** – encouraging companies to adopt policies that explicitly prohibit discrimination against employees

- **Accountability**

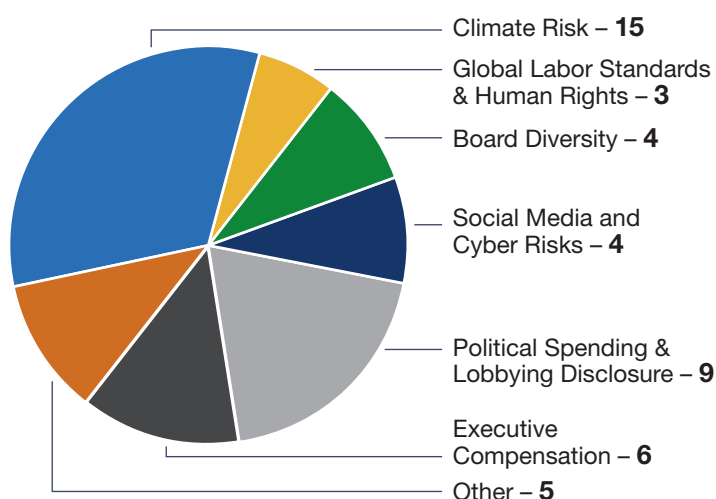
- **Social Media & Cyber Risks** – reporting on content management and fake news, and cyber risk.
- **Opioid Distribution** – board-level oversight and governance reforms play an effective role in addressing opioid-related investment risks.
- **Political Spending & Lobbying Disclosure** – disclosing relevant information to address potential legal and reputational risks inherent in political and lobbying spending.
- **Executive Compensation** – target pay, golden parachutes, incentive compensation and risks of material losses, and share buybacks.

The Fund's approach to these issues is discussed in greater detail within this report.

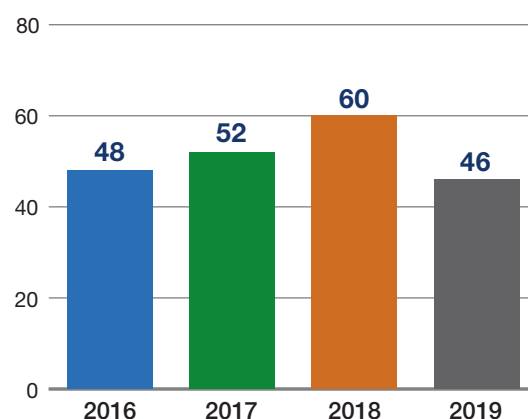
# 2019 By the Numbers

- **28,322** ballot items voted on at **3,273** meetings.
- **46** shareholder proposals filed.
- **832** letters sent to portfolio companies requesting action on ESG-related issues.
- **30** percent average vote received for Fund's shareholder proposals.
- **325** companies at which the Fund voted to withhold support from directors of companies with no women on their boards.

## 2019 Shareholder Proposals by Issue

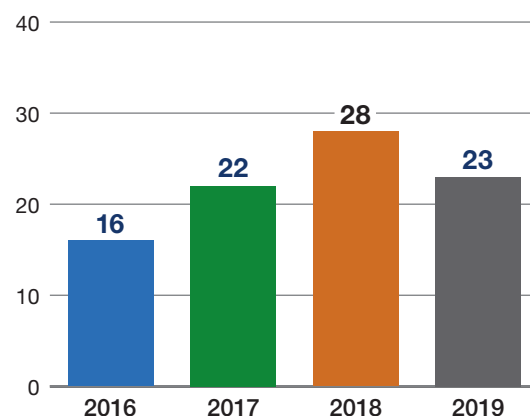


## Total Shareholder Proposals, 2016-2019



Proxy Voting	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of Company Meetings	3,246	3,249	3,025	3,273
Total Votes Cast	27,935	29,848	26,520	28,322
Management Proposals Voted	27,365	29,358	26,035	27,795
Shareholder Proposals Voted	570	490	485	527

## Total Agreements on Shareholder Proposals, 2016-2019



# 2019 Proxy Voting

## BY THE NUMBERS...

- **28,322** ballot items voted on at **3,273** meetings.
- **28** percent of votes cast **AGAINST** management recommendations.
- **32** percent of director nominee votes cast to **WITHOLD** support.
- **27** percent of advisory say-on-pay votes cast to **WITHOLD** support from management compensation plans.
- **88** percent of votes cast in **FAVOR** of shareholder proposals.

The Fund votes by proxy on all director nominees and proposals presented at annual meetings and special meetings for each of the domestic companies in the Fund's public equity portfolio, as well as those of selected international companies. In the 2019 Proxy Season, the Fund cast 28,322 votes on ballot items at 3,273 domestic company meetings. Further details on the Fund's 2019 Proxy Voting can be found at [osc.state.ny.us/pension/proxy-voting.htm](https://osc.state.ny.us/pension/proxy-voting.htm).

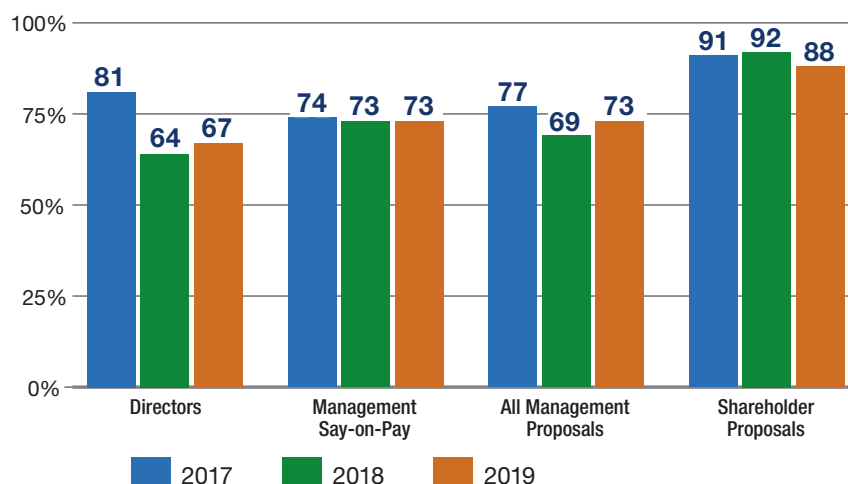
Voting at these meetings is an effective means of engaging and communicating with boards of directors and management about the Fund's ESG priorities. Voting is also a powerful tool for enhancing long-term value by promoting sustainability, diversity and accountability.

The Fund makes all proxy voting decisions independently, based on the standards in its Environmental, Social & Governance Principles and Proxy Voting Guidelines (the Guidelines) which describe in detail the Fund's governance expectations for public companies and establish principled recommendations for voting on a broad range of issues. In addition to the Guidelines, the Fund consults with companies, asset managers, partners, proxy research providers, and other investors, as well as conducting its own research, to inform its independent voting decisions.

The Guidelines are updated regularly to address new market issues, refine positions based on current research, and reflect evolving ESG best practices. The Fund has updated its Guidelines for the 2020 proxy season.

In 2019, in addition to voting on director nominees, the Fund voted on management proposals on executive compensation, selection of auditors, and corporate governance provisions as well as shareholder proposals focused on ESG policies and practices.

**Fund Votes of Approval by Ballot Item Type**





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## Director Voting

Voting on director nominees is a key tool that provides the most direct means for shareholders to hold companies accountable. The Fund believes its interests are best served by directors who demonstrate a commitment to sustainable long-term performance and responsible corporate governance. The Fund withheld support for 32 percent of management board of director nominees, compared to 36 percent in 2018 and 19 percent in 2017. The increase since 2018 was primarily due to the Fund's updated voting policies regarding board diversity.

The Fund most frequently withheld support for directors because of the following issues:

- Overboarded directors (i.e., directors who sit on too many different boards to fulfill their duties effectively);
- Lack of board diversity;
- Insufficient board independence;
- Ongoing compensation concerns and poor pay-for-performance policy;
- Failure to implement a shareholder proposal that received majority support; and
- Post- initial public offering (IPO) governance concerns, for example, supermajority vote requirements for bylaw or charter amendments and classified board structures that could insulate management from accountability to shareholders in the wake of an IPO.

Additionally, the Fund regularly monitors risk management at portfolio companies. When there is a failure of a board to appropriately manage material risks, the Fund will withhold support from directors. For example:

- ExxonMobil Corporation – The Fund withheld support from all board directors for failing to adequately address significant shareholder concerns and properly account for climate risk in its operations.
- Johnson & Johnson – The Fund withheld support from seven incumbent directors due to the company's failure to provide adequate oversight and management relating to the quality and safety of several products.
- Duke Energy Corp. – The Fund withheld support from 12 incumbent directors due to the failure to manage material environmental and human rights risks.
- The Boeing Co. – The Fund withheld support from audit committee chair due to risk management concerns stemming from the safety record of the 737 Max 8 aircraft.

The Fund took particular note of the number of companies holding virtual-only annual shareholder meetings (with no gathering of shareholders in person) which increased in 2019. The Fund believes that virtual-only meetings weaken shareholder rights, and as a result, will vote to withhold support for members of the governance committee if a company's annual shareholder meeting is virtual-only. The Fund withheld support from over 426 directors in 2019 due to their companies' virtual-only meeting guidelines.

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## Board Diversity Voting Guidelines

In 2019, the Fund continued to implement its board diversity voting guidelines, which were initially adopted in 2018. The Fund's Guidelines entail withholding support for:

- Incumbent directors of public companies with no women on their boards; and
- Incumbent nominating committee members when the board lacks appropriate skills and attributes, including when there is only one woman on the board.

Over recent years, the pressure on companies to diversify their boards has intensified. This is in part due to investors, like the Fund, incorporating gender diversity expectations into their proxy voting guidelines. While there is now at least one female director at every S&P 500 company, hundreds of smaller companies continue to lack gender diversity on their boards.

In 2019, the Fund withheld support for 1,373 incumbent directors at 325 public companies with no women on their boards, including directors at Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc., TiVo Solutions, and SeaWorld Entertainment Inc. Compared to 2018, this represents a 26 percent decrease in directors voted against and a 24 percent decrease in total companies. This decrease was mostly due to companies adding women to their boards since their 2018 meetings.

The Fund also withheld support for 1,898 incumbent nominating committee members voted against at 793 public companies with only one woman on their boards, including directors at Arch Coal Inc., Charter Communications, Tribune Media Co., Six Flags Inc., and T-Mobile USA. Compared to 2018, this represents a 13 percent increase in directors and 15 percent increase in total companies.

Because the Fund believes diversity has an important bearing on companies' long-term success and, in turn, the Fund's investments, the Fund will continue to withhold support from incumbent directors at these companies until they add women to their boards. The Fund's Guidelines also express the Fund's views that companies should seek director candidates reflecting diverse attributes based on age, race, gender, ethnicity, geography, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

## Executive Compensation

Shareholder votes on executive compensation—"say-on-pay" votes—promote pay accountability by allowing shareholders to influence compensation practices and strategies. The Fund believes that, in order to help protect its investments, executive compensation policies should reflect a focus on ensuring long-term, sustained performance for the company and its shareholders.

In 2019, the Fund voted to withhold support for 27 percent of the proposed compensation plans presented in say-on-pay advisory ballot items. This compares to 27 percent in 2018 and 26 percent in 2017. The Fund found, among other issues, pay disparity concerns, disconnects between pay and performance, and excessive pay relative to peer benchmarks at these companies. When these practices were not in the

long-term interest of the Fund as a shareholder, the Fund voted against them. Following its proxy guidelines, the Fund withheld support for say-on-pay proposals at Netflix, Inc., Xerox Corporation, FLEETCOR Technologies, Inc., and Williams-Sonoma, Inc. At all four meetings, a majority of shareholders withheld support from the companies' compensation plans.

With the enhanced transparency now required of public companies by the CEO Pay Ratio Disclosure Rule promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Fund expects improved disclosures at the public companies in its portfolio that will further inform the Fund's proxy voting, including decisions concerning say-on-pay measures.

The Fund also scrutinizes ballot items known as "say-on-golden-parachutes" votes, which give shareholders the ability to weigh in on executive severance payments. In 2019, the Fund withheld support for proposed payments in 86 percent of advisory votes on severance pay, compared to 83 percent in 2018 and 61 percent in 2017.

In addition to withholding support on proposed compensation plans through say-on-pay and golden parachute votes, the Fund also uses its director nominee votes to hold boards accountable for compensation practices. The Fund withheld support for 1,618 compensation committee members at 685 companies due to concerns relating to executive compensation.

The Fund voted to support shareholder proposals at Amazon.com, Inc., Alphabet, and United Parcel Service that requested a report on the feasibility of linking executive pay to sustainability. Additionally, the Fund supported shareholder proposals linking executive compensation to drug prices at Johnson & Johnson, Edwards Lifesciences Corp., Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Pfizer Inc., Abbvie Inc, and Merck & Co. Inc. Linking sustainability metrics to executive compensation can reduce risks related to poor sustainability performance, incentivize employees to meet sustainability goals, and boost accountability.

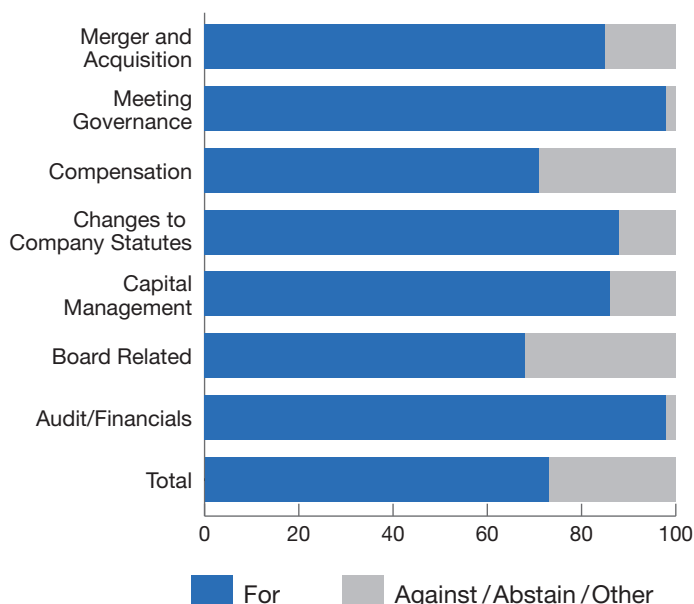
## Management Recommendations

Over the course of the 2019 proxy season, the Fund voted in opposition to management recommendations on 28 percent of all ballot items—including with respect to 27 percent of management proposals and 88 percent of shareholder proposals.

In terms of specific ballot items, the Fund voted in opposition to management recommendations on:

- 28 percent of compensation-related items, including say-on-pay;
- 32 percent of board-related items, including election of directors;
- 13 percent of capital management and allocation items; and
- 2 percent of audit/financial items, including ratification of auditor.

## Fund 2019 Voting Statistics on Management Proposals



## Shareholder Proposals

The Fund voted to support 88 percent of shareholder proposals on ballots in 2019, slightly down from 92 percent in 2018 and 91 percent in 2017. Of these affirmative votes, 61 percent were related to governance issues, including separating the positions of board chair and CEO, improving proxy access, strengthening the right to call a special meeting, and initiating and adopting recapitalization plans for all outstanding stock to have one vote per share. The remainder were social (22 percent), environmental (7 percent), and compensation (10 percent) proposals, such as disclosure of political spending or lobbying, reporting on energy efficiency and renewables, and linking executive pay to social metrics, such as human rights.

The slight decrease in the Fund's support for shareholder proposals was due, in most part, to the recent increase in shareholder proposals that do not seek to advance the goal of long-term sustainability. These proposals are submitted by proponents who are critical of companies' efforts with respect to environmental and social issues and are generally aimed at curbing those efforts. The Fund voted against all of these proposals in 2019.

In 2019, there was an increase in the total number of shareholder proposals focusing on human capital management, including proposals asking for companies to report on measures taken to prevent sexual harassment. The Fund supported all these proposals, which were filed at Amazon.com Inc., Alphabet Inc., Walmart Inc., Xenia Hotels & Resorts Inc., Pebblebrook Hotel Trust, XPO Logistics Inc., Sunstone Hotel Investors Inc., and RLJ Lodging Trust.

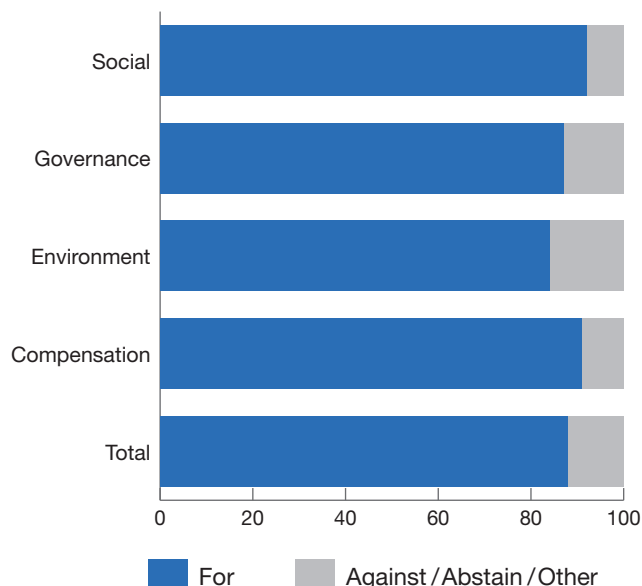
## Governance Votes

In 2019, the Fund supported 87 percent of governance-related shareholder proposals.

Proposals requesting that the board chair be an independent director were the most common type of governance proposal submitted in 2019.

The Fund believes that having an independent director serve as chair of the board helps to ensure that the board consistently acts in the best interests of shareholders. Therefore the Fund supports proposals that request that a company take the steps necessary to adopt a policy that the board chair be an "independent" director and request that a company take the steps necessary to separate the roles of board chair and chief executive officer. The Fund supported all 36 shareholder proposals requesting an independent board chair and/or separation of chair and CEO, including proposals at Amazon.com Inc., Facebook Inc., AT&T, Inc., Pfizer Inc., Verizon Communications Inc., and Exxon Mobil Corp.

### Fund 2019 Voting Statistics on Shareholder Proposals



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In advance of the vote at Exxon Mobil, the Fund and the Church Commissioners for England announced their support for the independent chair shareholder proposal and encouraged other shareholders to vote for the proposal. In announcing his support, the Comptroller stated:

“Exxon’s board’s refusal to adequately address significant shareholder concerns and properly account for climate risk in its operations, even as its competitors do so, presents a governance crisis. Exxon’s failure to demonstrate it is prepared to take steps toward the transition to a lower carbon future puts its business at risk. We encourage other investors to join us in voting to separate the roles of chair and CEO.”

– Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli

As a result, the proposal received a record-high level of support, earning approval from 41 percent of Exxon Mobil shareholders.

Additionally, the Fund supported all shareholder proposals that requested companies to eliminate their dual-class voting structures by adopting a recapitalization plan for all equity securities to have one vote per share.

## Environmental Stewardship and Climate Risk Votes

Climate change-related threats such as extreme weather and the public policies adopted to mitigate their effects pose significant risks to companies that are unprepared and to investors who hold these companies among their investments. In 2019, the Fund continued its work of scrutinizing boards’ performance in addressing climate change-related risks. The Fund’s Guidelines express the Fund’s expectations for companies to possess climate risk competency on their boards of directors, as well as clearly defining relevant climate risk oversight and management. The Fund believes oversight should include the assurance of appropriate comprehensive reporting to shareholders—beyond what is required within current financial reporting—through adherence to internationally recognized sustainability reporting protocols, such as those proposed by the Taskforce on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

In those cases where boards fail to appropriately manage and comprehensively report on climate risk, the Fund may withhold support from directors. Furthermore, in the event that a board fails to publicly report on its material climate risks and management practices, including disclosing 2 degree scenario analysis, in line with the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, the Fund may withhold support from directors responsible for such oversight.



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In 2019, the Fund specifically focused on non-disclosing companies and high emitters when making voting decisions. The Fund used metrics to measure performance including governance, board competency, TCFD disclosure, 2 degree scenario analysis, and GHG target setting, based on Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) and data provided by the Climate Action 100+. The Fund also considered a company's responsiveness to shareholder requests as part of our voting decision.

As a result, the Fund withheld support from or voted against 63 incumbent directors who were members of audit and environment and social committees at 11 portfolio companies, including Duke Energy, Kinder Morgan, Exxon Mobil, and Berkshire Hathaway.

Moving forward, the Fund will continue to use its voice and vote to encourage and support efforts in risk management, strategic planning, and reporting by portfolio companies to achieve a successful transition to the low-carbon economy, which is integral to long-term value creation for shareholders.



# 2019 Engagements & Shareholder Proposals

## BY THE NUMBERS...

- **46** shareholder proposals filed.
- **25** agreements with companies to implement the Fund’s shareholder proposals.
- **78** percent vote in support of the Fund’s diversity proposal at Gaming and Leisure Properties.
- **832** letters sent to portfolio companies requesting action on ESG-related issues.

Underlying all of the Fund’s engagement processes is a commitment to active ownership—using the Fund’s voice to seek to ensure the long-term success of our investments. The Fund uses multiple forms of engagement, including filing shareholder proposals, writing letters, meeting directly with management, and working with other investors to affect the policies and practices of portfolio companies.

Annually, the Fund develops an engagement program based on several ESG priorities. The priorities are developed by assessing various factors, including new and emerging ESG issues that pose investment risks, as well as market conditions.

In the 2019 proxy season, the Fund focused on three core priorities: sustainability, diversity and accountability. Within those priorities, the Fund focused its engagement efforts on issues surrounding:

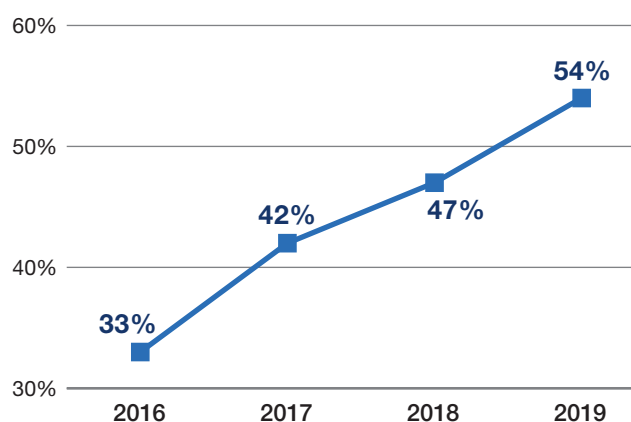
- **Sustainability**
  - Climate Risk
  - Labor Standards & Human Rights
- **Diversity & Inclusion**
  - Board Diversity
  - Disability Inclusion
  - Equal Employment & Nondiscrimination
- **Accountability**
  - Social Media Content Management
  - Cyber Risks
  - Opioid Distribution
  - Political Spending Disclosure
  - Executive Compensation

Priority Issues	Shareholder Proposals
Sustainability	18
Diversity & Inclusion	4
Accountability	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>

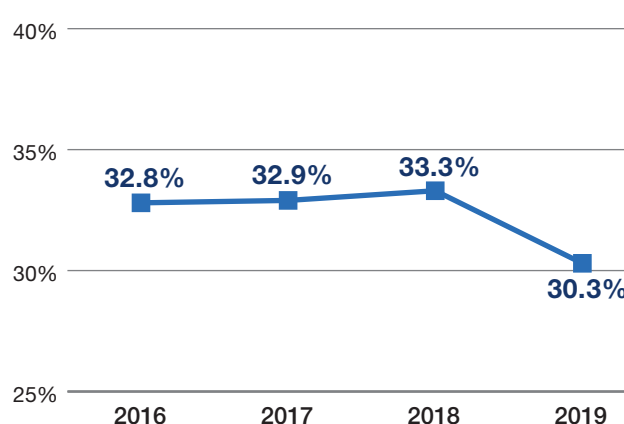
One form of engagement that the Fund routinely deploys, consistent with its investment philosophy, is filing shareholder proposals with public companies in its portfolio regarding ESG issues that can have a material impact on risk and return. The shareholder proposal process allows the Fund to bring proposed corporate policy changes directly to the attention of the company's leadership and other shareholders, and is an important tool for addressing investment risks.

For 2019, the Fund filed shareholder proposals with 46 companies representing a combined portfolio value in excess of \$8.5 billion. Of these proposals, 25 led to agreements with the companies, and of the proposals that went to a vote, one earned the support of a majority of shareholders and 10 received greater than 30 percent of support from shareholders. The average level of support for Fund proposals that went to a vote was 30.34 percent.

### Average Percentage of Fund Shareholder Proposals Withdrawn with Agreement



### Average Percentage Support for Fund Shareholder Proposals, 2016–2019





# Sustainability

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## BY THE NUMBERS...

- **18** sustainability shareholder proposals filed.
- **11** agreements with companies to address climate risks.
- **2** agreements with companies to address global labor standards and human rights.
- **202** requests to public companies seeking disclosure of carbon emissions data.
- **46** percent vote in support of the Fund's greenhouse gas reduction targets proposal at Fluor Corporation.

## Sustainability – Climate Risk

Comptroller DiNapoli agrees with the scientific consensus that climate change is real and that current warming trends are caused by human actions. These changes pose significant risks and opportunities for the Fund, the markets, and the economy as a whole. As Trustee of the Common Retirement Fund, the Comptroller is legally bound by a fiduciary duty to act prudently and for the exclusive benefit of the more than one million members, retirees and beneficiaries of the New York State and Local Retirement System. Consistent with that duty, Comptroller DiNapoli uses the most effective strategies at his disposal to address climate change-related investment risks. The Comptroller has been a global leader in addressing the investment risks and opportunities presented by climate change.

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In 2018, as a result of the Comptroller's work, the Asset Owners Disclosure Project ranked the Fund third among the world's 100 largest global pension funds and first among U.S.-based pension funds in managing climate-related investment risk.

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The Comptroller, as a long-term institutional investor, believes the Fund must use its voice and seat at the table to protect its investments by persuading companies to adopt responsible climate change policies and by encouraging long-term business model changes for the transition to a low-carbon economy.

The Fund's 2019 Climate Action Plan builds on recommendations from a Decarbonization Advisory Panel established by the Comptroller and Governor Cuomo. The panel consists of investment and climate experts and established minimum standards for climate resiliency and transition-readiness to identify companies within the Fund's public portfolio that are ill-prepared to address the physical and regulatory risks of climate change. Companies that are found to be at risk will be prioritized for engagement. Those

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companies that do not take steps to improve, or that fail to engage, may be subject to investment action including underweighting or divestment, consistent with Fund policy. This Plan also includes:

- continuing to collaborate with peers on engagement;
- communicating the Fund's Climate Beliefs to portfolio companies and developing strategies to support transition-ready companies;
- sharing the Fund's Climate Action Plan with our managers and consultants, and asking them to explain how they are aligned with or intend to align with the Plan; and
- engaging with index providers on integrating climate risks and opportunities into their index construction processes.

## Climate Action Plan

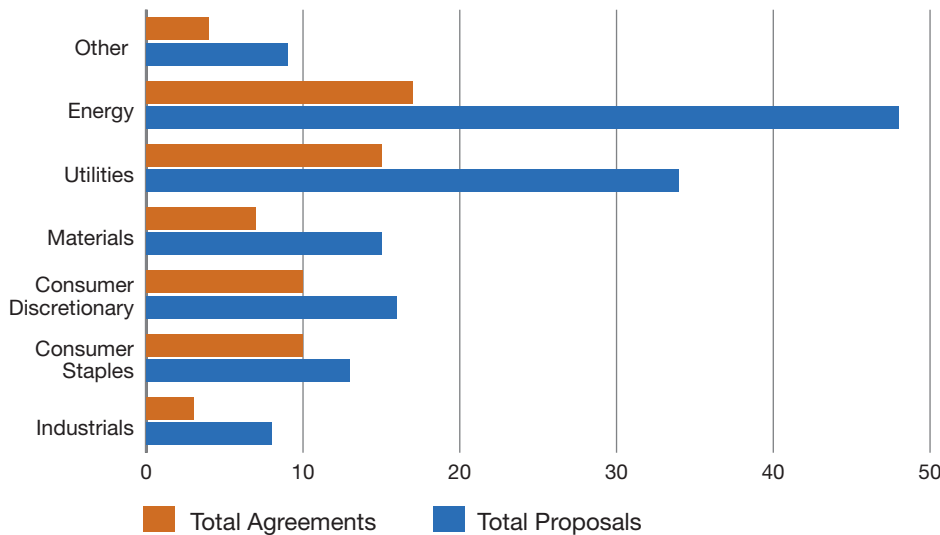
In June 2019, Comptroller DiNapoli released the Fund's Climate Action Plan, communicating the Fund's plans to further address climate risk in its portfolio. The Plan includes

- Establishing industry-specific Minimum Standards and risk assessment processes to evaluate companies in high impact sectors on their readiness to transition to a low carbon economy, starting with thermal coal mining companies.
- Developing a prioritized shareholder engagement program, based on transition readiness assessment and Minimum Standards, which informs investment decisions.
- Creating a formal, multi-asset-class Sustainable Investment–Climate Solutions Program with dedicated staff to pursue climate solution investments.
- Committing an additional \$10 billion to the Sustainable Investment–Climate Solutions Program, leading to a total \$20 billion commitment over the next decade.
- Enhancing evaluation of climate risk management by Fund managers and engaging with managers, index providers, and consultants on climate risk management.

Since 2008, the Fund has sponsored over 143 climate change-related shareholder proposals and reached agreements with 67 public companies in its portfolio to analyze climate risks, including setting GHG emissions reduction targets and renewable energy and energy efficiency goals.

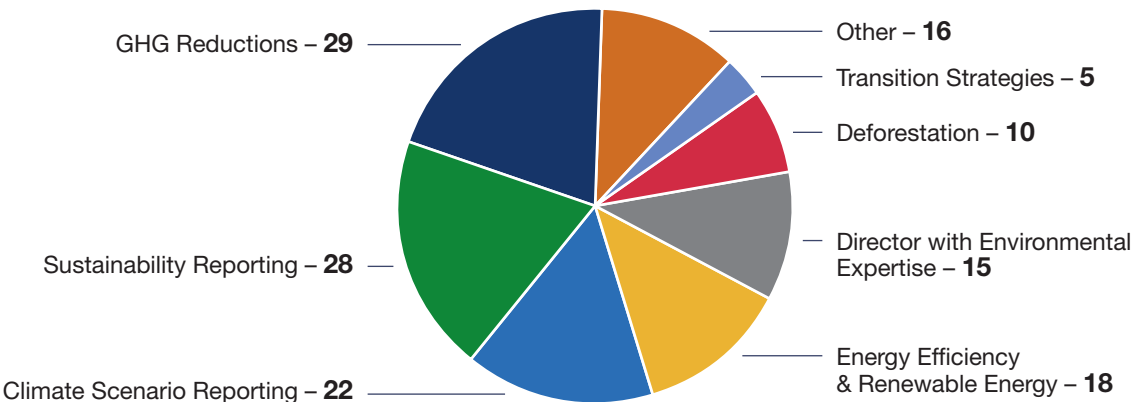
Furthermore, the Fund has received agreements at 42% of companies in energy, utilities, and materials industries, which have the highest impact on climate-related investment risks. This includes major agreements with companies like Duke Energy, Vistra Energy, AEP, Diamondback Energy, DTE Energy, and Southwestern Energy.

### Agreements and Total Fund Shareholder Proposals Addressing Climate Risk by Industry Since 2008



During the 2019 proxy season, the Fund filed 15 shareholder proposals on climate-related risk, including requests for 2 degree scenario reporting, energy efficiency and renewable energy targets, greenhouse gas reductions targets, sustainability reporting, and TCFD climate disclosures. These proposals led to 11 agreements with companies to address climate-related risks.

### Fund Climate Risk Proposals by Issue Since 2008



## Shareholder Proposals — Climate Scenario Reporting

In 2019, the Fund filed four shareholder proposals requesting that companies disclose the impacts on their business of the Paris Climate Agreement's goal of restricting the rise of global temperatures to no more than 2 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels. Subsequently, the Fund reached agreements with three of those companies—Concho Resources Inc., Range Resources Corporation, and Diamondback Energy, Inc.—to implement the terms of the shareholder proposal and undertake the requested 2 degree scenario study.

Company	Issue	Result
Concho Resources Inc.	2 Degree Scenario Reporting	Withdrawn with Agreement
Diamondback Energy, Inc.	2 Degree Scenario Reporting	Withdrawn with Agreement
Range Resources Corporation	2 Degree Scenario Reporting	Withdrawn with Agreement
Continental Resources, Inc.	2 Degree Scenario Reporting	14.39%

### Companies Leading on Reporting

As of September 2019, 87 major companies—with a combined market capitalization of over \$2.3 trillion—are taking action to align their businesses with what scientists say is needed to limit the worst impacts of climate change.

— The We Mean Business coalition

## Shareholder Proposals — Sustainability Reporting

The Fund filed proposals at three public companies calling for an annual sustainability report describing each company's short-term and long-term responses to ESG-related issues. Two of those companies—American Financial Group, Inc. and Papa John's International, Inc.—agreed to the requested reporting and the Fund withdrew those proposals.

Company	Issue	Result
American Financial Group, Inc.	Sustainability Reporting	Withdrawn with Agreement
Papa John's International, Inc.	Sustainability Reporting	Withdrawn with Agreement
Charter Communications, Inc.	Sustainability Reporting	28.22%

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## Shareholder Proposals — Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Targets

In 2019, the Fund filed four proposals at companies requesting that they set targets for increased use of renewable energy and increased energy efficiency of their facilities. The Fund secured agreements with all four companies: Capri Holdings Limited, Dollar General Corporation, Keurig Dr. Pepper Inc. and Under Armour, Inc. all agreed to set targets for increased energy efficiency and increased use of renewable energy. Moreover, in response to the Fund's request, Keurig Dr. Pepper adopted a comprehensive sustainability plan that included a goal of obtaining 100 percent of its electricity from renewable sources by 2025.

Company	Issue	Result
Capri Holdings Limited	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Targets	Withdrawn with Agreement
Dollar General Corporation	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Targets	Withdrawn with Agreement
Keurig Dr. Pepper Inc.	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Targets	Withdrawn with Agreement
Under Armour	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Targets	Withdrawn with Agreement

## Shareholder Proposals — Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets

The Fund filed three shareholder proposals at portfolio companies requesting they adopt company-wide targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, taking into consideration the global GHG reduction needs defined by the Paris Climate Agreement. Vistra Energy Corp., a utility company and one of the largest GHG emitters in the Fund's public equity portfolio, agreed to set targets for reducing GHG emissions. Vistra Energy Corp was identified as one of the top emitters in the Fund's U.S. public equity portfolio, and the Fund believes that these high emission companies present great risks to the Fund's investments.

The Fund's request for lower GHG targets at the Fluor Corporation won 46.34 percent support from fellow shareholders, putting significant pressure on the company to take action. Lastly, the SEC allowed ExxonMobil Corporation to exclude the Fund's shareholder proposal from going to a vote at its annual meeting.

Company	Issue	Result
Vistra Energy Corp.	GHG Reductions – Targets	Withdrawn with Agreement
Fluor Corporation	GHG Reductions – Targets	46.34%
ExxonMobil Corporation	GHG Reductions – Targets	SEC Granted No Action Relief

## Shareholder Proposal — Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures

Last year, the Comptroller, on behalf of the Fund, joined over 315 organizations in expressing support for TCFD, which has developed recommendations for voluntary climate-related financial disclosures. Such disclosures will provide better access to data and help assure more consistent reporting of climate-related risks. Reporting consistent with TCFD’s recommendations by the public companies in its portfolio and their managers will enhance the Fund’s efforts to identify, assess and address its climate-related risks, and inform capital allocation decisions.

The Fund filed a shareholder proposal in 2019 at Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., the leading U.S. producer of aggregates (such as sand and gravel) for highway, infrastructure, commercial, and residential construction, requesting the company disclose climate-related information consistent with TCFD guidance. The Fund withdrew the proposal following an agreement with the company.

Company	Issue	Result
Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.	TCFD Climate Disclosure	Withdrawn with Agreement

## Climate Action Plan Engagement

In October, the Comptroller sent letters to the Fund’s top 25 holdings in the eight “high impact sectors” defined by TCFD. The letters asked 200 companies to review the Fund’s Climate Action Plan, and to develop a robust transition plan and business strategies that are responsive to future scenarios where global warming is held at and below 2 degrees Celsius.

## Low Emissions Index & Carbon Emissions Reporting

In 2016, the Fund established a low emissions index and allocated \$2 billion to further decarbonize the Fund’s public equity portfolio. Created in partnership with Goldman Sachs Asset Management, the low emissions index is an internally managed portfolio that underweights investments in companies that are large contributors to carbon emissions and increases investments in companies with lower emissions, while closely tracking its benchmark index. In 2018, the Comptroller announced that he was doubling the Fund’s allocation to the index to \$4 billion.

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The Fund's low emissions index has reduced the intensity of carbon emissions by 77 percent within its holdings.

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The low emissions index eliminates or underweights stock ownership in some of the worst greenhouse gas (GHG) emitters based on emissions data reported to or estimated by the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). With the goals of continuing the success of the low emissions index and encouraging companies to disclose emissions data to CDP so it can be used for the index, the Fund developed an active engagement program for the index, focusing on non-disclosing companies and high GHG emitters.

It is important for the Fund to obtain standardized emission data in order to expand the index strategy. CDP provides a standardized and comparable data set that covers more than 7,000 companies, representing over 60 percent of total world market capitalization in 2018. The Fund believes that there is great value in bringing together information on this issue across sectors and regions using this consistent approach. Therefore, the Fund engages with companies to request the disclosure of emissions data to CDP.

Since 2016, the Fund has participated in the Carbon Action Initiative, a joint initiative led by CDP on behalf of over 250 investors representing \$25 trillion in assets, seeking to accelerate company action on emissions reductions, public disclosure of emissions reduction targets and investments in emissions reduction projects. Under this initiative, the Fund has sent letters to over 300 companies since 2016.

In partnership with CDP's disclosure team, the Fund has engaged with a number of non-disclosing companies. In 2019, 32 companies provided emissions data to CDP for the first time. These newly disclosing companies include some high GHG-emitting corporations such as Williams Companies, Inc., an oil and gas producer, and Alliant Energy, an electric utility.

## Climate Action 100+

Comptroller DiNapoli has taken a leadership role in the Climate Action 100+ initiative, a five-year initiative led by 370 investors from across 29 countries, who collectively manage over \$35 trillion in assets, to engage with systemically important GHG emitters and other companies across the global economy that have significant opportunities to drive the clean energy transition and help achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement.

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The initiative asks those companies to improve governance with respect to climate change, curb GHG emissions, and strengthen climate-related financial disclosures. As part of the Climate Action 100+, the Comptroller serves as co-lead in engagements with Exxon Mobil, American Electric Power (AEP), Martin Marietta, Duke Energy and Ford Motor Company on these important issues. 2019 highlights from these engagements include:

- AEP announced that the company would increase its 2030 carbon emissions reduction targets, as measured against a year 2000 baseline, to 70 percent from 60 percent and set an aspirational 2050 target of zero emissions. AEP also decided to terminate its membership in the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity in 2020.
- Duke Energy has also updated its carbon transition plan, setting goals to achieve a 50 percent reduction in GHG emissions by 2030 and net zero emissions generation by 2050.
- Martin Marietta has agreed to disclose climate risks and opportunities in its annual report as part of the TCFD recommendations in 2020.
- Ford, along with three other major automobile manufacturers, came to an agreement with the State of California to adopt vehicle emissions rules that maintain higher standards in the face of federal efforts to roll back mileage and emissions requirements.
- The ExxonMobil Climate Action 100+ engagement group continues to press the company to develop targets for reduction of GHG emissions from its operations that are consistent with the Paris Agreement.

## U.S. Utilities Net-Zero Emissions by 2050

In February 2019, the Comptroller joined institutional investors managing \$1.8 trillion in assets in encouraging U.S. utility companies to commit to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement by setting clear targets of net-zero carbon emissions for electricity by 2050. Mitigating the worst effects of climate change requires companies that supply electricity to make the transition to using a combination of sources that generate “net-zero” carbon emissions by 2050 at the latest. As investors in publicly traded electric utilities, the group communicated its belief that companies should set net-zero targets and focus investments on devising economically attractive ways to achieve the targets before potentially being forced to do so by regulators or losing market opportunities to competitors who more aggressively transition to the low carbon economy.

## U.S. Fuel Economy Standards

In 2018, the Comptroller joined a coalition of investors in urging General Motors to join the compromise agreement with California, which was consistent with the company’s call for a national solution, continuously improving fuel economy, and its stated goal of moving toward zero emissions.



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In 2019, Ford Motor Company, American Honda Co., Inc., BMW of North America, LLC, and Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., all entered into a compromise agreement with California which provides for emissions reductions on a nationwide basis, regulatory certainty, and incentives for increased deployment of electric vehicles (EVs). Given that transportation is the largest source of GHG emissions in the United States, the Fund has been particularly concerned by federal actions to weaken standards on vehicle fuel economy and GHG emissions at a time when near-term reductions are essential to meeting climate goals.

## Global Advocacy

In 2019, Comptroller DiNapoli signed an investor statement, joining 477 investors with \$34 trillion in assets under management, calling on the world's governments and companies to establish policies consistent with achieving the Paris Agreement's goal of keeping warming well under 2 degrees Celsius. The Comptroller also joined investors participating in the Climate Action 100+ initiative in calling on companies to curtail lobbying inconsistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement and to withdraw support for trade associations that lobby against action on climate change.

In September 2019, the Comptroller participated in multiple events during Climate Week NYC, which afforded him the opportunity to meet with investors from around the world to discuss how they are working with companies and governments to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and accelerate investment in climate solutions.

## Sustainability – Labor Standards & Human Rights

Sustainable corporate practices—including protecting the health, safety, and rights of employees in a company's workforce and in its supply chain—are critically important to help ensure productivity while avoiding risks of supply chain interruption, liability and reputational damage.

Human rights violations resulting from the environmental and labor practices of U.S. corporations and their domestic and overseas suppliers can result in significant legal and reputational harm. Through shareholder proposals and other engagements, the Fund has asked selected companies, particularly those with extensive overseas operations which are more likely to operate in areas that have less protective laws and less effective enforcement, to require their major suppliers to report on the environmental and social impacts of their operations and to uphold global labor standards.

Since 2011, the Fund has filled shareholder proposals with 25 public companies in its portfolio addressing labor standards and human rights. These engagements have resulted in 19 agreements with portfolio companies to enhance their reporting on human rights policies and risk assessments in their supply chains.

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## Shareholder Proposals

In 2019, the Fund filed shareholder proposals regarding human rights at Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc., Dunkin' Brands Group Inc., and Steve Madden, Ltd. The proposals asked the companies to report on the process for identifying and analyzing potential and actual human rights risks in their operations and supply chain.

- The Fund negotiated agreements with Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc., and Dunkin' Brands Group Inc. Since the agreements, both companies have incorporated many of the Fund's requests in their respective sustainability and corporate social responsibility reports.
- The Fund's proposal at Steve Madden, Ltd., received 33.8 percent support from shareholders, and the Fund continues to engage with the company on issues surrounding human rights and sustainability.

Company	Issue	Result
Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc.	Human Rights Risk Assessment	Withdrawn with Agreement
Dunkin' Brands Group Inc.	Human Rights Risk Assessment	Withdrawn with Agreement
Steve Madden, Ltd.	Human Rights Risk Assessment	33.76%

## Labor Management

As a long-term investor, the Fund believes that the ability to establish and maintain constructive relationships with workers and the communities in which they operate is a hallmark of a company with a sound, sustainable and profitable long-term strategy. The Comptroller regularly engages with companies whose labor practices may pose risks to the Fund's investments. In 2019, these engagements included General Motors, American Airlines Group Inc., Charter Communications Inc., and Wells Fargo & Co.

In October, Comptroller DiNapoli wrote the CEOs of Lyft, Uber, GrubHub and Upwork requesting that each company issue an annual sustainability report describing the company's policies, performance and improvement targets related to material ESG risks and opportunities. Specifically, the Comptroller recommended that the reports address policies, practices, metrics and goals connected to business risks linked to human capital management, including labor relations and corporate culture, and other material environmental and social factors. In particular, he asked for reporting on ESG issues regarding the company's ability to attract and maintain employees, service providers, contractors and platform users. Management of material ESG risks and a focus on ESG opportunities can have a positive effect on long-term shareholder value. Conversely, failure to manage and disclose information about material ESG factors can pose significant regulatory, legal, reputational and financial risk to companies.

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## Amazon Marketplace — Third-Party Apparel

In November, Comptroller DiNapoli wrote Amazon.com, Inc., CEO Jeffery Bezos regarding the company's monitoring of third-party sellers' compliance with Amazon's "Responsible Sourcing" standards. Specifically, the Comptroller inquired about Amazon's third-party Marketplace, which appears to offer apparel that is manufactured in Bangladeshi factories whose owners have refused to fix safety problems identified by Bangladeshi safety-monitoring groups, such as the Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh. A Wall Street Journal investigation found third-party apparel manufactured in factories with safety problems including crumbling buildings, broken alarms, and missing sprinklers and fire barriers. Additionally, the investigation revealed that Amazon has been resistant to actively monitoring and reviewing its third-party sellers and the products available on Marketplace.

The Comptroller urged Amazon to immediately review apparel being sold on Marketplace and remove listings that are manufactured in "banned" factories, as designated by Bangladeshi safety-monitoring groups, and are not compliant with Amazon's "Responsible Sourcing" standards. Additionally, he requested more information regarding the steps Amazon is taking to address the risks posed by selling these products on its Marketplace.

## Equator Principles

The Equator Principles are a risk management framework adopted by financial institutions for determining, assessing, and managing environmental and social risk in project finance. The Principles were first promulgated in 2003, and as of early this year, they have officially been adopted by 94 banks and financial service corporations operating in 37 countries.

Over the last several years, criticism has emerged from the environmental and human rights communities that the Principles have too many loopholes and have not been adequately implemented by many of the signatory financial institutions. For example, a number of the banks financing the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline were longtime signatories to the Equator Principles, despite the fact that the project did not have the consent of the Standing Rock Sioux Nations' elected representative bodies, as the Principles require.

The Comptroller joined investors, representing \$2.92 trillion in assets under management or advisement, in recommending that the Equator Principles be strengthened to recognize the right of Indigenous Peoples to provide or withhold their free, prior and informed consent regardless of jurisdiction, as set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

# Diversity & Inclusion

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## BY THE NUMBERS...

- **3** agreements with companies to seek women and minority board director candidates.
- **28** diverse members added to boards of directors since 2010 due to the Fund's engagement.
- **87** letters to companies seeking action to include more people with disabilities in their workforces.

## Diversity – Board Diversity

Among the greatest risks to any company is a poorly performing board or management. The Fund believes in the importance of board diversity as an essential measure of sound governance and a critical attribute of a well-functioning board. Research shows that the ability to draw on a wide range of viewpoints, backgrounds, skills and experience is increasingly critical to corporations' long-term success in the global marketplace.

As a part of the Fund's broader strategy to address board diversity, which includes proxy voting and public policy advocacy, the Fund urges the public companies in its portfolio to amend their nominating committee charters to require consideration of diverse candidates—including diversity of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity—in its pool of director candidates.

Since 2010, the Fund has filed 33 shareholder proposals calling on public companies in its portfolio to increase board diversity. Through those proposals, the Fund has secured 18 agreements with companies to promote diversity on boards, and engagement successes have added 28 diverse members to boards of directors.

“Research has shown that companies with diverse boards perform better. Lack of diversity puts companies at a competitive disadvantage. And when companies fail to address shareholder concerns over lack of diversity, they demonstrate a lack of accountability. We've put our portfolio companies on notice that we want them to be responsive and adopt best practices when it comes to the composition of their boards.”

– Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli

## Shareholder Proposals

In 2019, the Fund filed four shareholder proposals requesting that companies improve their board diversity practices by formally including race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity in their consideration when seeking diverse board candidates.

- The Fund reached agreements with three companies—TripAdvisor, Inc., New Residential Investment Corp., and WisdomTree Investments, Inc. The companies appointed a combined four women to their boards following the filing of the proposals.
- The Fund’s proposal at Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc., which was not opposed by the company, received a majority vote with 78.3 percent support from shareholders.

Company	Issue	Result
New Residential Investment Corp.	Board Diversity	Withdrawn with Agreement
TripAdvisor, Inc.	Board Diversity	Withdrawn with Agreement
WisdomTree Investments, Inc.	Board Diversity	Withdrawn with Agreement
Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc.	Board Diversity	78.27%

## Boards Without Women

In 2018, the Comptroller sent letters to 206 companies in the Fund’s public equity portfolio in which the Fund withheld support from all director nominees because the companies had no women on their boards. The letter urged the companies’ boards to take action to add women directors, and requested a response detailing how they would address the issue. Following the Comptroller’s letters, 93 companies added at least one woman to their boards with a total of 107 women elected to these boards in 2019.



Comptroller DiNapoli  
at the Womens’  
Roundtable.

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## The Thirty Percent Coalition

To advance the goal of increasing board diversity, the Comptroller and the Fund are members of the Thirty Percent Coalition. The Coalition is a national organization of industry leaders, including senior business executives, national women's organizations, corporate governance experts, board members and institutional investors, who believe in the power of collaborative effort to achieve gender diversity in company leadership, and in the necessity of attaining at least 30 percent female representation across public company boards.

In 2019, the Fund and other Coalition members wrote to 235 companies with all-male boards or one-woman boards, urging them to institutionalize a commitment to diversity in their nominating committee charters by including women and minority candidates in every pool of board nominees.

The Fund also participates in a Coalition-organized working group composed of private equity general partners and limited partners regarding best practices and disclosure around gender diversity.

## Inclusion — Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression Nondiscrimination

Since 2010, the Comptroller has engaged portfolio companies, urging them to adopt policies that explicitly prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Discrimination based on non-job-related criteria impairs a company's ability to recruit and retain employees from the widest pool and can deprive the company of services of otherwise qualified employees. This in turn can lead to diminished performance and, therefore, a loss of shareholder value. In addition, employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity can cause reputational harm to corporations, and may lead to increased legal challenges which can harm shareholder value.

In 2019, the Comptroller wrote to the 47 portfolio companies in the Fortune 500 that still did not have a nondiscrimination policy that explicitly included both sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. The letter asked companies to adopt such a policy as soon as possible. Companies receiving a letter included News Corporation, Foot Locker, Inc., Philip Morris International Inc., Halliburton Company, Yum China Holdings, and Universal Health Services, Inc.

## Inclusion — Disability Inclusion

In 2019, the Fund spearheaded engagement with companies on disability inclusion. According to "Getting to Equal: The Disability Inclusion Advantage," a 2018 report published by Accenture, Disability: IN, and the American Association of People with Disabilities, companies that embrace best practices for employing people with disabilities have outperformed their peers. This includes, according to the report, 28 percent higher revenue, double the net income, and 30 percent higher economic profit

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margins. Additionally, the report notes that including people with disabilities increases innovation, improves productivity and fosters a better work environment. In spite of these benefits, Accenture estimates that 10.7 million people with disabilities continue to be underrepresented in corporate America. Disability inclusion is a significant opportunity for companies to improve their performance, enhance labor-force diversity, and develop a sustainable corporate culture.

In January 2019, Comptroller DiNapoli wrote the CEOs of 49 portfolio companies, including Apple, McDonald's, Nike and Twentieth Century Fox, requesting their participation in the 2019 Disability Equality Index (DEI). The DEI addresses the lack of information and disclosure of corporate policies on disability inclusion by creating a benchmarking tool that allows companies to self-report their disability policies and practices. It can also identify areas where companies can improve their policies and strengthen their reputations as inclusive companies and employers of choice. Eleven companies either agreed to participate in 2019 or committed to participate in the future.

In May 2019, the Comptroller and Oregon Treasurer Tobias Read led investors representing more than \$1 trillion in combined assets calling on companies they invest in to create inclusive workplaces. Signatories to the "Joint Investor Statement on Corporate Disability Inclusion," included Bank of America, Voya Financial, New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer, Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, and the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS). The investor statement is an open appeal for companies to develop best practices for including those with disabilities in their workforces.

In coordination with the release of the investor statement, Comptroller DiNapoli wrote follow-up letters to the 38 CEOs of companies who either did not respond or agree to participate in the DEI following the January letters. In the follow-up letters, the Comptroller asked the companies to provide information regarding their present and future efforts to adopt the best practices mentioned in joint statement.

In October 2019, the Comptroller sent follow-up letters to 24 companies that either did not respond to previous letters or provided unsatisfactory responses, and sent letters to 22 previously uncontacted portfolio companies asking them to participate in the 2020 DEI and requesting adoption of the Investor Statement's best practices. The new companies included FedEx, Charter Communications, Macy's, Marriott, Netflix, Nordstrom, Oracle, and Target.



# Accountability

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## BY THE NUMBERS...

- **25** shareholder proposals filed seeking enhanced accountability in corporate policies and practices.
- **8** agreements to promote corporate responsibility.

## Accountability – Social Media and Cyber Risks

As companies around the world increasingly rely on electronic data, communications services and public platforms to conduct their business, associated risks have increased. A single data breach or high-profile content incident can create liability or cause reputational harm and may have a significant impact on value and returns for a company. As an investor, the Fund is deeply concerned about these risks and has focused on the accountability of companies that have significant cyber-related risks.

## Hate Speech & Fake News Content Management

Social networks and other web-based platform companies face global controversies surrounding the expanding roles of their platforms. Areas of concern have included: instances of election interference; the distribution of disinformation, or “fake news,” and hate speech that can threaten marginalized groups and undermine our democracy; and the companies’ roles in properly enforcing their own terms of service related to content policies. As such controversies grow, shareholders are concerned that some companies have failed to proactively address these issues, which can pose significant regulatory, legal, and reputational risks to shareholder value.

The Fund believes that social networks and other web-based platform companies have an obligation to demonstrate how they manage content to prevent violations of their own terms of service.

## Shareholder Proposals

In 2019, the Fund co-sponsored shareholder proposals at Alphabet, Facebook, and Twitter asking the companies to disclose how they are managing the business and public policy risks related to users posting content that may violate the companies’ own terms of service, including election interference, fake news, hate speech, sexual harassment and violence.

All three proposals went to a shareholder vote, with the Fund’s proposals receiving 39.4 percent support from Twitter shareholders, 6.9 percent support from Alphabet shareholders, and 5.7 percent support from Facebook shareholders. When accounting for unequal voting rights due to dual-class stock structures, 20 percent of the non-inside, public shareholders supported the Fund’s proposals at Facebook and 35.1 percent supported them at Alphabet.



Company	Issue	Result
Alphabet Inc.	Hate Speech & Fake News Content Management	6.93%
Facebook, Inc.	Hate Speech & Fake News Content Management	5.70%
Twitter, Inc.	Hate Speech & Fake News Content Management	39.43%

## Cyber Risk Reporting

Cyber risk has been identified as an area of urgent and systemic concern for companies given the frequency, magnitude, and cost of cybersecurity incidents. For example, in 2017, Equifax reported that attackers had found a flaw in its website and used it to obtain the personal information of as many as 147 million Americans. The breach has cost Equifax more than \$439 million already and could eventually top \$600 million, which would make it the most costly data breach in history.

Unfortunately, some public companies do not appear to be prepared for a cyberattack and many have failed to disclose information to investors on how they plan to prevent the regulatory sanctions, monetary costs, and reputational harm associated with such an event.

## Shareholder Proposals

In 2018, the Fund filed a groundbreaking cyber risk shareholder proposal at Express Scripts Holding Company. The proposal requested that the Board prepare a report that would allow investors to assess the company's cyber risk practices. After the SEC declined to grant no-action relief to the company, the Fund's proposal received support from 29.5 percent of Express Scripts' shareholders, a substantial vote for a new proposal.

In 2019, the Fund filed a similar proposal at Cigna Corporation. The Fund withdrew the proposal following an agreement with the company.

Company	Issue	Result
Cigna Corporation	Cyber Risk Reporting	Withdrawn with Agreement

## Accountability – Opioid Distribution Risk

In 2017, the Fund became a member of the Investors for Opioid Accountability, which was established out of heightened concern that opioid company risks both threaten long-term shareholder value and have profound long-term implications for our economy and society. Members are taking swift and decisive actions, using multiple shareholder resolutions, to hold manufacturers, distributors, and retail pharmacies' boards accountable for potential risks to shareholder value.

# Shareholder Proposals

In 2019, the Fund co-filed a shareholder proposal requesting that Insys Therapeutics, Inc. assess the risks associated with opioid distribution. The proposal asked the company to report to shareholders on “the corporate governance changes Insys has implemented to more effectively monitor and manage financial and reputational risks related to the opioid crisis.” Before the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in June 2019, the coalition reached an agreement with the company to strengthen opioid distribution oversight.

Company	Issue	Result
Insys Therapeutics, Inc.	Opioid Distribution Risk	Withdrawn with Agreement

# Accountability — Political Spending & Lobbying Disclosure

Since the 2010 Citizens United ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court removed certain restraints on corporate expenditures for political purposes, the Fund has made it a priority to engage the public companies in its portfolio regarding disclosure of their spending on political and lobbying activities.

In the Citizens United decision, Justice Anthony Kennedy highlighted the importance of corporate political spending disclosure: “[D]isclosure permits citizens and shareholders to react to the speech of corporate entities in a proper way. This transparency enables the electorate to make informed decisions and give proper weight to different speakers and messages.”

Without proper disclosure of political and lobbying spending, shareholders are unable to determine whether that spending is aligned with a business purpose and cannot assess the legal, reputational, and business risks that can arise from these types of expenditures.

The Fund’s shareholder proposals ask companies for comprehensive public reports that may include their corporate spending on candidates, political parties, ballot measures, direct or indirect state and federal lobbying, payments to trade associations used for political purposes, and payments to organizations that write and endorse model legislation.

Since 2010, the Fund has filed 150 shareholder proposals on political spending and lobbying disclosure, and 42 companies have adopted or agreed to adopt such disclosure.

“Shining more light on the use of corporate resources to influence the political process leads to better shareholder understanding of how this activity can affect a company’s bottom line and long-term value.”

– Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli

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## Shareholder Proposals

During the 2019 Proxy Season, the Fund filed nine shareholder proposals seeking disclosure of companies' direct and indirect political spending, including contributions to independent committees, and the portion of trade association dues used for political purposes. The Fund reached agreements with one of the world's largest hoteliers Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc., the largest U.S. food distributor Sysco Corp. and The Kroger Co., the largest traditional U.S. grocery store chain. Of those proposals that went to a vote, the Fund's proposals received an average of 37.4 percent support from shareholders, up five percent from 2018 (32 percent). This includes a 48.7 percent vote in favor of the Fund's proposal at NextEra Energy Inc.

Company	Issue	Result
The Kroger Co.	Political Spending Disclosure	Withdrawn with Agreement
Sysco Corporation	Political Spending Disclosure	Withdrawn with Agreement
Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc.	Political Spending Disclosure	Withdrawn with Agreement
CMS Energy Corporation	Political Spending Disclosure	34.33%
Wynn Resorts Limited	Political Spending Disclosure	34.36%
Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	Political Spending Disclosure	34.45%
Duke Energy Corporation	Political Spending Disclosure	35.77%
Simon Property Group, Inc.	Political Spending Disclosure	37.05%
NextEra Energy, Inc.	Political Spending Disclosure	48.71%

## Political Spending and Lobbying Misalignment Risk

In 2019, the Comptroller wrote to nearly 100 portfolio companies regarding the Fund's longstanding concerns surrounding their potential exposure to business risks that can arise from misalignment between their corporate values and policies and their corporate political spending or lobbying initiatives. A recent study by the Center for Political Accountability highlights the reputational risk that may occur when there is a significant misalignment between a company's stated values and its corporate political donations. Such misalignment can cause public, customer and employee dissatisfaction, and confuse advocates on either side of an issue, leading to negative short-term and long-term impacts.

## LGBTQ Policies and Corporate Political Spending

In July 2019, the Comptroller wrote to 41 portfolio companies urging them to review their policies and procedures for making corporate political expenditures to determine whether such spending is aligned with corporate strategy and values. Such a review could help to ensure that a company's expenditures are consistent with its public stance

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on high-profile issues such as LGBTQ inclusion and nondiscrimination, thereby mitigating potentially significant misalignment risks that can have a negative impact on returns and share value.

## Aligning Climate Lobbying with Paris Agreement

In September 2019, the Comptroller joined 200 institutional investors, with a combined \$6.5 trillion in assets under management, in calling on 47 of the largest U.S. publicly traded corporations to align their climate lobbying with the goals of the Paris Agreement. The group warned that lobbying activities that are inconsistent with meeting climate goals are an investment risk.

“Many companies talk the talk when it comes to building a lower-carbon global economy, but some continue to support agendas and groups that oppose the goals of the Paris Agreement. We need greater transparency and accountability from our portfolio companies. We need to know if they are lobbying—or supporting trade organizations that are lobbying—against the worldwide effort to rein in climate change.”

– Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli

## Accountability — Executive Compensation

The Fund views executive compensation as a key component of company accountability, as well as being a critical and visible aspect of a board’s governance. The Fund believes that executive compensation should be transparent and tied tightly to long-term performance. The overarching goals of compensation packages should be to create sustainable value and to advance the company’s strategic objectives. If the members of an independent compensation committee fail to set responsible executive compensation levels, it is a strong indicator that the board’s overall oversight of management is inadequate.

Since 2013, the Fund’s focus on executive compensation, including shareholder proposals and other engagement efforts with 45 public companies in its portfolio, has yielded 22 agreements to improve executive compensation policies and practices.

In 2019, the Fund filed proposals related to executive compensation at nine companies, which led to four agreements. The topics of the proposals included target pay, policies surrounding share buybacks, and golden parachutes.

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## Shareholder Proposals — Target Pay

Target pay proposals ask boards to take into consideration the pay grades and salary ranges of all classifications of employees when setting target pay for CEO compensation. According to the Economic Policy Institute, CEOs of America's largest firms earned \$271 for every dollar their employees earned in 2016. In 1995, the CEO-to-worker pay ratio was 123-to-1; in 1978, it was 30-to-1; and in 1965, it was 20-to-1. Many companies' compensation committees use peer group benchmarks to set their target CEO compensation. These target pay amounts are then subject to performance adjustments.

Although many companies target CEO compensation at the median of their peer group, certain companies have targeted their CEO's pay well above the median. In addition, peer groups can be "cherry-picked" to include larger or more successful companies where CEO compensation is higher. The Fund believes portfolio companies should align CEO pay practices with their pay practices for other employees and provide supplemental information that helps investors understand compensation practices.

In 2019, the Fund filed three target pay proposals and reached agreements with all three companies: Cisco Systems, Mattel, Inc., and The Archer Daniels Midland Company. The companies will re-examine their CEO and executive pay, and adopt policies that take into account the compensation of the rest of their workforces.

Company	Issue	Result
Cisco System	Target Pay	Withdrawn with Agreement
Mattel, Inc.	Target Pay	Withdrawn with Agreement
The Archer Daniels Midland Company	Target Pay	Withdrawn with Agreement

## Shareholder Proposals — Share Buybacks and Pay for Performance

In 2019, the Fund began engaging with portfolio companies on issues associated with share buybacks. Similar to any capital allocation strategy, share buybacks present both opportunities and risks. For long-term shareholders, share buybacks are most defensible if done carefully and within the context of a long-term growth strategy. In 2018, companies in the S&P 500 spent \$806 billion on stock buybacks, dwarfing the previous record of nearly \$590 billion set in 2007.

A growing pool of data highlights the risks share buybacks may pose to companies and their investors. Allocating capital to share buybacks may result in fewer resources for reinvestment in growth, such as developing new products or services, hiring or retraining workers, or building new facilities. Some evidence shows that companies may repurchase shares at or near the top of the economic cycle when they are most expensive, resulting in economic loss, opportunity loss, and thus the destruction of value for long-term investors. Moreover, senior executives may favor share buybacks, even when other capital allocation strategies may yield better long-term results, because of

their potential positive impact on performance metrics linked to executive compensation, thereby boosting executive pay.

The Fund filed shareholder proposals at Fleetcor Technologies, Inc. and Mondelēz International, Inc. requesting they exclude the impact of share repurchases from the incentive pay for senior executives. The Fund secured an agreement with Mondelēz International, Inc. and received 19 percent support from Fleetcor Technologies, Inc.'s shareholders.

Company	Issue	Result
Mondelēz International, Inc.	Share Buybacks and Pay for Performance	Withdrawn with Agreement
Fleetcor Technologies, Inc.	Share Buybacks and Pay for Performance	19.33%

## Shareholder Proposals — Share Buybacks and Share Retention

Long-term equity-based compensation is an important component of senior executive compensation. While many investors encourage the use of equity-based compensation for senior executives, some companies' senior executives are generally free to sell shares received from equity compensation plans. The Fund believes long-term holding requirements could help to better focus senior executives on a company's long-term success rather than short-term results, especially with respect to capital allocation decisions and share buybacks.

In 2019, the Fund filed shareholder proposals at The Boeing Company and Tyson Foods, Inc. urging the companies to adopt policies requiring senior executives to retain a significant percentage of shares acquired through equity compensation programs until reaching normal retirement age. The Fund's proposal at The Boeing Company received approximately 25 percent support from the company's shareholders.

Company	Issue	Result
The Boeing Company	Share Buybacks and Stock Retention	24.85%
Tyson Foods, Inc.	Share Buybacks and Stock Retention	6.74%

## Shareholder Proposal — Guess?, Inc. Golden Parachute

In 2019, the Fund re-filed a shareholder proposal at Guess?, Inc. which asked the company to seek shareholder approval for future severance agreements with senior executives that provide benefits in an amount exceeding 2.99 times the sum of an executive's base salary, plus bonus. The Fund has long been concerned about the Guess? company's golden parachute severance packages, which would allow top executives to walk away with millions of dollars upon agreements to leave the company. The golden parachute proposal at Guess? received support from over 26 percent of the company's shareholders.

Company	Issue	Result
Guess?, Inc.	Golden Parachute	26.45%

## Shareholder Proposal — Wells Fargo Compensation Incentives Reporting

In 2019, the Fund refiled a proposal at Wells Fargo calling on the bank to provide a report detailing the company's efforts to determine whether its incentive pay practices have exposed it to financial loss. The proposal, which received over 21 percent support from shareholders, came as Wells Fargo faced multiple lawsuits from employees, customers and investors, and potentially \$1 billion in fines as a result of scandals involving incentive pay for employees. Comptroller DiNapoli said, "Investors need to know whether the company has taken steps to identify employees' incentive-based compensation that could spur conduct that puts the bank, its customers and investors at risk. If investors don't hear from Wells Fargo, we will be left to wonder when the next headline will inform us of a new scandal or more enforcement penalties."

Company	Issue	Result
Wells Fargo & Company	Incentive Compensation and Risks of Material Losses	21.39%

## Accountability — Wynn Resorts Derivative Lawsuit

In February 2018, the Comptroller, as Trustee of the Fund, filed a legal action against officers and directors of Wynn Resorts Ltd. The derivative action alleged that certain officers and directors breached their fiduciary duties by concealing Steve Wynn's sexual misconduct toward employees and failing to investigate or hold him accountable. An agreement was reached in November 2019 that the company would receive \$41 million from Steve Wynn and the board members' insurance carriers, and that the company would adopt significant governance reforms designed to prevent future governance failures.

## Accountability — Facebook Corporate Governance Reform

In June, Comptroller DiNapoli wrote Facebook Chairman and CEO Mark Zuckerberg regarding the results of Facebook's 2019 annual meeting and the company's response to the overwhelming support among non-insider shareholders for three shareholder proposals filed by unaffiliated stockholders.

At the meeting, these shareholder proposals, calling for equal votes per share, an independent chair, and majority threshold for director elections, received over 67 percent support from unaffiliated stockholders. This was a clear message from an overwhelming majority of the Company's stockholders that the entrenchment and lack of independence of Facebook's Board of Directors is a major concern.

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Facebook has faced numerous management failures in recent years, which have contributed to the company's mishandling of a number of significant controversies that have exposed stockholders to increased risk and financial costs. These include the proliferation of fake news and hate speech on Facebook platforms, Russian meddling in U.S. elections, and concerning data-sharing practices. These three proposals requested implementation of widely accepted best practices for corporate governance, and would be a good first step in restoring meaningful oversight of management and perhaps preventing these issues in the future.

Given the strong show of support from stockholders for these three proposals, the Comptroller urged Facebook to implement them as soon as possible and requested a response detailing a timetable for enactment. The Comptroller also notified Facebook that if the company failed to disclose a plan to implement these proposals in spite of majority support from unaffiliated stockholders, the Fund may vote against all board of director nominees at next year's annual meeting.

## **Accountability — Lyft IPO & Dual Class Shares**

In March 2019, the Fund, as part of a group of institutional investors with \$3.2 trillion in assets under management, sent a letter urging Lyft's board of directors to adopt a one share, one vote structure or to adopt a near-term sunset provision for its dual class structure. During its initial public offering, Lyft disclosed plans to give its two founders 20 votes a share for every one publicly held share, enabling the founders, who currently own roughly 7 percent of shares, to control more than 60 percent of voting power. As mentioned in the letter, the arrangement imposed a significant gap between those who exercise control over the company and those who have significant exposure to the consequences of that control.



# Public Policy Advocacy

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The long-term value of the Fund's investments can be impacted by particular legislative and regulatory actions. As a result, addressing public policy matters is a key component of the Fund's stewardship strategy. In 2019, our primary public policy advocacy priorities included protecting shareholder rights and fighting against harmful deregulation efforts surrounding climate change.

- In February, the Comptroller expressed his support for H.R. 1018, "Improving Corporate Governance Through Diversity Act of 2019," sponsored by Representative Gregory Meeks. The bill would provide investors with information critical to assessing the diversity of boards and senior executives at public companies and would improve the management of investment capital.
- In April, the Comptroller joined other investors, organized by CERES, in writing a letter to House Committee on Financial Services Chairwoman Maxine Waters in support of SEC Rule 14a-8. The letter stated: "We hope shareholders of all sizes will continue to be allowed to suggest, on an advisory basis, these sorts of positive changes to the companies they own through the existing shareholder proposal process. Rulemaking related to Rule 14a-8 is not needed at this time."
- In June, the Comptroller released the Fund's Climate Action Plan, which lays out a path for the Fund to further address climate risk in its portfolio. The plan included recommendations for the Fund to continue its public policy advocacy at the international, federal and state levels on climate change issues that may impact the Fund's returns, including carbon pricing and GHG emissions regulation.
- In August, the Comptroller wrote SEC Chairman Jay Clayton regarding the impending interpretation and related guidance that would make it unnecessarily difficult for proxy advisory firms to provide timely, independent and cost-effective research to its clients. Investors need timely, independent and cost-effective proxy research. The Comptroller stressed that those key principles of proxy research should not be compromised.
- In September, Comptroller DiNapoli joined investors organized by U.S. SIF: The Forum for Sustainable and Responsible Investment in writing SEC Chairman Jay Clayton and SEC Director of Corporation Finance Bill Hinman regarding Rule 14a-8. The letter made the case that the current shareholder proposal process works and urged the SEC not to make changes to Rule 14a-8. The letter also identified significant accomplishments made through Rule 14a-8 that have strengthened capital markets and improved corporate behavior on environmental, social and governance matters.
- In October, the Fund submitted comments to the SEC regarding the "Modernization of Regulation S-K." In the comment letter, the Fund generally supported increased disclosure surrounding human capital management practices at companies. However, the Fund expressed caution with a solely principles-based disclosure regime for human capital management and the SEC's proposal to increase from \$100,000 to \$300,000 the disclosure threshold for monetary sanctions imposed by a governmental authority in environmental proceedings. Additionally, the Fund requested that the SEC, as part of its review of S-K, propose additional disclosure requirements for GHG emissions. This includes asking companies to disclose

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how their businesses are prepared for the transition to a low carbon economy by reducing GHG emissions and establishing business models to be in line with the Paris Climate Agreement's goals.

- In a letter to SEC Chairman Jay Clayton in November, Comptroller DiNapoli requested an extension to the public comment periods for the SEC proposed rules on Rule 14a-8 and proxy advisory firms. The Comptroller requested a 60 day extension to the public comment period for both proposals because "such dramatic and controversial changes to the proxy process require additional time for all parties to produce data and provide comprehensive comments." The Comptroller was also a signatory to a Council of Institutional Investors (CII) letter to Chairman Clayton on the same topic.
- In November, Comptroller DiNapoli joined the New York City Pension Funds and the New York State Teachers' Retirement System in writing the New York State Congressional delegation requesting their opposition to the SEC's proposed rules on Rule 14a-8 and proxy advisory firms. The letter stated: "[T]he SEC's proposals are solutions in search of problems, changes not requested or advocated for by investors, and a questionable use of the SEC's resources and mission, which includes protecting investors and our financial markets."
- In December, in response to the SEC's proposed amendments to Rule 14a-8 and to the rules governing proxy advisory firms, Comptroller DiNapoli and members of the Principles for Responsible Investment Association sent a letter urging the SEC to preserve the rights of shareholders to make their voices heard and the independence of proxy voting advice.
- In a December 2019 letter to the New York State Congressional delegation, Comptroller DiNapoli requested their support for including the Green Act of 2019 in a deal to fund the federal government. Components of the Green Act include a five-year extension of tax credits for onshore wind and solar, extension of the investment tax credit for offshore wind, extension of tax credits for electric vehicles and a stand-alone tax credit for energy storage technology. The Comptroller stated, "Incentives, such as those proposed in the Green Act of 2019, will promote clean energy and energy efficiency deployment, encourage the development and growth of low carbon industries in the U.S., and ultimately help to mitigate the harmful long-term effects of climate change that threaten the returns of the [Fund]."

As described above, the Corporate Governance Program's focus on public policy advocacy when it may impact the long-term value of our investments takes many forms. This includes meetings and correspondence with elected representatives, regulators and other public officials, testimony at hearings and forums, comments on regulatory and legislative proposals, and participation in state, national, and international forums and initiatives.

# Appendix: 2019 Fund Shareholder Proposals

Company	Issue	Result
Concho Resources Inc.	2 Degree Scenario Reporting	Withdrawn with Agreement
Diamondback Energy, Inc.	2 Degree Scenario Reporting	Withdrawn with Agreement
Range Resources Corporation	2 Degree Scenario Reporting	Withdrawn with Agreement
Continental Resources, Inc.	2 Degree Scenario Reporting	14.39%
New Residential Investment Corp.	Board Diversity	Withdrawn with Agreement
TripAdvisor, Inc.	Board Diversity	Withdrawn with Agreement
WisdomTree Investments, Inc.	Board Diversity	Withdrawn with Agreement
Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc.	Board Diversity	78.27%
Amazon.com, Inc.	Community Impact Reporting	SEC Granted No Action Relief
Cigna Corporation	Cyber Security Reporting	Withdrawn with Agreement
Capri Holdings Limited	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Targets	Withdrawn with Agreement
Dollar General Corporation	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Targets	Withdrawn with Agreement
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc.	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Targets	Withdrawn with Agreement
Under Armour	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Targets	Withdrawn with Agreement
Vistra Energy Corp.	GHG Reductions – Targets	Withdrawn with Agreement
Fluor Corporation	GHG Reductions – Targets	46.34%
ExxonMobil Corporation	GHG Reductions – Targets	SEC Granted No Action Relief
Guess?, Inc.	Golden Parachute	26.45%
Facebook, Inc.	Hate Speech & Fake News Content Management	5.70%
Alphabet Inc.	Hate Speech & Fake News Content Management	6.93%
Twitter, Inc.	Hate Speech & Fake News Content Management	39.43%

Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc.	Human Rights Risk Assessment	Withdrawn with Agreement
Dunkin' Brands Group Inc.	Human Rights Risk Assessment	Withdrawn with Agreement
Steve Madden, Ltd.	Human Rights Risk Assessment	33.76%
Wells Fargo & Company	Incentive Compensation and Risks of Material Losses	21.39%
Insys Therapeutics, Inc.	Opioid Distribution Risk	Withdrawn with Agreement
Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc.	Political Spending Disclosure	Withdrawn with Agreement
Sysco Corporation	Political Spending Disclosure	Withdrawn with Agreement
The Kroger Co.	Political Spending Disclosure	Withdrawn with Agreement
CMS Energy Corporation	Political Spending Disclosure	34.33%
Wynn Resorts Limited	Political Spending Disclosure	34.36%
Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	Political Spending Disclosure	34.45%
Duke Energy Corporation	Political Spending Disclosure	35.77%
Simon Property Group, Inc.	Political Spending Disclosure	37.05%
NextEra Energy, Inc.	Political Spending Disclosure	48.71%
Mondel z International, Inc.	Share Buybacks and Pay for Performance	Withdrawn with Agreement
Fleetcor Technologies, Inc.	Share Buybacks and Pay for Performance	19.33%
Tyson Foods, Inc.	Share Buybacks and Stock Retention	6.74%
The Boeing Company	Share Buybacks and Stock Retention	24.85%
American Financial Group, Inc.	Sustainability Reporting	Withdrawn with Agreement
Papa John's International, Inc.	Sustainability Reporting	Withdrawn with Agreement
Charter Communications, Inc.	Sustainability Reporting	28.22%
Cisco System	Target Pay	Withdrawn with Agreement
Mattel, Inc.	Target Pay	Withdrawn with Agreement
The Archer Daniels Midland Company	Target Pay	Withdrawn with Agreement
Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.	TCFD Climate Disclosure	Withdrawn with Agreement

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## ***FIRM PROFILE:***

Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, is a 100-plus attorney AV-rated law firm founded in 1972 with offices in San Francisco, New York, Nashville, and Munich. We have a diversified practice, successfully representing plaintiffs in the fields of personal injury and mass torts, securities and financial fraud, employment discrimination and unlawful employment practices, product defect, consumer protection, antitrust, environmental and toxic exposures, False Claims Act, digital privacy and data security, and human rights. Our clients include individuals, classes and groups of people, businesses, and public and private entities.

Lieff Cabraser has served as Court-appointed Plaintiffs' Lead or Class Counsel in state and federal coordinated, multi-district, and complex litigation throughout the United States. With co-counsel, we have represented clients across the globe in cases filed in American courts. Lieff Cabraser is among the largest firms in the United States that only represent plaintiffs.

Described by *The American Lawyer* as "one of the nation's premier plaintiffs' firms," Lieff Cabraser enjoys a national reputation for professional integrity and the successful prosecution of our clients' claims. We possess sophisticated legal skills and the financial resources necessary for the handling of large, complex cases, and for litigating against some of the nation's largest corporations. We take great pride in the leadership roles our firm plays in many of this country's major cases, including those resulting in landmark decisions and precedent-setting rulings.

Lieff Cabraser has litigated and resolved thousands of individual lawsuits and hundreds of class and group actions, including some of the most important civil cases in the United States over the past four decades. We have assisted our clients in recovering over \$124 billion in verdicts and settlements. Twenty-eight cases have been resolved for over \$1 billion; another 55 have resulted in verdicts or settlements at or in excess of \$100 million.

*The National Law Journal* has recognized Lieff Cabraser as one of the nation's top plaintiffs' law firms for fourteen years, and we are a member of its Plaintiffs' Hot List Hall of Fame, "representing the best qualities of the plaintiffs' bar and demonstrating unusual dedication and creativity." *The National Law Journal* separately recognized Lieff Cabraser as one of the "50 Leading Plaintiffs Firms in America." In December 2019, *The American Lawyer* included Lieff Cabraser in its "Top 50 Litigation Departments in the U.S.," the only all-plaintiff-side litigation firm included among the firms recognized. In March of 2020, Benchmark Litigation named Lieff Cabraser its "California Plaintiff Firm of the Year."

In September of 2019, *Law360* named Lieff Cabraser a "California Powerhouse" for litigation after naming our firm its "Class Action Firm of the Year" in January 2019. In July of 2019, Public Justice awarded Lieff Cabraser its "Trial Lawyer of the Year" award. In March 2019, *Benchmark Litigation* selected Lieff Cabraser as its "California Plaintiff Firm of the Year" and we were 2018 finalists for *Benchmark's* "Plaintiff Law Firm of the Year." Lieff Cabraser has 21 lawyers named to the "Best Lawyers in America" 2020 listing, and *The National Law Journal* awarded our firm its 2019 "Elite Trial Lawyer" awards in the fields of Consumer Protection and Cybersecurity/Data Breach. We had 38 firm lawyers named to the 2019 *Super Lawyers* "Super Lawyer" and "Rising Star" lists, and were named the *Daily Journal's* "California Lawyers of the Year 2018" as well as having eight lawyers named to *Benchmark's* "40 and Under Hot List 2018."

*U.S. News* and *Best Lawyers* has selected Lieff Cabraser as a national "Law Firm of the Year" six times in the last nine years, in categories including Mass Torts Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs and Employment Law – Individuals. In 2017, Lieff Cabraser's Digital Privacy and Data Security practice group was named "Privacy Group of the Year" by *Law360*, and the firm's Consumer Protection practice group was named "Consumer Protection Group of the Year" by the publication as well.

In 2016, *Benchmark Litigation* named Lieff Cabraser to its "Top 10 Plaintiff Firms in America" list, *The National Law Journal* chose our firm as one of nine "Elite Trial Lawyers" nationwide, and *Law360* selected Lieff Cabraser as one of the "Top 50 Law Firms Nationwide for Litigation." The publication separately noted that our firm "persists as a formidable agency of change, producing world class legal work against some of the most powerful corporate players in the world today."



## ***CASE PROFILES:***

### **I. Personal Injury and Products Liability Litigation**

#### **A. Current Cases**

1. ***John Doe v. University of Michigan and The Regents of the University of Michigan***, Case No. 2:20-cv-10629 (E.D. Mich.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Plaintiffs' Interim Co-Class Counsel in the sexual abuse litigation against the University of Michigan and Dr. Robert E. Anderson pending in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. The lawsuit, brought on behalf of former student-patients, alleges that Anderson abused his position to repeatedly and regularly sexually assault University students in the guise of providing medical care, and that the University of Michigan and its Regents allowed and enabled that abuse during his employment at the University from 1968 through 2003. A University of Michigan press release notes that the sexual abuse allegations against Anderson are said to be "disturbing and very serious," and include claims of unnecessary and intimate exams by a doctor with unrestricted access to male college athletes over a period extending over three decades.
2. ***Southern California Fire Cases (California Thomas Wildfire & Mudslide Litigation)***, JCCP No. 4965 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser partners Lexi J. Hazam and Robert J. Nelson serve as Co-Lead Counsel in consolidated individual and class action lawsuits against Southern California Edison over the role of the utility's equipment in starting the devastating Thomas Fire that ravaged Southern California in December 2017 and the resulting subsequent mudslides in Montecito that killed 21 people. The action seeks restitution for personal and business losses alleged to have occurred as a result of Southern California Edison's failure to properly and safely maintain its electrical infrastructure in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

Thorough post-fire investigations through the spring of 2019 have determined that what became known as the Thomas Fire was a result of the merging of the Ventura County Koenigstein Fire (caused by the separation of an energized conductor near an insulator on an SCE-operated power pole, which then fell to the ground along with molten metal particles and ignited the dry vegetation below) and the Thomas Fire (caused by power lines owned by SCE coming into contact with each other during high winds). Both the Koenigstein Fire and the Thomas Fire started on the same electrical circuit; hours after they began, the Koenigstein Fire merged with the Thomas Fire and collectively became known as the Thomas Fire. The fire burned a total of 281,893 acres, destroying 1,063 structures and resulting in one civilian and one firefighter fatality.

3. **2017 California North Bay Fire Cases**, JCCP No. 4955 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser founding partner Elizabeth Cabraser and firm partner Lexi Hazam serve as Chairs of the Class Action Committee in the consolidated lawsuits against Pacific Gas & Electric relating to losses from the 2017 San Francisco Bay Wine Country Fires. Cabraser and Hazam also serve on the Individual Plaintiffs Executive Committee in the litigation. In November of 2017, Lieff Cabraser filed individual and class action lawsuits against PG&E for losses relating to the devastating October 2017 North Bay Fires. The lawsuit sought to hold PG&E accountable for damages to real and personal property, loss of income, and loss of business arising from the fires. In the wake of the devastating fires that burned throughout northern California in October of 2017, more than 50 separate lawsuits were filed in multiple courts seeking to hold PG&E liable.

In January 2018, the lawsuits were consolidated into a single action in San Francisco Superior Court. Cal Fire has determined that of the 21 major fires last fall in Northern California, at least 17 were caused by power lines, poles and other equipment owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company. PG&E had attempted to coordinate the actions in five separate clusters, including in counties that to date have no pertinent cases, but the Court held that issues of commonality and efficiency mandated coordination on a single court in San Francisco.

PG&E made multiple demurrers to plaintiffs' inverse condemnation claims, seeking the outright dismissal of plaintiffs' claims for damages against the utility unless PG&E was granted the right to pass any damages award on to its ratepaying customers. In May 2018, the Court issued an order overruling PG&E's demurrers. The Court disagreed with PG&E's arguments on all counts, holding in favor of plaintiffs and directing PG&E to answer plaintiffs' pending complaints. In June of 2018, PG&E announced that it expected to be held liable for damage from most if not all of the deadly and widespread fires that coursed through the North San Francisco Bay Area in October of 2017, recording so far a \$2.5 billion charge to cover losses. PG&E noted that the \$2.5 billion charge represents the low end of its anticipated potential losses.

4. **Camp Fire Cases**, JCCP No. 4995 (Cal. Supr. Court). Lieff Cabraser represents the family of Ernest Francis "Ernie" Foss, beloved father and musician, who was killed in the November 2018 Camp Fire, the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in modern California history. The fire broke out in Northern California near Chico in early November 2018 and quickly grew to massive size, affecting over 140,000 acres and killing at least 80 people, destroying nearly 14,000 homes and nearly obliterating the town of Paradise, and causing the evacuation of over 50,000 area residents.

In addition, Lieff Cabraser represents plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit as well as hundreds of individual suits filed against PG&E for the devastating property damage, economic losses, and disruption to homes, businesses, and livelihoods caused by the Camp wildfire. The lawsuits allege the Camp Fire was started by unsafe electrical infrastructure owned, operated, and improperly maintained by PG&E. The plaintiffs further claim that despite PG&E's knowledge that electrical infrastructure was aging, unsafe, and vulnerable to environmental conditions, PG&E failed to take action that could have prevented the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California's history.

5. ***In re PG&E Corporation***, Case No. 19-30088 and *In re Pacific Gas and Electric Company*, Case No. 19-30089 (U.S. Bankruptcy Court, N.D. Cal. – San Francisco Division). In January of 2019, in the face of overwhelming liability from pending wildfire litigation, including the North Bay and Camp Fire JCCPs, PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the federal Bankruptcy Code. As a result of the bankruptcy filing, the Camp Fire and North Bay Fires proceedings in state court have been stayed. In February 2019, Andrew R. Vara, the Acting United States Trustee for Region 3, appointed an official committee of tort claimants to represent the interests and act on behalf of all persons with tort claims against PG&E, including wildfire victims, in the bankruptcy proceedings. Lieff Cabraser represents Angela Foss Loo as a member of the Official Committee of Tort Claimants.
6. ***Woolsey Fire Cases***, JCCP No. 5000 (Cal Supr. Ct.). Judge William F. Highberger named Lexi J. Hazam as Co-Lead Counsel for Individual Plaintiffs in the coordinated Woolsey Fire Cases against Southern California Edison relating to the devastating 2018 fire that burned more than 1000 homes and 96,000 acres in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The action includes claims for negligence, trespass, inverse condemnation, and violation of the California Public Utilities and Health and Safety codes, and seeks damages for the fires victims' losses.
7. ***In re Toyota Motor Corp. Unintended Acceleration Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 2151 (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel for the plaintiffs in the Toyota injury cases in federal court representing individuals injured, and families of loved ones who died, in Toyota unintended acceleration accidents. The complaints charge that Toyota took no action despite years of complaints that its vehicles accelerated suddenly and could not be stopped by proper application of the brake pedal. The complaints further allege that Toyota breached its duty to manufacture and sell safe automobiles by failing to incorporate a brake override system and other

readily available safeguards that could have prevented unintended acceleration.

In December 2013, Toyota announced its intention to begin to settle the cases. In 2014, Lieff Cabraser played a key role in turning Toyota's intention into a reality through assisting in the creation of an innovative resolution process that has settled scores of cases in streamlined, individual conferences. The settlements are confidential. Before Toyota agreed to settle the litigation, plaintiffs' counsel overcame significant hurdles in the challenging litigation. In addition to defeating Toyota's motion to dismiss the litigation, Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel demonstrated that the highly-publicized government studies that denied unintended acceleration, or attributed it to mechanical flaws and driver error, were flawed and erroneous.

8. ***Individual General Motors Ignition Switch Defect Injury Lawsuits***, MDL No. 2543 (S.D. N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represents over 100 persons injured nationwide, and families of loved ones who died, in accidents involving GM vehicles sold with a defective ignition switch. Without warning, the defect can cause the car's engine and electrical system to shut off, disabling the air bags. For over a decade GM was aware of this defect and failed to inform government safety regulators and public. The defect has been implicated in the deaths of over 300 people in crashes where the front air bags did not deploy. On August 15, 2014, U.S. District Court Judge Jesse M. Furman appointed Elizabeth J. Cabraser as Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel in the GM ignition switch litigation in federal court.
9. ***Retrievable Inferior Vena Cava Blood Filter Injuries, In re Bard IVC Filters Prods. Liab. Litig.***, MDL No. 2641 (D. Ariz.). Inferior Vena Cava blood filters or IVC filters are small, basket-like medical devices that are inserted into the inferior vena cava, the main blood vessel that returns blood from the lower half of the body to the heart. Tens of thousands of patients in the U.S. are implanted with IVC filters in order to provide temporary protection from pulmonary embolisms. However, these devices have resulted in multiple complications including device fracture, device migration, perforation of various organs, and an increased risk for venous thrombosis. Due to these complications, patients may have to undergo invasive device removal surgery or suffer heart attacks, hemorrhages, or other major injuries. We represent injured patients and their families in individual personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits against IVC filter manufacturers, and Lieff Cabraser attorney Wendy R. Fleishman serves on the Plaintiffs Executive Committee in the IVC Filter cases in the federal multidistrict litigation.

10. ***Injury and Death Lawsuits Involving Wrongful Driver Conduct and Defective Tires, Transmissions, Cars and/or Vehicle Parts (Seat Belts, Roof Crush, Defective seats, and Other Defects).*** Lieff Cabraser has an active practice prosecuting claims for clients injured, or the families of loved ones who have died, by wrongful driver conduct and by unsafe and defective vehicles, tires, restraint systems, seats, and other automotive equipment. The firm also represent clients in actions involving fatalities and serious injuries from tire and transmission failures as well as rollover accidents (and defective roofs, belts, seat back and other parts) as well as defective transmissions and/or shifter gates that cause vehicles to self-shift from park or false park into reverse. Our attorneys have received awards and recognition from *California Lawyer* magazine (Lawyer of the Year Award), the Consumer Attorneys of California, and the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association for their dedication to their clients and outstanding success in vehicle injury cases.
11. ***In Re: Abilify (Aripiprazole) Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 2734 (N.D. Fla.). We represent clients who have incurred crippling financial losses and pain and suffering from compulsive gambling caused by the drug Abilify. In May 2016 the FDA warned that Abilify can lead to damaging compulsive behaviors, including uncontrollable gambling. The gambling additions can be so severe that patients lose their homes, livelihoods, and marriages. The \$6+ billion a year-earning drug was prescribed for nearly 9 million patients in 2014 alone. In December 2016, Lieff Cabraser partner Lexi Hazam was appointed by the court overseeing the nationwide Abilify gambling injuries MDL litigation to the Plaintiffs Executive Committee and Co-Chairs the Science and Expert Sub-Committee for the nationwide Abilify MDL litigation. Discovery in the case is ongoing.
12. ***In re Engle Cases***, No. 3:09-cv-10000-J-32 JBT (M.D. Fl.). Lieff Cabraser represents Florida smokers, and the spouses and families of loved ones who died, in litigation against the tobacco companies for their 50-year conspiracy to conceal the hazards of smoking and the addictive nature of cigarettes.

On February 25th, 2015, a settlement was announced of more than 400 Florida smoker lawsuits against the major cigarette companies Philip Morris USA Inc., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, and Lorillard Tobacco Company. As a part of the settlement, the companies will collectively pay \$100 million to injured smokers or their families. This was the first settlement ever by the cigarette companies of smoker cases on a group basis.

Lieff Cabraser attorneys tried over 20 cases in Florida federal court against the tobacco industry on behalf of individual smokers or their estates, and with co-counsel obtained over \$105 million in judgments for our clients. Two of the jury verdicts Lieff Cabraser attorneys obtained in the litigation were ranked by *The National Law Journal* as among the Top 100 Verdicts of 2014.

13. ***In re Takata Airbag Litigation***, MDL No. 2599 (S.D. Fl.). Lieff Cabraser serves on the Plaintiffs Steering Committee in the national litigation related to Takata Corporation's defective and dangerous airbags manufactured by Japan-based Takata Corporation. Nearly 42 million vehicles have been recalled worldwide, making this the largest automotive recall in U.S. history.

The airbags contain an unstable propellant that can cause the airbag to explode upon impact in an accident, shooting metal casing debris towards drivers and passengers. Close to 300 injuries, including 23 deaths, have been linked to the airbags. The complaints charge that the company knew of defects in its airbags a decade ago after conducting secret tests of the products that showed dangerous flaws. Rather than alert federal safety regulators to these risks, Takata allegedly ordered its engineers to delete the test data. The complaints also allege that the vehicle manufacturers who used these airbags ignored numerous warning signs that they were not safe.

To date, Lieff Cabraser and our co-counsel have secured over \$1.5 billion in settlements from Honda, Toyota, Ford, Nissan, BMW, Subaru, and Mazda. Litigation continues against Volkswagen, Mercedes, Fiat Chrysler, and General Motors.

14. ***Stryker Metal Hip Implant Litigation***, MDL No. 2441 (D. Minn.). Lieff Cabraser represents over 60 hip replacement patients nationwide who received the recalled Stryker Rejuvenate and ABG II modular hip implant systems. Wendy Fleishman serves on the Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel Committee of the multidistrict litigation cases. These patients have suffered tissue damage and have high metal particle levels in their blood stream. For many patients, the Stryker hip implant failed necessitating painful revision surgery to extract and replace the artificial hip.

On November 3, 2014, a settlement was announced in the litigation against Stryker Corporation for the recall of its Rejuvenate and ABG II artificial hip implants. Under the settlement, Stryker will provide a base payment of \$300,000 to patients that received the Rejuvenate or ABG II hip systems and underwent revision surgery by November 3, 2014, to remove and replace the devices. Stryker's liability is not capped. It is expected that the total amount of payments under the settlement will far

exceed \$1 billion dollars. Payments under the settlement program are projected for disbursement at the end of 2015.

15. ***DePuy Metal Hip Implants Litigation***, MDL No. 2244 (N.D. Tex.). Lieff Cabraser represents nearly 200 patients nationwide who received the ASR XL Acetabular and ASR Hip Resurfacing systems manufactured by DePuy Orthopedics, a unit of Johnson & Johnson. In 2010, DePuy Orthopedics announced the recall of its all-metal ASR hip implants, which were implanted in approximately 40,000 U.S. patients from 2006 through August 2010. The complaints allege that DePuy Orthopedics was aware its ASR hip implants were failing at a high rate, yet continued to manufacture and sell the device. In January 2011, in *In re DePuy Orthopaedics, Inc. ASR Hip Implant Products*, MDL No. 2197, the Court overseeing all DePuy recall lawsuits in federal court appointed Lieff Cabraser partner Wendy R. Fleishman to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for the organization and coordination of the litigation. In July 2011, in the coordinated proceedings in California state court, the Court appointed Lieff Cabraser partner Robert J. Nelson to serve on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee.

In 2013, Johnson & Johnson announced its agreement to pay at least \$2.5 billion to resolve thousands of defective DePuy ASR hip implant lawsuits. Under the settlement, J&J offers to pay a base award of \$250,000 to U.S. citizens and residents who are more than 180 days from their hip replacement surgery, and prior to August 31, 2013, had to undergo revision surgery to remove and replace their faulty DePuy hip ASR XL or ASR resurfacing hip. The \$250,000 base award payment will be adjusted upward or downward depending on medical factors specific to each patient. Lieff Cabraser also represents nearly 100 patients whose DePuy Pinnacle artificial hips containing a metal insert called the Ultamet metal liner have prematurely failed.

16. ***Mirena Litigation***. A widely-used, plastic intrauterine device (IUD) that releases a hormone into the uterus to prevent pregnancy, Mirena is manufactured by Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals. Lieff Cabraser represents patients who have suffered serious injuries linked to the IUD. These injuries include uterine perforation (the IUD tears through the cervix or the wall of the uterus), ectopic pregnancy (when the embryo implants outside the uterine cavity), pelvic infections and pelvic inflammatory disease, and thrombosis (blood clots).
17. ***Birth Defects Litigation***. Lieff Cabraser represents children and their parents who have suffered birth defects as a result of problematic pregnancies and improper medical care, improper prenatal genetic screening, ingestion by the mother of prescription drugs during pregnancy which had devastating effects on their babies. These birth

defects range from heart defects, physical malformations, and severe brain damage associated with complex emotional and developmental delays. Taking of antidepressants during pregnancy has been linked to multiple types of birth defects, neonatal abstinence syndrome from experiencing withdrawal of the drug, and persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn (PPHN).

18. ***Vaginal Surgical Mesh Litigation.*** Lieff Cabraser represents more than 300 women nationwide who have been seriously injured as a result of polypropylene vaginal surgical mesh implantation as a treatment for pelvic organ prolapse or stress urinary incontinence. Manufactured by Johnson & Johnson, Boston Scientific, AMS, Bard, Caldera, Coloplast, and others, these products have been linked to serious side effects including erosion into the vaginal wall or other organs, infection, internal organ damage, and urinary problems. As of early 2016, the firm is in all phases of litigation and settlement on these cases.
19. ***Xarelto Litigation.*** Lieff Cabraser represents patients prescribed Xarelto sold in the U.S. by Janssen Pharmaceuticals, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson. The complaints charge that Xarelto, approved to prevent blood clots, is a dangerous and defective drug because it triggers in certain patients uncontrolled bleeding and other life-threatening complications. Unlike Coumadin, an anti-clotting drug approved over 50 years ago, the concentration of Xarelto in a patient's blood cannot be reversed in the case of overdose or other serious complications. If a Xarelto patient has an emergency bleeding event -- such as from a severe injury or major brain or GI tract bleeding -- the results can be fatal.
20. ***Benicar Litigation,*** MDL No. 2606 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser represents patients prescribed the high blood pressure medication Benicar who have experienced chronic diarrhea with substantial weight loss, severe gastrointestinal problems, and the life-threatening conditions of sprue-like enteropathy and villous atrophy in litigation against Japan-based Daiichi Sankyo, Benicar's manufacturer, and Forest Laboratories, which marketed Benicar in the U.S.

The complaints allege that Benicar was insufficiently tested and not accompanied by adequate instructions and warnings to apprise consumers of the full risks and side effects associated with its use. Lieff Cabraser attorney Lexi J. Hazam serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for the nationwide Benicar MDL litigation and was appointed Co-Chair of the Benicar MDL Plaintiffs' Science and Experts Committee. Plaintiffs recently filed motions to compel defense to produce additional discovery. The judge ruled with plaintiffs in the fall of 2015. In August 2017, a settlement with Daiichi Sankyo Inc. and Forest Laboratories Inc.



valued at \$300 million covering approximately 2,300 Benicar injury cases in both state and federal courts was announced.

21. ***Risperdal Litigation.*** In 2013, Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals, the manufacture of the antipsychotic prescription drugs Risperdal and Invega, entered into a \$2.2 billion settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice for over promoting the drugs. The government alleged that J&J and Janssen knew Risperdal triggered the production of prolactin, a hormone that stimulates breast development (gynecomastia) and milk production.

Lieff Cabraser represents parents whose sons developed abnormally large breasts while prescribed Risperdal and Invega in lawsuits charging that Risperdal is a defective and dangerous prescription drug and seeking monetary damages for the mental anguish and physical injuries the young men suffered.

22. ***Power Morcellators Litigation,*** MDL No. 2652 (D. Kan.). Lieff Cabraser represents women who underwent a hysterectomy (the removal of the uterus) or myomectomy (the removal of uterine fibroids) in which a laparoscopic power morcellator was used. In November 2014, the FDA warned surgeons that they should avoid the use of laparoscopic power morcellators for removing uterine tissue in the vast majority of cases due to the risk of the devices spreading unsuspected cancer. Based on current data, the FDA estimates that 1 in 350 women undergoing hysterectomy or myomectomy for the treatment of fibroids have an unsuspected uterine sarcoma, a type of uterine cancer that includes leiomyosarcoma.

23. ***In re New England Compounding Pharmacy Inc. Products Liability Litigation,*** MDL No. 2419 (D. Mass.). Lieff Cabraser represents patients injured or killed by a nationwide fungal meningitis outbreak in 2012. More than 14,000 patients across the U.S. were injected with a contaminated medication that caused the outbreak. The New England Compounding Center (“NECC”) in Framingham, Massachusetts, manufactured and sold the drug – an epidural steroid treatment designed to relieve back pain. The contaminated steroid was sold to patients at a number of pain clinics. Nearly 800 patients developed fungal meningitis, and more than 70 patients died.

Lieff Cabraser is a member of the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee in the multi-district litigation, and our attorneys act as federal-state liaison counsel. In May 2015, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court approved a \$200 million partial settlement for victims of the outbreak. Bellwether trials against remaining defendants commenced in 2016. Lieff Cabraser is expected to play a lead role in the bellwether trials.

## **B. Successes**

1. ***Multi-State Tobacco Litigation.*** Lieff Cabraser represented the Attorneys General of Massachusetts, Louisiana and Illinois, several additional states, and 21 cities and counties in California, in litigation against Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds and other cigarette manufacturers. The suits were part of the landmark \$206 billion settlement announced in November 1998 between the tobacco industry and the states' attorneys general. The states, cities and counties sought both to recover the public costs of treating smoking-related diseases and require the tobacco industry to undertake extensive modifications of its marketing and promotion activities in order to reduce teenage smoking. In California alone, Lieff Cabraser's clients were awarded an estimated \$12.5 billion to be paid through 2025.
2. ***In re Vioxx Products Liability Litigation,*** MDL No. 1657 (E.D. La.). Lieff Cabraser represented patients who suffered heart attacks or strokes, and the families of loved ones who died, after having been prescribed the arthritis and pain medication Vioxx. In individual personal injury lawsuits against Merck, the manufacturer of Vioxx, our clients allege that Merck falsely promoted the safety of Vioxx and failed to disclose the full range of the drug's dangerous side effects. In April 2005, in the federal multidistrict litigation, the Court appointed Elizabeth J. Cabraser to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, which has the responsibility of conducting all pretrial discovery of Vioxx cases in federal court and pursuing all settlement options with Merck. In August 2006, Lieff Cabraser was co-counsel in *Barnett v. Merck*, which was tried in the federal court in New Orleans. Lieff Cabraser attorneys Don Arbitblit and Jennifer Gross participated in the trial, working closely with attorneys Mark Robinson and Andy Birchfield. The jury reached a verdict in favor of Mr. Barnett, finding that Vioxx caused his heart attack, and that Merck's conduct justified an award of punitive damages. In November 2007, Merck announced it had entered into an agreement with the executive committee of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee as well as representatives of plaintiffs' counsel in state coordinated proceedings. Merck paid \$4.85 billion into a settlement fund for qualifying claims.
3. ***In re Silicone Gel Breast Implants Products Liability Litigation,*** MDL No. 926 (N.D. Ala.). Lieff Cabraser served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and was one of five members of the negotiating committee which achieved a \$4.25 billion global settlement with certain defendants of the action. This was renegotiated in 1995, and is referred to as the Revised Settlement Program ("RSP"). Over 100,000 recipients have received initial payments, reimbursement for the explanation expenses and/or long term benefits.

4. ***Fen-Phen (“Diet Drugs”) Litigation.*** Since the recall was announced in 1997, Lieff Cabraser has represented individuals who suffered injuries from the “Fen-Phen” diet drugs fenfluramine (sold as Pondimin) and/or dexfenfluramine (sold as Redux). The firm served as counsel for the plaintiff who filed the first nationwide class action lawsuit against the diet drug manufacturers alleging that they had failed to adequately warn physicians and consumers of the risks associated with the drugs. In *In re Diet Drugs (Phentermine / Fenfluramine / Dexfenfluramine) Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 1203 (E.D. Pa.), the Court appointed Elizabeth J. Cabraser to the Plaintiffs’ Management Committee which organized and directed the Fen-Phen diet drugs litigation in federal court. In August 2000, the Court approved a \$4.75 billion settlement offering both medical monitoring relief for persons exposed to the drug and compensation for persons with qualifying damage. Lieff Cabraser represented over 2,000 persons that suffered valvular heart disease, pulmonary hypertension or other problems (such as needing echocardiogram screening for damage) due to and/or following exposure to Fen-Phen and obtained more than \$350 million in total for clients in individual cases and/or claims.
5. ***In re Actos (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 2299 (W.D. La.). Lieff Cabraser represents 90 diabetes patients who developed bladder cancer after exposure to the prescription drug pioglitazone, sold as Actos by Japan-based Takeda Pharmaceutical Company and its American marketing partner, Eli Lilly.

Lieff Cabraser is a member of the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee in the Actos MDL. In 2014, Lieff Cabraser served on the trial team in the case of *Allen v. Takeda*, working closely with lead trial counsel in federal court in Louisiana. The jury awarded \$9 billion in punitive damages, finding that Takeda and Lilly failed to adequately warn about the bladder cancer risks of Actos and had acted with wanton and reckless disregard for patient safety. The trial judge reduced the punitive damage award but upheld the jury’s findings of misconduct, and ruled that a multiplier of 25 to 1 for punitive damages was justified.

In April 2015, Takeda agreed to settle all bladder cancer claims brought by Type 2 diabetes patients who took Actos prior to December 1, 2011 and who were diagnosed with bladder cancer on or before April 28, 2015 and were represented by counsel by May 1, 2015. The settlement amount is \$2.4 billion. Average payments of about \$250,000 per person will be increased for more severe injuries.

6. ***Jane Doe et al. v. George Tyndall and the University of Southern California***, Case No. 2:18-cv-05010 (C.D. Cal.). In June of 2018, Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel filed a class action lawsuit on behalf

of women who were sexually abused, harassed, and molested by gynecologist George Tyndall, M.D., while they were students at University of Southern California (“USC”). As alleged in the complaint, despite the fact that USC has publicly admitted that it received numerous complaints of Tyndall’s sexually abusive behavior, dating back to at least the year 2000, USC actively and deliberately concealed Tyndall’s sexual abuse for years, continuing to grant Tyndall unfettered sexual access to the female USC students in his care. USC hid the complaints despite the fact that many of the complaints came directly from its own employees and staff, including nurses and medical assistants who were physically present during the examinations as “chaperones,” and witnessed the sexual misconduct firsthand. Despite receiving years of serious complaints of significant misconduct about Tyndall, including sexual misconduct, USC failed to take any meaningful action to address the complaints until it was finally forced to do so in June 2016.

On February 12, 2019, University of Southern California (USC) students and alumni filed a class action settlement agreement resolving claims related to gynecologist George Tyndall, M.D. that will require USC to adopt and implement significant and permanent procedures for identification, prevention, and reporting of sexual and racial misconduct, as well as recognize all of Tyndall’s patients through a \$215 million fund that gives every survivor a choice in how to participate. The settlement proposes a tiered structure for recovery that allows victims to choose the level of engagement they wish to have with the claims process and how they wish to communicate their stories. All women who USC’s records show saw Tyndall for a women’s health visit will automatically get a \$2,500 check, and the further tiers are structured to allow victims to choose their level of engagement with the process – if they only want to submit claims in writing, they can choose that, which allows them a certain range of potential claim payments above the 2,500 floor; if they are willing and able to provide an interview, they can be eligible for a range up to the highest \$250,000 amount. But at all levels, the settlement is designed to provide victims with a safe process within which to come forward, where they have control over how much they want to engage at their chosen level of comfort.

On February 19, 2020, Judge Steven V. Wilson of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California granted final approval to the \$215 million settlement of the gender violence and sexual abuse class action litigation filed on behalf of nearly 18,000 women against Dr. George Tyndall and the University of Southern California.

7. ***Yaz and Yasmin Litigation.*** Lief Cabraser represented women prescribed Yasmin and Yaz oral contraceptives who suffered blood clots, deep vein thrombosis, strokes, and heart attacks, as well as the families of

loved ones who died suddenly while taking these medications. The complaints alleged that Bayer, the manufacturer of Yaz and Yasmin, failed to adequately warn patients and physicians of the increased risk of serious adverse effects from Yasmin and Yaz. The complaints also charged that these oral contraceptives posed a greater risk of serious side effects than other widely available birth control drugs. To date, Bayer has announced settlements of 7,660 claims – totaling \$1.6 billion – in the Yaz birth control lawsuits.

8. ***Sulzer Hip and Knee Prosthesis Liability Litigation.*** In December 2000, Sulzer Orthopedics, Inc., announced the recall of approximately 30,000 units of its Inter-Op Acetabular Shell Hip Implant, followed in May 2001 with a notification of failures of its Natural Knee II Tibial Baseplate Knee Implant. In coordinated litigation in California state court, *In re Hip Replacement Cases*, JCCP 4165, Lieff Cabraser served as Court-appointed Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and Co-Lead Counsel. In the federal litigation, *In re Sulzer Hip Prosthesis and Knee Prosthesis Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 1410, Lieff Cabraser played a significant role in negotiating a revised global settlement of the litigation valued at more than \$1 billion. The revised settlement, approved by the Court in May 2002, provided patients with defective implants almost twice the cash payment as under an initial settlement. On behalf of our clients, Lieff Cabraser objected to the initial settlement.
9. ***In re Bextra/Celebrex Marketing Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 1699 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and Elizabeth J. Cabraser chaired the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee (PSC) charged with overseeing all personal injury and consumer litigation in federal courts nationwide arising out of the sale and marketing of the COX-2 inhibitors Bextra and Celebrex, manufactured by Pfizer, Inc. and its predecessor companies Pharmacia Corporation and G.D. Searle, Inc.

Under the global resolution of the multidistrict tort and consumer litigation announced in October 2008, Pfizer paid over \$800 million to claimants, including over \$750 million to resolve death and injury claims.

In a report adopted by the Court on common benefit work performed by the PSC, the Special Master stated:

[L]eading counsel from both sides, and the attorneys from the PSC who actively participated in this litigation, demonstrated the utmost skill and professionalism in dealing with numerous complex legal and factual issues. The briefing presented to the Special Master, and also to the Court, and the development of evidence by both sides was exemplary. The Special Master particularly

wishes to recognize that leading counsel for both sides worked extremely hard to minimize disputes, and when they arose, to make sure that they were raised with a minimum of rancor and a maximum of candor before the Special Master and Court.

10. ***In re Guidant Implantable Defibrillators Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 1708 (D. Minn.). Lief Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel in litigation in federal court arising out of the recall of Guidant cardiac defibrillators implanted in patients because of potential malfunctions in the devices. At the time of the recall, Guidant admitted it was aware of 43 reports of device failures, and two patient deaths. Guidant subsequently acknowledged that the actual rate of failure may be higher than the reported rate and that the number of associated deaths may be underreported since implantable cardio-defibrillators are not routinely evaluated after death. In January 2008, the parties reached a global settlement of the action. Guidant's settlements of defibrillator-related claims will total \$240 million.
11. ***In re Copley Pharmaceutical, Inc., "Albuterol" Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 1013 (D. Wyo.). Lief Cabraser served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in a class action lawsuit against Copley Pharmaceutical, which manufactured Albuterol, a bronchodilator prescription pharmaceutical. Albuterol was the subject of a nationwide recall in January 1994 after a microorganism was found to have contaminated the solution, allegedly causing numerous injuries including bronchial infections, pneumonia, respiratory distress and, in some cases, death. In October 1994, the District Court certified a nationwide class on liability issues. *In re Copley Pharmaceutical*, 161 F.R.D. 456 (D. Wyo. 1995). In November 1995, the District Court approved a \$150 million settlement of the litigation.
12. ***In re Teletronics Pacing Systems Inc., Accufix Atrial "J" Leads Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 1057 (S.D. Ohio). Lief Cabraser served on the Court-appointed Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in a nationwide products liability action alleging that defendants placed into the stream of commerce defective pacemaker leads. In April 1997, the District Court re-certified a nationwide class of "J" Lead implantees with subclasses for the claims of medical monitoring, negligence and strict product liability. A summary jury trial, utilizing jury instructions and interrogatories designed by Lief Cabraser, occurred in February 1998. A partial settlement was approved thereafter by the District Court but reversed by the Court of Appeals. In March 2001, the District Court approved a renewed settlement that included a \$58 million fund to satisfy all past, present and future claims by patients for their medical care, injuries, or damages arising from the lead.

13. ***Mraz v. DaimlerChrysler***, No. BC 332487 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). In March 2007, the jury returned a \$54.4 million verdict, including \$50 million in punitive damages, against DaimlerChrysler for intentionally failing to cure a known defect in millions of its vehicles that led to the death of Richard Mraz, a young father. Mr. Mraz suffered fatal head injuries when the 1992 Dodge Dakota pickup truck he had been driving at his work site ran him over after he exited the vehicle believing it was in park. The jury found that a defect in the Dodge Dakota's automatic transmission, called a park-to-reverse defect, played a substantial factor in Mr. Mraz's death and that DaimlerChrysler was negligent in the design of the vehicle for failing to warn of the defect and then for failing to adequately recall or retrofit the vehicle.

For their outstanding service to their clients in Mraz and advancing the rights of all persons injured by defective products, Lieff Cabraser partner Robert J. Nelson, the lead trial counsel, received the 2008 California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) Award in the field of personal injury law, and was also selected as finalists for Attorney of the Year by the Consumer Attorneys of California and the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association.

In March 2008, a Louisiana-state jury found DaimlerChrysler liable for the death of infant Collin Guillot and injuries to his parents Juli and August Guillot and their then 3-year-old daughter, Madison. The jury returned a unanimous verdict of \$5,080,000 in compensatory damages. The jury found that a defect in the Jeep Grand Cherokee's transmission, called a park-to-reverse defect, played a substantial factor in Collin Guillot's death and the severe injuries suffered by Mr. and Mrs. Guillot and their daughter. Lieff Cabraser served as co-counsel in the trial.

14. ***Craft v. Vanderbilt University***, Civ. No. 3-94-0090 (M.D. Tenn.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Counsel of a certified class of over 800 pregnant women and their children who were intentionally fed radioactive iron isotopes without consent while receiving prenatal care at the Vanderbilt University hospital as part of a study on iron absorption during pregnancy. The women were not informed of the nature and risks of the study. Instead, they were told that the solution they were fed was a "vitamin cocktail." In the 1960's, Vanderbilt conducted a follow-up study to determine the health effects of the plaintiffs' prior radiation exposure. Throughout the follow-up study, Vanderbilt concealed from plaintiffs the fact that they had been involuntarily exposed to radiation, and that the purpose of the follow-up study was to determine whether there had been an increased rate of childhood cancers among those exposed *in utero*. Vanderbilt also did not inform plaintiffs of the results of the follow-up study, which revealed a disproportionately high incidence of cancers among the children born to the women fed the radioactive iron.

The facts surrounding the administration of radioactive iron to the pregnant women and their children in utero only came to light as a result of U.S. Energy Secretary Hazel O’Leary’s 1993 disclosures of government-sponsored human radiation experimentation during the Cold War. Defendants’ attempts to dismiss the claims and decertify the class were unsuccessful. 18 F. Supp.2d 786 (M.D. Tenn. 1998). The case was settled in July 1998 for a total of \$10.3 million and a formal apology from Vanderbilt.

15. ***Simply Thick Litigation.*** Lieff Cabraser represented parents whose infants died or suffered gave injuries linked to Simply Thick, a thickening agent for adults that was promoted to parents, caregivers, and health professional for use by infants to assist with swallowing. The individual lawsuits alleged that Simply Thick when fed to infants caused necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC), a life-threatening condition characterized by the inflammation and death of intestinal tissue. In 2014, the litigation was resolved on confidential terms.
16. ***Medtronic Infuse Litigation.*** Lieff Cabraser represented patients who suffered serious injuries from the off-label use of the Infuse bone graft, manufactured by Medtronic Inc. The FDA approved Infuse for only one type of spine surgery, the anterior lumbar fusion. Many patients, however, received an off-label use of Infuse and were never informed of the off-label nature of the surgery. Serious complications associated with Infuse included uncontrolled bone growth and chronic pain from nerve injuries. In 2014, the litigation was settled on confidential terms.
17. ***Wright Medical Hip Litigation.*** The Profemur-Z system manufactured by Wright Medical Technology consisted of three separate components: a femoral head, a modular neck, and a femoral stem. Prior to 2009, Profemur-Z hip system included a titanium modular neck adapter and stem which was implanted in 10,000 patients. Lieff Cabraser represented patients whose Profemur-Z hip implant fractured, requiring a revision surgery. In 2013 and 2014, the litigation was resolved on confidential terms.
18. ***In re Zimmer Durom Cup Product Liability Litigation,*** MDL No. 2158 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Liaison Counsel for patients nationwide injured by the defective Durom Cup manufactured by Zimmer Holdings. First sold in the U.S. in 2006, Zimmer marketed its ‘metal-on-metal’ Durom Cup implant as providing a greater range of motion and less wear than traditional hip replacement components. In July 2008, Zimmer announced the suspension of Durom sales. The complaints charged that the Durom cup was defective and led to the premature failure of the implant. In 2011 and 2012, the patients represented by Lieff Cabraser settled their cases with Zimmer on favorable, confidential terms.



19. ***Luisi v. Medtronic***, No. 07 CV 4250 (D. Minn.). Lieff Cabraser represented over seven hundred heart patients nationwide who were implanted with recalled Sprint Fidelis defibrillator leads manufactured by Medtronic Inc. Plaintiffs charge that Medtronic has misrepresented the safety of the Sprint Fidelis leads and a defect in the device triggered their receiving massive, unnecessary electrical shocks. A settlement of the litigation was announced in October 2010.
20. ***Blood Factor VIII And Factor IX Litigation***, MDL No. 986 (D. Il.) Working with counsel in Asia, Europe, Central and South America and the Middle East, Lieff Cabraser represented over 1,500 hemophiliacs worldwide, or their survivors and estates, who contracted HIV and/or Hepatitis C (HCV), and Americans with hemophilia who contracted HCV, from contaminated and defective blood factor products produced by American pharmaceutical companies. In 2004, Lieff Cabraser was appointed Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel of the "second generation" Blood Factor MDL litigation presided over by Judge Grady in the Northern District of Illinois. The case was resolved through a global settlement signed in 2009.
21. ***In Re Yamaha Motor Corp. Rhino ATV Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 2016 (W.D. Ky.) Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel in the litigation in federal court and Co-Lead Counsel in coordinated California state court litigation arising out of serious injuries and deaths in rollover accidents involving the Yamaha Rhino. The complaints charged that the Yamaha Rhino contained numerous design flaws, including the failure to equip the vehicles with side doors, which resulted in repeated broken or crushed legs, ankles or feet for riders. Plaintiffs alleged also that the Yamaha Rhino was unstable due to a narrow track width and high center of gravity leading to rollover accidents that killed and/or injured scores of persons across the nation.

On behalf of victims and families of victims and along with the Center for Auto Safety, and the San Francisco Trauma Foundation, Lieff Cabraser advocated for numerous safety changes to the Rhino in reports submitted to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). On March 31, 2009, the CPSC, in cooperation with Yamaha Motor Corp. U.S.A., announced a free repair program for all Rhino 450, 660, and 700 models to improve safety, including the addition of spacers and removal of a rear only anti-sway bar.

22. ***Advanced Medical Optics Complete MoisturePlus Litigation***. Lieff Cabraser represented consumers nationwide in personal injury lawsuits filed against Advanced Medical Optics arising out of the May 2007 recall of AMO's Complete MoisturePlus Multi-Purpose Contact Lens Solution. The product was recalled due to reports of a link between a

rare, but serious eye infection, *Acanthamoeba keratitis*, caused by a parasite and use of AMO's contact lens solution. Though AMO promoted Complete MoisturePlus Multi-Purpose as "effective against the introduction of common ocular microorganisms," the complaints charged that AMO's lens solution was ineffective and vastly inferior to other multipurpose solutions on the market. In many cases, patients were forced to undergo painful corneal transplant surgery to save their vision and some have lost all or part of their vision permanently. The patients represented by Lieff Cabraser resolved their cases with AMO on favorable, confidential terms.

23. ***Gol Airlines Flight 1907 Amazon Crash.*** Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and represents over twenty families whose loved ones died in the Gol Airlines Flight 1907 crash. On September 29, 2006, a brand-new Boeing 737-800 operated by Brazilian air carrier Gol plunged into the Amazon jungle after colliding with a smaller plane owned by the American company ExcelAire Service, Inc. None of the 149 passengers and six crew members on board the Gol flight survived the accident.

The complaint charged that the pilots of the ExcelAire jet were flying at an incorrect altitude at the time of the collision, failed to operate the jet's transponder and radio equipment properly, and failed to maintain communication with Brazilian air traffic control in violation of international civil aviation standards. If the pilots of the ExcelAire aircraft had followed these standards, the complaint charged that the collision would not have occurred.

At the time of the collision, the ExcelAire aircraft's transponder, manufactured by Honeywell, was not functioning. A transponder transmits a plane's altitude and operates its automatic anti-collision system. The complaint charged that Honeywell shares responsibility for the tragedy because it defectively designed the transponder on the ExcelAire jet, and failed to warn of dangers resulting from foreseeable uses of the transponder. The cases settled after they were sent to Brazil for prosecution.

24. ***Comair CRJ-100 Commuter Flight Crash in Lexington, Kentucky.*** A Bombardier CRJ-100 commuter plane operated by Comair, Inc., a subsidiary of Delta Air Lines, crashed on August 27, 2006 shortly after takeoff at Blue Grass Airport in Lexington, Kentucky, killing 47 passengers and two crew members. The aircraft attempted to take off from the wrong runway. The families represented by Lieff Cabraser obtained substantial economic recoveries in a settlement of the case.

25. ***In re ReNu With MoistureLoc Contact Lens Solution Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 1785 (D. S.C.). Lieff Cabraser served on

the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in federal court litigation arising out of Bausch & Lomb's 2006 recall of its ReNu with MoistureLoc contact lens solution. Consumers who developed *Fusarium keratitis*, a rare and dangerous fungal eye infection, as well as other serious eye infections, alleged the lens solution was defective. Some consumers were forced to undergo painful corneal transplant surgery to save their vision; others lost all or part of their vision permanently. The litigation was resolved under favorable, confidential settlements with Bausch & Lomb.

26. ***Helios Airways Flight 522 Athens, Greece Crash.*** On August 14, 2005, a Boeing 737 operating as Helios Airways flight 522 crashed north of Athens, Greece, resulting in the deaths of all passengers and crew. The aircraft was heading from Larnaca, Cyprus to Athens International Airport when ground controllers lost contact with the pilots, who had radioed in to report problems with the air conditioning system. Press reports about the official investigation indicate that a single switch for the pressurization system on the plane was not properly set by the pilots, and eventually both were rendered unconscious, along with most of the passengers and cabin crew.

Lieff Cabraser represented the families of several victims, and filed complaints alleging that a series of design defects in the Boeing 737-300 contributed to the pilots' failure to understand the nature of the problems they were facing. Foremost among those defects was a confusing pressurization warning "horn" which uses the same sound that alerts pilots to improper takeoff and landing configurations. The families represented by Lieff Cabraser obtained substantial economic recoveries in a settlement of the case.

27. ***Legend Single Engine "Turbine Legend" Kit Plane Crash.*** On November 19, 2005, a single engine "Turbine Legend" kit plane operated by its owner crashed shortly after takeoff from a private airstrip in Tucson, Arizona, killing both the owner/pilot and a passenger. Witnesses report that the aircraft left the narrow runway during the takeoff roll and although the pilot managed to get the plane airborne, it rolled to the left and crashed.

Lieff Cabraser investigated the liability of the pilot and others, including the manufacturer of the kit and the operator of the airport from which the plane took off. The runway was 16 feet narrower than the minimum width recommended by the Federal Aviation Administration. Lieff Cabraser represented the widow of the passenger, and the case was settled on favorable, confidential terms.

28. ***Manhattan Tourist Helicopter Crash.*** On June 14, 2005, a Bell 206 helicopter operated by Helicopter Flight Services, Inc. fell into the East River shortly after taking off for a tourist flight over New York City. The

pilot and six passengers were immersed upside-down in the water as the helicopter overturned. Lieff Cabraser represented a passenger on the helicopter and the case was settled on favorable, confidential terms.

29. ***U.S. Army Blackhawk Helicopter Tower Collision.*** Lieff Cabraser represented the family of a pilot who died in the November 29, 2004 crash of a U.S. Army Black Hawk Helicopter. The Black Hawk was flying during the early morning hours at an altitude of approximately 500 feet when it hit cables supporting a 1,700 foot-tall television tower, and subsequently crashed 30 miles south of Waco, Texas, killing both pilots and five passengers, all in active Army service. The tower warning lights required by government regulations were inoperative. The case was resolved through a successful, confidential settlement.
30. ***Air Algerie Boeing 737 Crash.*** Together with French co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represented the families of several passengers who died in the March 6, 2003 crash of a Boeing 737 airplane operated by Air Algerie. The aircraft crashed soon after takeoff from the Algerian city of Tamanrasset, after one of the engines failed. All but one of the 97 passengers were killed, along with six crew members. The families represented by Lieff Cabraser obtained economic recoveries in a settlement of the case.
31. ***In re Baycol Products Litigation,*** MDL No. 1431 (D. Minn.). Baycol was one of a group of drugs called statins, intended to reduce cholesterol. In August 2001, Bayer A.G. and Bayer Corporation, the manufacturers of Baycol, withdrew the drug from the worldwide market based upon reports that Baycol was associated with serious side effects and linked to the deaths of over 100 patients worldwide. In the federal multidistrict litigation, Lieff Cabraser served as a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee (PSC) and the Executive Committee of the PSC. In addition, Lieff Cabraser represented approximately 200 Baycol patients who suffered injuries or family members of patients who died allegedly as a result of ingesting Baycol. In these cases, our clients reached confidential favorable settlements with Bayer.
32. ***United Airlines Boeing 747 Disaster.*** Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel on behalf of the passengers and families of passengers injured and killed in the United Airlines Boeing 747 cargo door catastrophe near Honolulu, Hawaii on February 24, 1989. Lieff Cabraser organized the litigation of the case, which included claims brought against United Airlines and The Boeing Company.

Among other work, Lieff Cabraser developed a statistical system for settling the passengers' and families' damages claims with certain defendants, and coordinated the prosecution of successful individual damages trials for wrongful death against the non-settling defendants.

33. ***Aeroflot-Russian International Airlines Airbus Disaster.*** Lieff Cabraser represented the families of passengers who were on Aeroflot-Russian International Airlines Flight SU593 that crashed in Siberia on March 23, 1994. The plane was en route from Moscow to Hong Kong. All passengers on board died.

According to a transcript of the cockpit voice recorder, the pilot's two children entered the cockpit during the flight and took turns flying the plane. The autopilot apparently was inadvertently turned off during this time, and the pilot was unable to remove his son from the captain's seat in time to avert the plane's fatal dive.

Lieff Cabraser, alongside French co-counsel, filed suit in France, where Airbus, the plane's manufacturer, was headquartered. The families Lieff Cabraser represented obtained substantial economic recoveries in settlement of the action.

34. ***Lockheed F-104 Fighter Crashes.*** In the late 1960s and extending into the early 1970s, the United States sold F-104 Star Fighter jets to the German Air Force that were manufactured by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in California. Although the F-104 Star Fighter was designed for high-altitude fighter combat, it was used in Germany and other European countries for low-level bombing and attack training missions.

Consequently, the aircraft had an extremely high crash rate, with over 300 pilots killed. Commencing in 1971, the law firm of Belli Ashe Ellison Choulos & Lieff filed hundreds of lawsuits for wrongful death and other claims on behalf of the widows and surviving children of the pilots.

Robert Lieff continued to prosecute the cases after the formation of our firm. In 1974, the lawsuits were settled with Lockheed on terms favorable to the plaintiffs. This litigation helped establish the principle that citizens of foreign countries could assert claims in United States courts and obtain substantial recoveries against an American manufacturer, based upon airplane accidents or crashes occurring outside the United States.

## **II. Securities and Financial Fraud**

### **A. Current Cases**

1. ***BlackRock Global Allocation Fund, Inc., et al. v. Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc., et al.***, No. 3:18-cv-00343 (D.N.J.); ***Senzar Healthcare Master Fund, LP, et al. v. Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc., et al.***, No. 3:18-cv-02286-MAS-LHG (D.N.J.) (collectively, "Valeant"). Lieff Cabraser represents certain funds and accounts of institutional investors BlackRock and Senzar in these recently-filed individual actions against Valeant

Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. and certain of Valeant's senior officers and directors for violations of the Securities Act of 1933 and/or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 arising from Defendants' scheme to generate revenues through massive price increases for Valeant-branded drugs while concealing from investors the truth regarding the Company's business operations, financial results, and other material facts. In September 2018, the court denied defendants' partial motions to dismiss in both action, and BlackRock plaintiffs filed an amended complaint. The parties are currently engaged in discovery.

2. ***Houston Municipal Employees Pension System v. BofI Holding, Inc., et al.***, No. 3:15-cv-02324-GPC-KSC (S.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser serves as lead counsel for court-appointed lead plaintiff, Houston Municipal Employees Pension System ("HMEPS"), in this securities fraud class action against BofI Holding, Inc. and certain of its senior officers. The action charges defendants with issuing materially false and misleading statements and failing to disclose material adverse facts about BofI's business, operations, and performance. On March 21, 2018, the court issued an order and entered judgment dismissing the third amended complaint, which HMEPS appealed to the Ninth Circuit. The appellate court heard oral argument in January 2020 and the parties await the court's ruling.
3. ***Steinhoff International Holdings N.V. Securities Class Litigation***. Lief Cabraser, together with co-counsel, is currently funding a vehicle for investor recovery against Steinhoff International Holdings N.V. ("Steinhoff"), a Dutch corporation based in South Africa that sells retail brands of furniture and household goods throughout the world. The vehicle, called the Stichting Steinhoff Investors Losses Foundation, is a Dutch legal entity governed by an independent board of directors. It seeks recovery of investor losses caused by the massive, multi-year accounting fraud at Steinhoff that has wiped out billions of dollars in shareholder value. The litigation is ongoing.
4. ***The Boeing Company Shareholder Derivative Litigation***. Lief Cabraser represents the New York State Common Retirement Fund, and the Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado, shareholders of The Boeing Company ("Boeing"), in a shareholder derivative action alleging breach of fiduciary duty against Boeing's current and former officers and directors relating to development of the 737 MAX airplane and two 737 MAX airplane crashes in October 2018 and March 2019. The complaint, which follows document and records requests pursuant to Section 220 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ("s.220 request"), was filed June 12, 2020.

5. ***Perrigo Company plc Securities Class Litigation.*** Lieff Cabraser represents certain funds and accounts of BlackRock in an individual securities fraud action against Perrigo Company plc (“Perrigo”) and certain of Perrigo’s former senior executives for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The action charges defendants with misrepresenting and failing to disclose to investors that Perrigo was engaged in a generic drugs price-fixing scheme, that Perrigo was insulated from pricing pressures in the generic pharmaceuticals industry, and that Perrigo had successfully integrated Omega Pharma NV, the company’s largest acquisition.
6. ***Danske Bank A/S Securities Class Litigation.*** Lieff Cabraser, together with co-counsel, represents a large coalition of institutional investors, including state and government pension and treasury systems, in litigation pending in Denmark against Danske Bank A/S (“Danske”). The litigation arises from Danske’s failure to disclose that its reported financial performance was inflated by illegal sources of income and that it was subject to significant risks as a result of such business activities. The litigation is ongoing.

## **B. Successes**

1. ***In re Wells Fargo & Company Shareholder Derivative Litigation***, No. 3:16-cv-05541 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser was appointed as Co-Lead Counsel for Lead Plaintiffs FPPACO and The City of Birmingham Retirement and Relief System in this consolidated shareholder derivative action alleging that, since at least 2011, the Board and executive management of Wells Fargo knew or consciously disregarded that Wells Fargo employees were illicitly creating millions of deposit and credit card accounts for their customers, without those customers’ consent, as part of Wells Fargo’s intense effort to drive up its “cross-selling” statistics. Revelations regarding the scheme, and the defendants’ knowledge or blatant disregard of it, have deeply damaged Wells Fargo’s reputation and cost it millions of dollars in regulatory fines and lost business. In May and October 2017, the court largely denied Wells Fargo’s and the Director and Officer Defendants’ motions to dismiss Lead Plaintiffs’ amended complaint. In April 2020, U.S. District Judge Jon S. Tigar granted final approval to a settlement of \$240 million cash payment, the largest insurer-funded cash settlement of a shareholder derivative action, and corporate governance reforms.
2. ***Arkansas Teacher Retirement System v. State Street Corp.***, Case No. 11cv10230 (MLW) (D. Mass.). Lieff Cabraser served as co-counsel for a nationwide class of institutional custodial clients of State Street, including public pension funds and ERISA plans, who allege that defendants deceptively charged class members on FX trades done in

connection with the purchase and sale of foreign securities. The complaint charged that between 1999 and 2009, State Street consistently incorporated hidden and excessive mark-ups or mark-downs relative to the actual FX rates applicable at the times of the trades conducted for State Street's custodial FX clients.

State Street allegedly kept for itself, as an unlawful profit, the "spread" between the prices for foreign currency available to it in the FX marketplace and the rates it charged to its customers. Plaintiffs sought recovery under Massachusetts' Consumer Protection Law and common law tort and contract theories. On November 2, 2016, U.S. District Senior Judge Mark L. Wolf granted final approval to a \$300 million settlement of the litigation.

3. ***Janus Overseas Fund, et al. v. Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras, et al.***, No. 1:15-cv-10086-JSR (S.D.N.Y.); ***Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund, et al. v. Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras, et al.***, No. 1:15-cv-10111-JSR (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represented certain Janus and Dodge & Cox funds and investment managers in these individual actions against Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras ("Petrobras"), related Petrobras entities, and certain of Petrobras's senior officers and directors for misrepresenting and failing to disclose a pervasive and long-running scheme of bribery and corruption at Petrobras. As a result of the misconduct, Petrobras overstated the value of its assets by billions of dollars and materially misstated its financial results during the relevant period. The actions charged defendants with violations of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and/or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"). The action recently settled on confidential terms favorable to plaintiffs.
4. ***Normand, et al. v. Bank of New York Mellon Corp.***, No. 1:16-cv-00212-LAK-JLC (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser, together with co-counsel, represented a proposed class of holders of American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") (negotiable U.S. securities representing ownership of publicly traded shares in a non-U.S. corporation), for which BNY Mellon served as the depositary bank. Plaintiffs alleged that under the contractual agreements underlying the ADRs, BNY Mellon was responsible for "promptly" converting cash distributions (such as dividends) received for ADRs into U.S. dollars for the benefit of ADR holders, and was required to act without bad faith. Plaintiffs alleged that, instead, when doing the ADR cash conversions, BNY Mellon used the range of exchange rates available during the trading session in a manner that was unfavorable for ADR holders, and in doing so, improperly skimmed profits from distributions owed and payable to the class. In 2019, the court granted final approval to a \$72.5 million settlement of the action.



5. ***In re Facebook, Inc. IPO Securities and Derivative Litigation***, MDL No. 12-2389 (RWS) (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser is counsel for two individual investor class representatives in the securities class litigation arising under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the “PSLRA”) concerning Facebook’s initial public offering in May 2012. In 2018, the court granted plaintiffs’ motion for final approval of a settlement of the litigation.
6. ***The Regents of the University of California v. American International Group***, No. 1:14-cv-01270-LTS-DCF (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represented The Regents of the University of California in this individual action against American International Group, Inc. (“AIG”) and certain of its officers and directors for misrepresenting and omitting material information about AIG’s financial condition and the extent of its exposure to the subprime mortgage market. The complaint charged defendants with violations of the Exchange Act, as well as common law fraud and unjust enrichment. The litigation settled in 2015.
7. ***Biotechnology Value Fund, L.P. v. Celera Corp.***, 3:13-cv-03248-WHA (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented a group of affiliated funds investing in biotechnology companies in this individual action arising from misconduct in connection with Quest Diagnostics Inc.’s 2011 acquisition of Celera Corporation. Celera, Celera’s individual directors, and Credit Suisse were charged with violations of Sections 14(e) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act and breach of fiduciary duty. In February 2014, the Court denied in large part defendants’ motion to dismiss the second amended complaint. In September 2014, the plaintiffs settled with Credit Suisse for a confidential amount. After the completion of fact and expert discovery, and prior to a ruling on defendants’ motion for summary judgment, the plaintiffs settled with the Celera defendants in January 2015 for a confidential amount.
8. ***The Charles Schwab Corp. v. BNP Paribas Sec. Corp.***, No. CGC-10-501610 (Cal. Super. Ct.); ***The Charles Schwab Corp. v. J.P. Morgan Sec., Inc.***, No. CGC-10-503206 (Cal. Super. Ct.); ***The Charles Schwab Corp. v. J.P. Morgan Sec., Inc.***, No. CGC-10-503207 (Cal. Super. Ct.); and ***The Charles Schwab Corp. v. Banc of America Sec. LLC***, No. CGC-10-501151 (Cal. Super. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser, along with co-counsel, represents Charles Schwab in four separate individual securities actions against certain issuers and sellers of mortgage-backed securities (“MBS”) for materially misrepresenting the quality of the loans underlying the securities in violation of California state law. Charles Schwab Bank, N.A., a subsidiary of Charles Schwab, suffered significant damages by purchasing the securities in reliance on defendants’ misstatements. The court largely overruled defendants’ demurrers in

January 2012. Settlements have been reached with dozens of defendants for confidential amounts.

9. ***Honeywell International Inc. Defined Contribution Plans Master Savings Trust. v. Merck & Co.***, No. 14-cv 2523-SRC-CLW (S.D.N.Y.); ***Janus Balanced Fund v. Merck & Co.***, No. 14-cv-3019-SRC-CLW (S.D.N.Y.); ***Lord Abbett Affiliated Fund v. Merck & Co.***, No. 14-cv-2027-SRC-CLW (S.D.N.Y.); ***Nuveen Dividend Value Fund (f/k/a Nuveen Equity Income Fund), on its own behalf and as successor in interest to Nuveen Large Cap Value Fund (f/k/a First American Large Cap Value Fund) v. Merck & Co.***, No. 14-cv-1709-SRC-CLW (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represented certain Nuveen, Lord Abbett, and Janus funds, and two Honeywell International trusts in these individual actions against Merck & Co., Inc. (“Merck”) and certain of its senior officers and directors for misrepresenting the cardiovascular safety profile and commercial viability of Merck’s purported “blockbuster” drug, VIOXX. The actions charged defendants with violations of the Exchange Act. The action settled on confidential terms.
10. ***In re First Capital Holdings Corp. Financial Products Securities Litigation***, MDL No. 901 (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in a class action brought to recover damages sustained by policyholders of First Capital Life Insurance Company and Fidelity Bankers Life Insurance Company policyholders resulting from the insurance companies’ allegedly fraudulent or reckless investment and financial practices, and the manipulation of the companies’ financial statements. This policyholder settlement generated over \$1 billion in restored life insurance policies. The settlement was approved by both federal and state courts in parallel proceedings and then affirmed by the Ninth Circuit on appeal.
11. ***In re Bank of New York Mellon Corp. Foreign Exchange Transactions Litigation***, MDL 2335 (S.D. N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser served as co-lead class counsel for a proposed nationwide class of institutional custodial customers of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (“BNY Mellon”). The litigation stemmed from alleged deceptive overcharges imposed by BNY Mellon on foreign currency exchanges (FX) that were done in connection with custodial customers’ purchases or sales of foreign securities. Plaintiffs alleged that for more than a decade, BNY Mellon consistently charged its custodial customers hidden and excessive mark-ups on exchange rates for FX trades done pursuant to “standing instructions,” using “range of the day” pricing, rather than the rates readily available when the trades were actually executed.

In addition to serving as co-lead counsel for a nationwide class of affected custodial customers, which included public pension funds, ERISA funds, and other public and private institutions, Lieff Cabraser was one of three firms on Plaintiffs' Executive Committee tasked with managing all activities on the plaintiffs' side in the multidistrict consolidated litigation. Prior to the cases being transferred and consolidated in the Southern District of New York, Lieff Cabraser defeated, in its entirety, BNY Mellon's motion to dismiss claims brought on behalf of ERISA and other funds under California's and New York's consumer protection laws.

The firm's clients and class representatives in the consolidated litigation included the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund, the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio, and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Engineers Local 39 Pension Trust Fund.

In March 2015, a global resolution of the private and governmental enforcement actions against BNY Mellon was announced, in which \$504 million will be paid back to BNY Mellon customers (\$335 million of which is directly attributable to the class litigation).

On September 24, 2015, U.S. District Court Judge Lewis A. Kaplan granted final approval to the settlement. Commenting on the work of plaintiffs' counsel, Judge Kaplan stated, "This really was an extraordinary case in which plaintiff's counsel performed, at no small risk, an extraordinary service. They did a wonderful job in this case, and I've seen a lot of wonderful lawyers over the years. This was a great performance. They were fought tooth and nail at every step of the road. It undoubtedly vastly expanded the costs of the case, but it's an adversary system, and sometimes you meet adversaries who are heavily armed and well financed, and if you're going to win, you have to fight them and it costs money. This was an outrageous wrong committed by the Bank of New York Mellon, and plaintiffs' counsel deserve a world of credit for taking it on, for running the risk, for financing it and doing a great job."

12. ***In re Broadcom Corporation Derivative Litigation***, No. CV 06-3252-R (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Court-appointed Lead Counsel in a shareholders derivative action arising out of stock options backdating in Broadcom securities. The complaint alleged that defendants intentionally manipulated their stock option grant dates between 1998 and 2003 at the expense of Broadcom and Broadcom shareholders. By making it seem as if stock option grants occurred on dates when Broadcom stock was trading at a comparatively low per share price, stock option grant recipients were able to exercise their stock option grants at exercise prices that were lower than the fair market value of Broadcom stock on the day the options were actually granted. In December 2009, U.S. District Judge Manuel L. Real granted final

approval to a partial settlement in which Broadcom Corporation's insurance carriers paid \$118 million to Broadcom. The settlement released certain individual director and officer defendants covered by Broadcom's directors' and officers' policy.

Plaintiffs' counsel continued to pursue claims against William J. Ruehle, Broadcom's former Chief Financial Officer, Henry T. Nicholas, III, Broadcom's co-founder and former Chief Executive Officer, and Henry Samueli, Broadcom's co-founder and former Chief Technology Officer. In May 2011, the Court approved a settlement with these defendants. The settlement provided substantial consideration to Broadcom, consisting of the receipt of cash and cancelled options from Dr. Nicholas and Dr. Samueli totaling \$53 million in value, plus the release of a claim by Mr. Ruehle, which sought damages in excess of \$26 million.

Coupled with the earlier \$118 million partial settlement, the total recovery in the derivative action was \$197 million, which constitutes the third-largest settlement ever in a derivative action involving stock options backdating.

13. ***In re Scorpion Technologies Securities Litigation I***, No. C-93-20333-EAI (N.D. Cal.); ***Dietrich v. Bauer***, No. C-95-7051-RWS (S.D.N.Y.); ***Claghorn v. Edsaco***, No. 98-3039-SI (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Counsel in class action suits arising out of an alleged fraudulent scheme by Scorpion Technologies, Inc., certain of its officers, accountants, underwriters and business affiliates to inflate the company's earnings through reporting fictitious sales. In *Scorpion I*, the Court found plaintiffs had presented sufficient evidence of liability under Federal securities acts against the accounting firm Grant Thornton for the case to proceed to trial. *In re Scorpion Techs.*, 1996 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22294 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 27, 1996). In 1988, the Court approved a \$5.5 million settlement with Grant Thornton. In 2000, the Court approved a \$950,000 settlement with Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation. In April 2002, a federal jury in San Francisco, California returned a \$170.7 million verdict against Edsaco Ltd. The jury found that Edsaco aided Scorpion in setting up phony European companies as part of a scheme in which Scorpion reported fictitious sales of its software to these companies, thereby inflating its earnings. Included in the jury verdict, one of the largest verdicts in the U.S. in 2002, was \$165 million in punitive damages. Richard M. Heimann conducted the trial for plaintiffs.

On June 14, 2002, U.S. District Court Judge Susan Illston commented on Lieff Cabraser's representation: "[C]ounsel for the plaintiffs did a very good job in a very tough situation of achieving an excellent recovery for the class here. You were opposed by extremely capable lawyers. It was an uphill battle. There were some complicated questions, and then there was

the tricky issue of actually collecting anything in the end. I think based on the efforts that were made here that it was an excellent result for the class. . . . [T]he recovery that was achieved for the class in this second trial is remarkable, almost a hundred percent.”

14. ***In re Diamond Foods, Inc., Securities Litigation***, No. 11-cv-05386-WHA (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as local counsel for Lead Plaintiff Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi (“MissPERS”) and the class of investors it represented in this securities class action lawsuit arising under the PSLRA. The complaint charged Diamond Foods and certain senior executives of the company with violations of the Exchange Act for knowingly understating the cost of walnuts Diamond Foods purchased in order to inflate the price of Diamond Foods’ common stock. In January 2014, the Court granted final approval of a settlement of the action requiring Diamond Foods to pay \$11 million in cash and issue 4.45 million common shares worth \$116.3 million on the date of final approval based on the stock’s closing price on that date.
  
15. ***Merrill Lynch Fundamental Growth Fund and Merrill Lynch Global Value Fund v. McKesson HBOC***, No. 02-405792 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as counsel for two Merrill Lynch sponsored mutual funds in a private lawsuit alleging that a massive accounting fraud occurred at HBOC & Company (“HBOC”) before and following its 1999 acquisition by McKesson Corporation (“McKesson”). The funds charged that defendants, including the former CFO of McKesson HBOC, the name McKesson adopted after acquiring HBOC, artificially inflated the price of securities in McKesson HBOC, through misrepresentations and omissions concerning the financial condition of HBOC, resulting in approximately \$135 million in losses for plaintiffs. In a significant discovery ruling in 2004, the California Court of Appeal held that defendants waived the attorney-client and work product privileges in regard to an audit committee report and interview memoranda prepared in anticipation of shareholder lawsuits by disclosing the information to the U.S. Attorney and SEC. *McKesson HBOC, Inc. v. Supr. Court*, 115 Cal. App. 4th 1229 (2004). Lieff Cabraser’s clients recovered approximately \$145 million, representing nearly 104% of damages suffered by the funds. This amount was approximately \$115-120 million more than the Merrill Lynch funds would have recovered had they participated in the federal class action settlement.
  
16. ***Informix/Illustra Securities Litigation***, No. C-97-1289-CRB (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented Richard H. Williams, the former Chief Executive Officer and President of Illustra Information Technologies, Inc. (“Illustra”), and a class of Illustra shareholders in a class action suit on behalf of all former Illustra securities holders who tendered their Illustra

preferred or common stock, stock warrants or stock options in exchange for securities of Informix Corporation (“Informix”) in connection with Informix’s 1996 purchase of Illustra. Pursuant to that acquisition, Illustra stockholders received Informix securities representing approximately 10% of the value of the combined company. The complaint alleged claims for common law fraud and violations of Federal securities law arising out of the acquisition. In October 1999, U.S. District Judge Charles E. Breyer approved a global settlement of the litigation for \$136 million, constituting one of the largest settlements ever involving a high technology company alleged to have committed securities fraud. Our clients, the Illustra shareholders, received approximately 30% of the net settlement fund.

17. ***In re Qwest Communications International Securities and “ERISA” Litigation (No. II)***, No. 06-cv-17880-REB-PAC (MDL No. 1788) (D. Colo.). Lieff Cabraser represented the New York State Common Retirement Fund, Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado, Denver Employees’ Retirement Plan, San Francisco Employees’ Retirement System, and over thirty BlackRock managed mutual funds in individual securities fraud actions (“opt out” cases) against Qwest Communications International, Inc., Philip F. Anschutz, former co-chairman of the Qwest board of directors, and other senior executives at Qwest. In each action, the plaintiffs charged defendants with massively overstating Qwest’s publicly-reported growth, revenues, earnings, and earnings per share from 1999 through 2002. The cases were filed in the wake of a \$400 million settlement of a securities fraud class action against Qwest that was announced in early 2006. The cases brought by Lieff Cabraser’s clients settled in October 2007 for recoveries totaling more than \$85 million, or more than 13 times what the clients would have received had they remained in the class.
  
18. ***In re AXA Rosenberg Investor Litigation***, No. CV 11-00536 JSW (N.D. Cal). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for a class of institutional investors, ERISA-covered plans, and other investors in quantitative funds managed by AXA Rosenberg Group, LLC and its affiliates (“AXA”). Plaintiffs alleged that AXA breached its fiduciary duties and violated ERISA by failing to discover a material computer error that existed in its system for years, and then failing to remedy it for months after its eventual discovery in 2009. By the time AXA disclosed the error in 2010, investors had suffered losses and paid substantial investment management fees to AXA. After briefing motions to dismiss and working with experts to analyze data obtained from AXA relating to the impact of the error, Lieff Cabraser reached a \$65 million settlement with AXA that the Court approved in April 2012.

19. ***In re National Century Financial Enterprises, Inc. Investment Litigation***, MDL No. 1565 (S.D. Ohio). Lieff Cabraser served as outside counsel for the New York City Employees' Retirement System, Teachers' Retirement System for the City of New York, New York City Police Pension Fund, and New York City Fire Department Pension Fund in this multidistrict litigation arising from fraud in connection with NCFE's issuance of notes backed by healthcare receivables. The New York City Pension Funds recovered more than 70% of their \$89 million in losses, primarily through settlements achieved in the federal litigation and another NCFE-matter brought on their behalf by Lieff Cabraser.
20. ***BlackRock Global Allocation Fund v. Tyco International Ltd., et al.***, No. 2:08-cv-519 (D. N.J.); ***Nuveen Balanced Municipal and Stock Fund v. Tyco International Ltd., et al.***, No. 2:08-cv-518 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser represented multiple funds of the investment firms BlackRock Inc. and Nuveen Asset Management in separate, direct securities fraud actions against Tyco International Ltd., Tyco Electronics Ltd., Covidien Ltd, Covidien (U.S.), L. Dennis Kozlowski, Mark H. Swartz, and Frank E. Walsh, Jr. Plaintiffs alleged that defendants engaged in a massive criminal enterprise that combined the theft of corporate assets with fraudulent accounting entries that concealed Tyco's financial condition from investors. As a result, plaintiffs purchased Tyco common stock and other Tyco securities at artificially inflated prices and suffered losses upon disclosures revealing Tyco's true financial condition and defendants' misconduct. In 2009, the parties settled the claims against the corporate defendants (Tyco International Ltd., Tyco Electronics Ltd., Covidien Ltd., and Covidien (U.S.)). The litigation concluded in 2010. The total settlement proceeds paid by all defendants were in excess of \$57 million.
21. ***Kofuku Bank and Namihaya Bank v. Republic New York Securities Corp.***, No. 00 CIV 3298 (S.D.N.Y.); and *Kita Hyogo Shinyo-Kumiai v. Republic New York Securities Corp.*, No. 00 CIV 4114 (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represented Kofuku Bank, Namihaya Bank and Kita Hyogo Shinyo-Kumiai (a credit union) in individual lawsuits against, among others, Martin A. Armstrong and HSBC, Inc., the successor-in-interest to Republic New York Corporation, Republic New York Bank and Republic New York Securities Corporation for alleged violations of federal securities and racketeering laws. Through a group of interconnected companies owned and controlled by Armstrong—the Princeton Companies—Armstrong and the Republic Companies promoted and sold promissory notes, known as the "Princeton Notes," to more than eighty of the largest companies and financial institutions in Japan. Lieff Cabraser's lawsuits, as well as the lawsuits of dozens of other Princeton Note investors, alleged that the Princeton and Republic Companies made fraudulent misrepresentations and non-disclosures in connection with the

promotion and sale of Princeton Notes, and that investors' monies were commingled and misused to the benefit of Armstrong, the Princeton Companies and the Republic Companies. In December 2001, the claims of our clients and those of the other Princeton Note investors were settled. As part of the settlement, our clients recovered more than \$50 million, which represented 100% of the value of their principal investments less money they received in interest or other payments.

22. ***Alaska State Department of Revenue v. America Online***, No. 1JU-04-503 (Alaska Supr. Ct.). In December 2006, a \$50 million settlement was reached in a securities fraud action brought by the Alaska State Department of Revenue, Alaska State Pension Investment Board and Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation against defendants America Online, Inc. ("AOL"), Time Warner Inc. (formerly known as AOL Time Warner ("AOLTW")), Historic TW Inc. When the action was filed, the Alaska Attorney General estimated total losses at \$70 million. The recovery on behalf of Alaska was approximately 50 times what the state would have received as a member of the class in the federal securities class action settlement. The lawsuit, filed in 2004 in Alaska State Court, alleged that defendants misrepresented advertising revenues and growth of AOL and AOLTW along with the number of AOL subscribers, which artificially inflated the stock price of AOL and AOLTW to the detriment of Alaska State funds.

The Alaska Department of Law retained Lieff Cabraser to lead the litigation efforts under its direction. "We appreciate the diligence and expertise of our counsel in achieving an outstanding resolution of the case," said Mark Morones, spokesperson for the Department of Law, following announcement of the settlement.

23. ***Allocco v. Gardner***, No. GIC 806450 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser represented Lawrence L. Garlick, the co-founder and former Chief Executive Officer of Remedy Corporation and 24 other former senior executives and directors of Remedy Corporation in a private (non-class) securities fraud lawsuit against Stephen P. Gardner, the former Chief Executive Officer of Peregrine Systems, Inc., John J. Moores, Peregrine's former Chairman of the Board, Matthew C. Gless, Peregrine's former Chief Financial Officer, Peregrine's accounting firm Arthur Andersen and certain entities that entered into fraudulent transactions with Peregrine. The lawsuit, filed in California state court, arose out of Peregrine's August 2001 acquisition of Remedy. Plaintiffs charged that they were induced to exchange their Remedy stock for Peregrine stock on the basis of false and misleading representations made by defendants. Within months of the Remedy acquisition, Peregrine began to reveal to the public that it had grossly overstated its revenue during the years 2000-2002, and eventually restated more than \$500 million in revenues.



After successfully defeating demurrers brought by defendants, including third parties who were customers of Peregrine who aided and abetted Peregrine's accounting fraud under California common law, plaintiffs reached a series of settlements. The settling defendants included Arthur Andersen, all of the director defendants, three officer defendants and the third party customer defendants KPMG, British Telecom, Fujitsu, Software Spectrum and Bindview. The total amount received in settlements was approximately \$45 million.

24. ***In re Cablevision Systems Corp. Shareholder Derivative Litigation***, No. 06-cv-4130-DGT-AKT (E.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in a shareholders' derivative action against the board of directors and numerous officers of Cablevision. The suit alleged that defendants intentionally manipulated stock option grant dates to Cablevision employees between 1997 and 2002 in order to enrich certain officer and director defendants at the expense of Cablevision and Cablevision shareholders. According to the complaint, Defendants made it appear as if stock options were granted earlier than they actually were in order to maximize the value of the grants. In September 2008, the Court granted final approval to a \$34.4 million settlement of the action. Over \$24 million of the settlement was contributed directly by individual defendants who either received backdated options or participated in the backdating activity.
25. ***In re Media Vision Technology Securities Litigation***, No. CV-94-1015 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in a class action lawsuit which alleged that certain Media Vision's officers, outside directors, accountants and underwriters engaged in a fraudulent scheme to inflate the company's earnings and issued false and misleading public statements about the company's finances, earnings and profits. By 1998, the Court had approved several partial settlements with many of Media Vision's officers and directors, accountants and underwriters which totaled \$31 million. The settlement proceeds have been distributed to eligible class members. The evidence that Lieff Cabraser developed in the civil case led prosecutors to commence an investigation and ultimately file criminal charges against Media Vision's former Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. The civil action against Media Vision's CEO and CFO was stayed pending the criminal proceedings against them. In the criminal proceedings, the CEO pled guilty on several counts, and the CFO was convicted at trial. In October 2003, the Court granted Plaintiffs' motions for summary judgment and entered a judgment in favor of the class against the two defendants in the amount of \$188 million.
26. ***In re California Micro Devices Securities Litigation***, No. C-94-2817-VRW (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Liaison Counsel for the Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association and the California

State Teachers' Retirement System, and the class they represented. Prior to 2001, the Court approved \$19 million in settlements. In May 2001, the Court approved an additional settlement of \$12 million, which, combined with the earlier settlements, provided class members an almost complete return on their losses. The settlement with the company included multi-million dollar contributions by the former Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.

Commenting in 2001 on Lieff Cabraser's work in Cal Micro Devices, U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn R. Walker stated, "It is highly unusual for a class action in the securities area to recover anywhere close to the percentage of loss that has been recovered here, and counsel and the lead plaintiffs have done an admirable job in bringing about this most satisfactory conclusion of the litigation." One year later, in a related proceeding and in response to the statement that the class had received nearly a 100% recovery, Judge Walker observed, "That's pretty remarkable. In these cases, 25 cents on the dollar is considered to be a magnificent recovery, and this is [almost] a hundred percent."

27. ***In re Network Associates, Inc. Securities Litigation***, No. C-99-1729-WHA (N.D. Cal.). Following a competitive bidding process, the Court appointed Lieff Cabraser as Lead Counsel for the Lead Plaintiff and the class of investors. The complaint alleged that Network Associates improperly accounted for acquisitions in order to inflate its stock price. In May 2001, the Court granted approval to a \$30 million settlement.

In reviewing the *Network Associates* settlement, U.S. District Court Judge William H. Alsup observed, "[T]he class was well served at a good price by excellent counsel . . . We have class counsel who's one of the foremost law firms in the country in both securities law and class actions. And they have a very excellent reputation for the conduct of these kinds of cases . . ."

28. ***In re FPI/Agretech Securities Litigation***, MDL No. 763 (D. Haw., Real, J.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Class Counsel for investors defrauded in a "Ponzi-like" limited partnership investment scheme. The Court approved \$15 million in partial, pretrial settlements. At trial, the jury returned a \$24 million verdict, which included \$10 million in punitive damages, against non-settling defendant Arthur Young & Co. for its knowing complicity and active and substantial assistance in the marketing and sale of the worthless limited partnership offerings. The Appellate Court affirmed the compensatory damages award and remanded the case for a retrial on punitive damages. In 1994, the Court approved a \$17 million settlement with Ernst & Young, the successor to Arthur Young & Co.

29. ***Nguyen v. FundAmerica***, No. C-90-2090 MHP (N.D. Cal., Patel, J.), 1990 Fed. Sec. L. Rep. (CCH) ¶¶ 95,497, 95,498 (N.D. Cal. 1990). Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Class Counsel in this securities/RICO/tort action seeking an injunction against alleged unfair "pyramid" marketing practices and compensation to participants. The District Court certified a nationwide class for injunctive relief and damages on a mandatory basis and enjoined fraudulent overseas transfers of assets. The Bankruptcy Court permitted class proof of claims. Lieff Cabraser obtained dual District Court and Bankruptcy Court approval of settlements distributing over \$13 million in FundAmerica assets to class members.
30. ***In re Brooks Automation, Inc. Securities Litigation***, No. 06 CA 11068 (D. Mass.). Lieff Cabraser served as Court-Appointed Lead Counsel for Lead Plaintiff the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association and co-plaintiff Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System in a class action lawsuit on behalf of purchasers of Brooks Automation securities. Plaintiffs charged that Brooks Automation, its senior corporate officers and directors violated federal securities laws by backdating company stock options over a six-year period, and failed to disclose the scheme in publicly filed financial statements. Subsequent to Lieff Cabraser's filing of a consolidated amended complaint in this action, both the Securities and Exchange Commission and the United States Department of Justice filed complaints against the Company's former C.E.O., Robert Therrien, related to the same alleged practices. In October 2008, the Court approved a \$7.75 million settlement of the action.
31. ***In re A-Power Energy Generation Systems, Ltd. Securities Litigation***, No. 2:11-ml-2302-GW- (CWx) (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Court-appointed Lead Counsel for Lead Plaintiff in this securities class action that charged defendants with materially misrepresenting A-Power Energy Generation Systems, Ltd.'s financial results and business prospects in violation of the antifraud provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Court approved a \$3.675 million settlement in August 2013.
32. ***Bank of America-Merrill Lynch Merger Securities Cases***. In two cases—*DiNapoli, et al. v. Bank of America Corp.*, No. 10 CV 5563 (S.D. N.Y.) and *Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund, et al. v. Bank of America Corp., et al.*, No. 11-cv- 07779 PKC (S.D. N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser sought recovery on a direct, non-class basis for losses that a number of public pension funds and mutual funds incurred as a result of Bank of America's alleged misrepresentations and concealment of material facts in connection with its acquisition of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Lieff Cabraser represented the New York State Common Retirement Fund, the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado, and fourteen mutual funds managed by Charles Schwab

Investment Management. Both cases settled in 2013 on confidential terms favorable for our clients.

33. ***Albert v. Alex. Brown Management Services; Baker v. Alex. Brown Management Services*** (Del. Ch. Ct.). In May 2004, on behalf of investors in two investment funds controlled, managed and operated by Deutsche Bank and advised by DC Investment Partners, Lieff Cabraser filed lawsuits for alleged fraudulent conduct that resulted in an aggregate loss of hundreds of millions of dollars. The suits named as defendants Deutsche Bank and its subsidiaries Alex. Brown Management Services and Deutsche Bank Securities, members of the funds' management committee, as well as DC Investments Partners and two of its principals. Among the plaintiff-investors were 70 high net worth individuals. In the fall of 2006, the cases settled by confidential agreement.

### **III. Employment Discrimination and Unfair Employment Practices**

#### **A. Current Cases**

1. ***Chen-Oster v. Goldman Sachs***, No. 10-6950 (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs in a gender discrimination class action lawsuit against Goldman Sachs alleging Goldman Sachs has engaged in systemic and pervasive discrimination against its female professional employees in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and New York City Human Rights Law. The complaint charges that, among other things, Goldman Sachs pays its female professionals less than similarly situated males, disproportionately promotes men over equally or more qualified women, and offers better business opportunities and professional support to its male professionals. In 2012, the Court denied defendant's motion to strike class allegations.

On March 10, 2015, Magistrate Judge James C. Francis IV issued a recommendation against certifying the class. In April of 2017, District Court Judge Analisa Torres granted plaintiffs' motion to amend their complaint and add new representative plaintiffs, denied Goldman Sachs' motions to dismiss the new plaintiffs' claims, and ordered the parties to submit proposals by April 26, 2017, on a process for addressing Magistrate Judge Francis' March 2015 Report and Recommendation on class certification.

On March 30, 2018, Judge Torres issued an order certifying the plaintiffs' damages class under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 23(b)(3). Judge Torres certified plaintiffs' claims for both disparate impact and disparate treatment discrimination, relying on statistical evidence of discrimination in pay, promotions, and performance evaluations, as well as anecdotal evidence of Goldman's hostile work environment. In so ruling, the court also granted plaintiffs' motion to exclude portions of Goldman's expert

evidence as unreliable, and denied all of Goldman's motions to exclude plaintiffs' expert evidence.

2. ***Moussouris v. Microsoft Corp.***, No. 15-cv-01483 (W.D. Wash.). Lief Cabraser and co-counsel represent a former female Microsoft technical professional in a gender discrimination class action lawsuit on behalf of herself and all current and former female technical professionals employed by Microsoft in the U.S. since September 16, 2009. The complaint alleges that Microsoft has engaged in systemic and pervasive discrimination against female employees in technical and engineering roles with respect to performance evaluations, pay, promotions, and other terms and conditions of employment. The unchecked gender bias that pervades Microsoft's corporate culture has resulted in female technical professionals receiving less compensation than similar men, the promotion of men over equally or more qualified women, and less favorable performance evaluation of female technical professionals compared to male peers. Microsoft's continuing policy, pattern, and practice of sex discrimination against female technical employees, the complaint alleges, violates federal and state laws, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Washington Law Against Discrimination.

Plaintiffs filed a motion for class certification on October 27, 2017, and subsequently filed a reply brief in support of the motion on February 9, 2018. The motion seeks certification of a class of female employees who worked in the Engineering or I/T Operations Professions and in stock levels 59-67 from September 16, 2012 to the present. In June 2018, the district court denied plaintiffs' motion for class certification. In July 2018, plaintiffs petitioned the court for permission to appeal that denial, which the Ninth Circuit granted. The appeal has been fully briefed and oral argument will be scheduled for Fall 2019.

3. ***Kassman v. KPMG, LLP***, Case No. 11-03743 (S.D.N.Y.). Lief Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs in a gender discrimination class and collective action lawsuit alleging that KPMG has engaged in systemic and pervasive discrimination against its female Client Service and Support Professionals in pay and promotion, discrimination based on pregnancy, and chronic failure to properly investigate and resolve complaints of discrimination and harassment. The complaint alleges violations of the Equal Pay Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the New York Executive Law § 296, and the New York City Administrative Code § 8-107. For purposes of the Equal Pay Act claim, plaintiffs represent a conditionally-certified collective of 1,100 female Client Service and Support Professionals who have opted in to the lawsuit.

On November 27, 2018, Plaintiffs filed a motion in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York seeking class certification in the long-running lawsuit challenging gender disparities in pay and promotion on behalf of approximately 10,000 female Advisory and Tax professionals. Plaintiffs also sought final certification of the Equal Pay Act collective on behalf of the approximately 1,100 opt-in plaintiffs.

On November 30, 2018, the Court declined to certify the class and decertified the Equal Pay Act collective. While the Court acknowledged KPMG's common pay and promotion policies and its gender disparities in pay and promotion, the Court held that the women challenging KPMG's pay and promotion policies cannot pursue their claims together. On December 14, 2018, Plaintiffs filed a Petition to Appeal the Denial of Class Certification under Rule 23(f) with the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Plaintiffs are awaiting a decision from the Court of Appeals about whether to hear the appeal.

4. ***Strauch v. Computer Sciences Corporation***, No. 2:14-cv-00956 (D. Conn.). In 2005, Computer Sciences Corporation ("CSC") settled for \$24 million a nationwide class and collective action lawsuit alleging that CSC misclassified thousands of its information technology support workers as exempt from overtime pay in violation of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") and state law. Notwithstanding that settlement, a complaint filed on behalf of current and former CSC IT workers in 2014 by Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel alleges that CSC misclassifies many information technology support workers as exempt even though they perform primarily nonexempt work. Plaintiffs are current and former CSC System Administrators assigned the primary duty of the installation, maintenance, and/or support of computer software and/or hardware for CSC clients. On June 9, 2015, the Court granted plaintiffs' motion for conditional certification of a FLSA collective action. Since then, more than 1,000 System Administrators have opted into the case. On June 30, 2017, the Court granted plaintiffs motion for certification of Rule 23 classes for System Administrators in California and Connecticut.

On December 20, 2017, a jury in federal court in Connecticut ruled that Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), which recently merged with Hewlett Packard Enterprise Services to form DXC Technology (NYSE: DXC), wrongly and willfully denied overtime pay to approximately 1,000 current and former technology support workers around the country. After deliberating over two days, the Connecticut jury unanimously rejected CSC's claim that its System Administrators in the "Associate Professional" and "Professional" job titles are exempt under federal, Connecticut and California law, ruling instead that the workers should have been classified as nonexempt and paid overtime. The jury found CSC's violations to be

willful, triggering additional damages. The misclassifications were made despite the fact that, in 2005, CSC paid \$24 million to settle similar claims from a previous group of technical support workers. Following the issuance of a Report and Recommendation from a Court-appointed special master, the Court entered judgment ordering CSC to pay damages totaling \$18,755,016.46 to class members.

5. ***Senne v. Major League Baseball***, No. 14-cv-00608 (N.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser represents current and former Minor League Baseball players employed under uniform player contracts in a class and collective action seeking unpaid overtime and minimum wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act and state laws. The complaint alleges that Major League Baseball (“MLB”), the MLB franchises, and other defendants paid minor league players a uniform monthly fixed salary that, in light of the hours worked, amounts to less than the minimum wage and an unlawful denial of overtime pay.

## **B. Successes**

1. ***Butler v. Home Depot***, No. C94-4335 SI (N.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser and co-counsel represented a class of approximately 25,000 female employees and applicants for employment with Home Depot’s West Coast Division who alleged gender discrimination in connection with hiring, promotions, pay, job assignment, and other terms and conditions of employment. The class was certified in January 1995. In January 1998, the Court approved a \$87.5 million settlement of the action that included comprehensive injunctive relief over the term of a five-year Consent Decree. Under the terms of the settlement, Home Depot modified its hiring, promotion, and compensation practices to ensure that interested and qualified women were hired for, and promoted to, sales and management positions.

On January 14, 1998, U.S. District Judge Susan Illston commented that the settlement provides “a very significant monetary payment to the class members for which I think they should be grateful to their counsel. . . . Even more significant is the injunctive relief that’s provided for . . .” By 2003, the injunctive relief had created thousands of new job opportunities in sales and management positions at Home Depot, generating the equivalent of over approximately \$100 million per year in wages for female employees.

In 2002, Judge Illston stated that the injunctive relief has been a “win/win . . . for everyone, because . . . the way the Decree has been implemented has been very successful and it is good for the company as well as the company’s employees.”

2. ***Rosenburg v. IBM***, No. C 06-0430 PJH (N.D. Cal.). In July 2007, the Court granted final approval to a \$65 million settlement of a class action suit by current and former technical support workers for IBM seeking unpaid overtime. The settlement constitutes a record amount in litigation seeking overtime compensation for employees in the computer industry. Plaintiffs alleged that IBM illegally misclassified its employees who install or maintain computer hardware or software as “exempt” from the overtime pay requirements of federal and state labor laws.
3. ***Satchell v. FedEx Express***, No. C 03-2659 SI; C 03-2878 SI (N.D. Cal.). In 2007, the Court granted final approval to a \$54.9 million settlement of the race discrimination class action lawsuit by African American and Latino employees of FedEx Express. The settlement requires FedEx to reform its promotion, discipline, and pay practices. Under the settlement, FedEx will implement multiple steps to promote equal employment opportunities, including making its performance evaluation process less discretionary, discarding use of the “Basic Skills Test” as a prerequisite to promotion into certain desirable positions, and changing employment policies to demonstrate that its revised practices do not continue to foster racial discrimination. The settlement, covering 20,000 hourly employees and operations managers who have worked in the western region of FedEx Express since October 1999, was approved by the Court in August 2007.
4. ***Gonzalez v. Abercrombie & Fitch Stores***, No. C03-2817 SI (N.D. Cal.). In April 2005, the Court approved a settlement, valued at approximately \$50 million, which requires the retail clothing giant Abercrombie & Fitch to provide monetary benefits of \$40 million to the class of Latino, African American, Asian American and female applicants and employees who charged the company with discrimination. The settlement included a six-year period of injunctive relief requiring the company to institute a wide range of policies and programs to promote diversity among its workforce and to prevent discrimination based on race or gender. Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Class Counsel and prosecuted the case with a number of co-counsel firms, including the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
5. ***Giles v. Allstate***, JCCP Nos. 2984 and 2985. Lieff Cabraser represented a class of Allstate insurance agents seeking reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs. The action settled for approximately \$40 million.
6. ***Calibuso v. Bank of America Corporation, Merrill Lynch & Co.***, No. CV10-1413 (E.D. N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for female Financial Advisors who alleged that Bank of America and Merrill Lynch engaged in a pattern and practice of gender discrimination with



respect to business opportunities and compensation. The complaint charged that these violations were systemic, based upon company-wide policies and practices. In December 2013, the Court approved a \$39 million settlement. The settlement included three years of programmatic relief, overseen by an independent monitor, regarding teaming and partnership agreements, business generation, account distributions, manager evaluations, promotions, training, and complaint processing and procedures, among other things. An independent consultant also conducted an internal study of the bank's Financial Advisors' teaming practices.

7. ***Frank v. United Airlines***, No. C-92-0692 MJJ (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel obtained a \$36.5 million settlement in February 2004 for a class of female flight attendants who were required to weigh less than comparable male flight attendants. Former U.S. District Court Judge Charles B. Renfrew (ret.), who served as a mediator in the case, stated, "As a participant in the settlement negotiations, I am familiar with and know the reputation, experience and skills of lawyers involved. They are dedicated, hardworking and able counsel who have represented their clients very effectively." U.S. District Judge Martin J. Jenkins, in granting final approval to the settlement, found "that the results achieved here could be nothing less than described as exceptional," and that the settlement "was obtained through the efforts of outstanding counsel."
8. ***Barnett v. Wal-Mart***, No. 01-2-24553-SNKT (Wash.). The Court approved in July 2009 a settlement valued at up to \$35 million on behalf of workers in Washington State who alleged they were deprived of meal and rest breaks and forced to work off-the-clock at Wal-Mart stores and Sam's Clubs. In addition to monetary relief, the settlement provided injunctive relief benefiting all employees. Wal-Mart was required to undertake measures to prevent wage and hour violations at its 50 stores and clubs in Washington, measures that included the use of new technologies and compliance tools.

Plaintiffs filed their complaint in 2001. Three years later, the Court certified a class of approximately 40,000 current and former Wal-Mart employees. The eight years of litigation were intense and adversarial. Wal-Mart, currently the world's third largest corporation, vigorously denied liability and spared no expense in defending itself.

This lawsuit and similar actions filed against Wal-Mart across America served to reform the pay procedures and employment practices for Wal-Mart's 1.4 million employees nationwide. In a press release announcing the Court's approval of the settlement, Wal-Mart spokesperson Daphne Moore stated, "This lawsuit was filed years ago and the allegations are not

representative of the company we are today.” Lieff Cabraser served as Court-appointed Co-Lead Class Counsel.

9. ***Amochaev v. Citigroup Global Markets, d/b/a Smith Barney***, No. C 05-1298 PJH (N.D. Cal.). In August 2008, the Court approved a \$33 million settlement for the 2,411 members of the Settlement Class in a gender discrimination case against Smith Barney. Lieff Cabraser represented Female Financial Advisors who charged that Smith Barney, the retail brokerage unit of Citigroup, discriminated against them in account distributions, business leads, referral business, partnership opportunities, and other terms of employment. In addition to the monetary compensation, the settlement included comprehensive injunctive relief for four years designed to increase business opportunities and promote equality in compensation for female brokers.
10. ***Vedachalam v. Tata Consultancy Services***, C 06-0963 CW (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for 12,700 foreign nationals sent by the Indian conglomerate Tata to work in the U.S. After 7 years of hard-fought litigation, the District Court in July 2013 granted final approval to a \$29.75 million settlement. The complaint charged that Tata breached the contracts of its non-U.S.-citizen employees by requiring them to sign over their federal and state tax refund checks to Tata, and by failing to pay its non-U.S.-citizen employees the monies promised to those employees before they came to the United States. In 2007 and again in 2008, the District Court denied Tata’s motions to compel arbitration of Plaintiffs’ claims in India. The Court held that no arbitration agreement existed because the documents purportedly requiring arbitration in India applied one set of rules to the Plaintiffs and another set to Tata. In 2009, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed this decision. In July 2011, the District Court denied in part Tata’s motion for summary judgment, allowing Plaintiffs’ legal claims for breach of contract and certain violations of California wage laws to go forward. In 2012, the District Court found that the plaintiffs satisfied the legal requirements for a class action and certified two classes.
11. ***Giannetto v. Computer Sciences Corporation***, No. 03-CV-8201 (C.D. Cal.). In one of the largest overtime pay dispute settlements ever in the information technology industry, the Court approved a \$24 million settlement with Computer Sciences Corporation in 2005. Plaintiffs charged that the global conglomerate had a common practice of refusing to pay overtime compensation to its technical support workers involved in the installation and maintenance of computer hardware and software in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, California’s Unfair Competition Law, and the wage and hour laws of 13 states.

12. ***Curtis-Bauer v. Morgan Stanley & Co.***, Case No. C-06-3903 (TEH). In October 2008, the Court approved a \$16 million settlement in the class action against Morgan Stanley. The complaint charged that Morgan Stanley discriminated against African-American and Latino Financial Advisors and Registered Financial Advisor Trainees in the Global Wealth Management Group of Morgan Stanley in compensation and business opportunities. The settlement included comprehensive injunctive relief regarding account distributions, partnership arrangements, branch manager promotions, hiring, retention, diversity training, and complaint processing, among other things. The settlement also provided for the appointment of an independent Diversity Monitor and an independent Industrial Psychologist to effectuate the terms of the agreement.
13. ***Church v. Consolidated Freightways***, No. C90-2290 DLJ (N.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser was the Lead Court-appointed Class Counsel in this class action on behalf of the exempt employees of Emery Air Freight, a freight forwarding company acquired by Consolidated Freightways in 1989. On behalf of the employee class, Lief Cabraser prosecuted claims for violation of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the securities laws, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. The case settled in 1993 for \$13.5 million.
14. ***Gerlach v. Wells Fargo & Co.***, No. C 05-0585 CW (N.D. Cal.). In January 2007, the Court granted final approval to a \$12.8 million settlement of a class action suit by current and former business systems employees of Wells Fargo seeking unpaid overtime. Plaintiffs alleged that Wells Fargo illegally misclassified those employees, who maintained and updated Wells Fargo's business tools according to others' instructions, as "exempt" from the overtime pay requirements of federal and state labor laws.
15. ***Buccellato v. AT&T Operations***, No. C10-00463-LHK (N.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser represented a group of current and former AT&T technical support workers who alleged that AT&T misclassified them as exempt and failed to pay them for all overtime hours worked, in violation of federal and state overtime pay laws. In June 2011, the Court approved a \$12.5 million collective and class action settlement.
16. ***Buttram v. UPS***, No. C-97-01590 MJJ (N.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser and several co-counsel represented a class of approximately 14,000 African-American part-time hourly employees of UPS's Pacific and Northwest Regions alleging race discrimination in promotions and job advancement. In 1999, the Court approved a \$12.14 million settlement of the action. Under the injunctive relief portion of the settlement, Class Counsel monitored the promotions of African-American part-time hourly employees to part-time supervisor and full-time package car drivers.

17. ***Goddard, et al. v. Longs Drug Stores Corporation, et al.***, No. RGO4141291 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Store managers and assistant store managers of Longs Drugs charged that the company misclassified them as exempt from overtime wages. Managers regularly worked in excess of 8 hours per day and 40 hours per week without compensation for their overtime hours. Following mediation, in 2005, Longs Drugs agreed to settle the claims for a total of \$11 million. Over 1,000 current and former Longs Drugs managers and assistant managers were eligible for compensation under the settlement, over 98% of the class submitted claims.
18. ***Trotter v. Perdue Farms***, No. C 99-893-RRM (JJF) (MPT) (D. Del.). Lieff Cabraser represented a class of chicken processing employees of Perdue Farms, Inc., one of the nation's largest poultry processors, for wage and hour violations. The suit challenged Perdue's failure to compensate its assembly line employees for putting on, taking off, and cleaning protective and sanitary equipment in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, various state wage and hour laws, and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. Under a settlement approved by the Court in 2002, Perdue paid \$10 million for wages lost by its chicken processing employees and attorneys' fees and costs. The settlement was in addition to a \$10 million settlement of a suit brought by the Department of Labor in the wake of Lieff Cabraser's lawsuit.
19. ***Gottlieb v. SBC Communications***, No. CV-00-04139 AHM (MANx) (C.D. Cal.). With co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represented current and former employees of SBC and Pacific Telesis Group ("PTG") who participated in AirTouch Stock Funds, which were at one time part of PTG's salaried and non-salaried savings plans. After acquiring PTG, SBC sold AirTouch, which PTG had owned, and caused the AirTouch Stock Funds that were included in the PTG employees' savings plans to be liquidated. Plaintiffs alleged that in eliminating the AirTouch Stock Funds, and in allegedly failing to adequately communicate with employees about the liquidation, SBC breached its duties to 401k plan participants under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. In 2002, the Court granted final approval to a \$10 million settlement.
20. ***Ellis v. Costco Wholesale Corp.***, No. 04-03341-EMC (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for current and former female employees who charged that Costco discriminated against women in promotion to management positions. In January 2007, the Court certified a class consisting of over 750 current and former female Costco employees nationwide who were denied promotion to General Manager or Assistant Manager since January 3, 2002. Costco appealed. In September 2011, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit remanded the case to the District Court to make class certification findings.

consistent with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Wal-Mart v. Dukes*, 131 S.Ct. 2541 (2011). In September 2012, U.S. District Court Judge Edward M. Chen granted plaintiffs' motion for class certification and certified two classes of over 1,250 current and former female Costco employees, one for injunctive relief and the other for monetary relief. On May 27, 2014, the Court approved an \$8 million settlement.

21. ***In Re Farmers Insurance Exchange Claims Representatives' Overtime Pay Litigation***, MDL No. 1439 (D. Ore.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represented claims representatives of Farmers' Insurance Exchange seeking unpaid overtime. Lieff Cabraser won a liability phase trial on a classwide basis, and then litigated damages on an individual basis before a special master. The judgment was partially upheld on appeal. In August 2010, the Court approved an \$8 million settlement.
22. ***Zuckman v. Allied Group***, No. 02-5800 SI (N.D. Cal.). In September 2004, the Court approved a settlement with Allied Group and Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company of \$8 million plus Allied/Nationwide's share of payroll taxes on amounts treated as wages, providing plaintiffs a 100% recovery on their claims. Plaintiffs, claims representatives of Allied / Nationwide, alleged that the company misclassified them as exempt employees and failed to pay them and other claims representatives in California overtime wages for hours they worked in excess of eight hours or forty hours per week. In approving the settlement, U.S. District Court Judge Susan Illston commended counsel for their "really good lawyering" and stated that they did "a splendid job on this" case.
23. ***Thomas v. California State Automobile Association***, No. CH217752 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). With co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represented 1,200 current and former field claims adjusters who worked for the California State Automobile Association ("CSAA"). Plaintiffs alleged that CSAA improperly classified their employees as exempt, therefore denying them overtime pay for overtime worked. In May 2002, the Court approved an \$8 million settlement of the case.
24. ***Higazi v. Cadence Design Systems***, No. C 07-2813 JW (N.D. Cal.). In July 2008, the Court granted final approval to a \$7.664 million settlement of a class action suit by current and former technical support workers for Cadence seeking unpaid overtime. Plaintiffs alleged that Cadence illegally misclassified its employees who install, maintain, or support computer hardware or software as "exempt" from the overtime pay requirements of federal and state labor laws.
25. ***Zaborowski v. MHN Government Services***, No. 12-CV-05109-SI (N.D. Cal.) Lieff Cabraser represented current and former Military and Family Life Consultants ("MFLCs") in a class action lawsuit against MHN Government Services, Inc. ("MHN") and Managed Health Network, Inc.,

seeking overtime pay under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act and state laws. The complaint charged that MHN misclassified the MFLCs as independent contractors and as “exempt” from overtime and failed to pay them overtime pay for hours worked over 40 per week. In April 2013, the Court denied MHN’s motion to compel arbitration and granted plaintiff’s motion for conditional certification of a FLSA collective action. In December 2014, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit upheld the district court’s determination that the arbitration clause in MHN’s employee contract was procedurally and substantively unconscionable. MHN appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

MHN did not contest that its agreement had several unconscionable components; instead, it asked the Supreme Court to sever the unconscionable terms of its arbitration agreement and nonetheless send the MFLCs’ claims to arbitration. The Supreme Court granted MHN’s petition for certiorari on October 1, 2015, and was scheduled to hear the case in the 2016 spring term in *MHN Gov’t Servs., Inc. v. Zaborowski*, No. 14-1458. While the matter was pending before the Supreme Court, an arbitrator approved a class settlement in the matter, which resulted in payment of \$7,433,109.19 to class members.

26. ***Sandoval v. Mountain Center, Inc., et al.***, No. 03CC00280 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Cable installers in California charged that defendants owed them overtime wages, as well as damages for missed meal and rest breaks and reimbursement for expenses incurred on the job. In 2005, the Court approved a \$7.2 million settlement of the litigation, which was distributed to the cable installers who submitted claims.
27. ***Martin v. Bohemian Club***, No. SCV-258731 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represented a class of approximately 659 individuals who worked seasonally as camp valets for the Bohemian Club. Plaintiffs alleged that they had been misclassified as independent contractors, and thus were not paid for overtime or meal-and-rest breaks as required under California law. The Court granted final approval of a \$7 million settlement resolving all claims in September 2016.
28. ***Lewis v. Wells Fargo***, No. 08-cv-2670 CW (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Counsel on behalf of approximately 330 I/T workers who alleged that Wells Fargo had a common practice of misclassifying them as exempt and failing to pay them for all overtime hours worked in violation of federal and state overtime pay laws. In April 2011, the Court granted collective action certification of the FLSA claims and approved a \$6.72 million settlement of the action.
29. ***Kahn v. Denny’s***, No. BC177254 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser brought a lawsuit alleging that Denny’s failed to pay overtime wages to its General Managers and Managers who worked at company-owned

restaurants in California. The Court approved a \$4 million settlement of the case in 2000.

30. ***Wynne v. McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants***, No. C 06-3153 CW (N.D. Cal.). In August 2008, the Court granted final approval to a settlement valued at \$2.1 million, including substantial injunctive relief, for a class of African American restaurant-level hourly employees. The consent decree created hiring benchmarks to increase the number of African Americans employed in front of the house jobs (*e.g.*, server, bartender, host/hostess, waiter/waitress, and cocktail server), a registration of interest program to minimize discrimination in promotions, improved complaint procedures, and monitoring and enforcement mechanisms.
31. ***Sherrill v. Premera Blue Cross***, No. 2:10-cv-00590-TSZ (W.D. Wash.). In April 2010, a technical worker at Premera Blue Cross filed a lawsuit against Premera seeking overtime pay from its misclassification of technical support workers as exempt. In June 2011, the Court approved a collective and class action settlement of \$1.45 million.
32. ***Holloway v. Best Buy***, No. C05-5056 PJH (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, represented a class of current employees of Best Buy that alleged Best Buy stores nationwide discriminated against women, African Americans, and Latinos. The complaint charged that these employees were assigned to less desirable positions and denied promotions, and that class members who attained managerial positions were paid less than white males. In November 2011, the Court approved a settlement of the class action in which Best Buy agreed to changes to its personnel policies and procedures that will enhance the equal employment opportunities of the tens of thousands of women, African Americans, and Latinos employed by Best Buy nationwide.
33. ***Lyon v. TMP Worldwide***, No. 993096 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel for a class of certain non-supervisory employees in an advertising firm. The settlement, approved in 2000, provided almost a 100% recovery to class members. The suit alleged that TMP failed to pay overtime wages to these employees.
34. ***Lusardi v. McHugh, Secretary of the Army***, No. 0120133395 (U.S. EEOC). Lieff Cabraser and the Transgender Law Center represent Tamara Lusardi, a transgender civilian software specialist employed by the U.S. Army. In a groundbreaking decision in April 2015, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission reversed a lower agency decision and held that the employer subjected Lusardi to disparate treatment and harassment based on sex in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 when (1) the employer restricted her from using the common female restroom (consistent with her gender identity) and (2) a team leader

intentionally and repeatedly referred to her by male pronouns and made hostile remarks about her transition and gender.

Lieff Cabraser attorneys have had experience representing employees in additional cases, including cases involving race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and age discrimination; False Claims Act (whistleblower) claims; breach of contract claims; unpaid wages or exempt misclassification (wage/hour) claims; pension plan abuses under ERISA; and other violations of the law. For example, as described in the Antitrust section of this resume, Lieff Cabraser served as plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel in a class action charging that Adobe Systems Inc., Apple Inc., Google Inc., and Intel Corporation violated antitrust laws by conspiring to suppress the wages of certain salaried employees.

Lieff Cabraser is currently investigating charges of discrimination, wage/hour violations, and wage suppression claims against several companies. In addition, our attorneys frequently write amicus briefs on cutting-edge legal issues involving employment law.

In 2015, *The Recorder* named Lieff Cabraser's employment group as a Litigation Department of the Year in the category of California Labor and Employment Law. The Litigation Department of the Year awards recognize "California litigation practices that deliver standout results on their clients' most critical matters." *The Recorder* editors consider the degree of difficulty, dollar value and importance of each matter to the client; the depth and breadth of the practice; and the use of innovative approaches.

*U.S. News* and Best Lawyers selected Lieff Cabraser as a 2013 national "Law Firm of the Year" in the category of Employment Law – Individuals. *U.S. News* and Best Lawyers ranked firms nationally in 80 different practice areas based on extensive client feedback and evaluations from 70,000 lawyers nationwide. Only one law firm in the U.S. in each practice area receives the "Law Firm of the Year" designation.

*Benchmark Plaintiff*, a guide to the nation's leading plaintiffs' firms, has given Lieff Cabraser's employment practice group a Tier 1 national ranking, its highest rating. *The Legal 500* guide to the U.S. legal profession has recognized Lieff Cabraser as having one of the leading plaintiffs' employment practices in the nation for the past four years.

Kelly M. Dermody chairs the firm's employment practice group and leads the firm's employment cases. She also serves as Managing Partner of Lieff Cabraser's San Francisco office.

In 2015, the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers named Ms. Dermody a Fellow. Nomination to the College is by ones colleagues only, and recognizes those lawyers who have demonstrated sustained and exceptional services to their clients, bar, bench, and public, and the highest level of character, integrity, professional expertise, and leadership.

*The Daily Journal* has selected Ms. Dermody as one of the top 100 attorneys in California (2012-2015), top 75 labor and employment lawyers in California (2011-2015), and top 100 women litigators in California (2007, 2010, 2012-2016). She has been named a Northern



California “Super Lawyer” every year since 2004, including being named a “Top 10 Lawyer” in 2014.

Since 2010, Ms. Dermody has annually been recognized by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the fields of Employment Law – Individuals and Litigation – Labor and Employment. In 2014, she was named “Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers in the category of Employment Law – Individuals in San Francisco. In 2007, *California Lawyer* magazine awarded Ms. Dermody its prestigious California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award.

In 2019, the American Bar Association honored Ms. Dermody with its Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, considered to be the highest award for women in the legal profession.

#### **IV. Consumer Protection**

##### **A. Current Cases**

1. ***In re Arizona Theranos, Inc. Litigation***, No. 2:16-cv-2138-HRH (D. Ariz.). This class action alleges that Walgreens and startup company Theranos Inc. (along with its two top executives) committed fraud and battery by prematurely marketing to consumers blood testing services that were still in-development, not ready-for-market, and dangerously unreliable. Hundreds of thousands of consumers in Arizona and California submitted to these “testing” services and blood draws under false pretenses. Consumers also made major health decisions (including taking actions and medication, and refraining from taking actions and medications) in reliance on these unreliable tests. Plaintiffs allege that Walgreens’ and Theranos’ conduct violates Arizona and California consumer protection statutes and common law.
2. ***Fiat Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ecodiesel Litigation***, 17-MD-02777-EMC. Loeff Cabraser represents owners and lessors of affected Fiat Chrysler vehicles in litigation accusing Fiat Chrysler of using secret software to allow excess emissions in violation of the law for at least 104,000 2014-2016 model year diesel vehicles, including Jeep Grand Cherokees and Dodge Ram 1500 trucks with 3-liter diesel engines sold in the United States from late 2013 through 2016 (model years 2014, 2015, and 2016). In June 2017, Judge Edward M. Chen of the Northern District of California named Elizabeth Cabraser sole Lead Counsel for Plaintiffs and Chair of the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee for consolidated litigation of the case.

In May 2019, Judge Chen granted final approval to a \$307.5 million settlement of the case, which will provide eligible owners and lessees with substantial cash payments and an extended warranty following the completion of a government-mandated emissions modification to affected vehicles.

Under the agreement between consumers and FCA and Bosch, approximately 100,000 owners and lessees of Ram 1500 and Jeep Grand Cherokee 3.0-liter diesel vehicles from model years 2014 to 2016 are eligible to file claims and receive the settlement's benefits. Most owners will receive \$3,075 once the repair – a software reflash – is completed. Current owners and lessees have until February 3, 2021 to submit a claim, and until May 3, 2021 to complete the repair and receive compensation.

3. ***In Re: General Motors Corp. Air Conditioning Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation***, MDL No. 2818 (E.D. Mich.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel in a consumer fraud class action MDL against General Motors Company consolidated in Michigan federal court on behalf of all persons who purchased or leased certain GM vehicles equipped with an allegedly defective air conditioning systems. The lawsuit claims the vehicles have a serious defect that causes the air conditioning systems to crack and leak refrigerant, lose pressure, and fail to function properly to provide cooled air into the vehicles. These failures lead owners and lessees to incur significant costs for repair, often successive repairs as the repaired parts prove defective as well. The complaint lists causes of action for violations of various states' Consumer Protection Acts, fraudulent concealment, breach of warranty, and unjust enrichment, and seeks declaratory and injunctive relief, including an order requiring GM to permanently repair the affected vehicles within a reasonable time period, as well as compensatory, exemplary, and statutory damages.
4. ***In re Checking Account Overdraft Litigation***, MDL No. 2036 (S.D. Fl.). Lieff Cabraser serves on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee ("PEC") in Multi-District Litigation against 35 banks, including Bank of America, Chase, Citizens, PNC, Union Bank, and U.S. Bank. The complaints alleged that the banks entered debit card transactions from the "largest to the smallest" to draw down available balances more rapidly and maximize overdraft fees. In March 2010, the Court denied defendants' motions to dismiss the complaints. The Court has approved nearly \$1 billion in settlements with the banks.

In November 2011, the Court granted final approval to a \$410 million settlement of the case against Bank of America. Lieff Cabraser was the lead plaintiffs' law firm on the PEC that prosecuted the case against Bank of America. In approving the settlement with Bank of America, U.S. District Court Judge James Lawrence King stated, "This is a marvelous result for the members of the class." Judge King added, "[B]ut for the high level of dedication, ability and massive and incredible hard work by the Class attorneys . . . I do not believe the Class would have ever seen . . . a penny."

In September 2012, the Court granted final approval to a \$35 million of the case against Union Bank. In approving the settlement, Judge King again complimented plaintiffs' counsel for their outstanding work and effort in resolving the case: "The description of plaintiffs' counsel, which is a necessary part of the settlement, is, if anything, understated. In my observation of the diligence and professional activity, it's superb. I know of no other class action case anywhere in the country in the last couple of decades that's been handled as efficiently as this one has, which is a tribute to the lawyers."

5. ***Hale, et al. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., et al.***, Case No. 3:12-cv-00660-DRH-SCW. In 1997, Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel filed a class action in Illinois state court, accusing State Farm of approving the use of lower-quality non-original equipment manufacturer (non-OEM) automotive parts for repairs to the vehicles of more than 4 million State Farm policyholders, contrary to the company's policy language. Plaintiffs won a verdict of more than nearly \$1.2 billion that included \$600 million in punitive damages. The state appeals court affirmed the judgment, but reduced it slightly to \$1.05 billion. State Farm appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court in May 2013.

A two-plus-year delay in that Court's decision led to a vacancy in the Illinois Supreme Court. Plaintiffs alleged that State Farm recruited a little-known trial judge, Judge Lloyd A. Karmeier, to run for the vacant Supreme Court seat, and then managed his campaign behind the scenes, and secretly funded it to the tune of almost \$4 million. Then, after Justice Karmeier was elected, State Farm hid its involvement in his campaign to ensure that Justice Karmeier could participate in the pending appeal of the \$1.05 billion judgment. State Farm's scheme was successful: Justice Karmeier joined the otherwise "deadlocked" deliberations and voted to decertify the class and overturn the judgment.

In a 2012 lawsuit filed in federal court, Plaintiffs alleged that this secretive scheme to seat a sympathetic justice—and then to lie about it, so as secure that justice's participation in the pending appeal—violated the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act ("RICO"), and deprived Plaintiffs of their interest in the billion-dollar judgment. Judge David R. Herndon certified the class in October 2016, and the Seventh Circuit denied State Farm's petition to appeal the ruling in December 2016 and again in May 2017. On August 21, 2018, Judge David R. Herndon issued two new Orders favorable to plaintiffs relating to evidence and testimony to be included in the trial. On September 4, 2018, the day the trial was to begin, Judge Herndon gave preliminary approval to a \$250 million settlement of the case, and on December 13, 2018, Judge Herndon gave the settlement final approval.

6. ***Dover v. British Airways***, Case No. 1:12-cv-05567 (E.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represents participants in British Airways' ("BA") frequent flyer program, known as the Executive Club, in a breach of contract class action lawsuit. BA imposes a very high "fuel surcharge," often in excess of \$500, on Executive Club reward tickets. Plaintiffs alleged that the "fuel surcharge" was not based upon the price of fuel, and that it therefore violated the terms of the contract. The case was heavily litigated for five years, and settled on the verge of trial for a \$42.5 million common fund. Class members have the choice of a cash refund or additional flyer miles based on the number of tickets redeemed during the class period. If all class members claim the miles instead of the cash, the total settlement value will be up to \$63 million. U.S. Magistrate Judge Cheryl Pollak signed off on the settlement on May 30, 2018: "In light of the court's experience throughout the course of this litigation — and particularly in light of the contentiousness of earlier proceedings, the inability of the parties to settle during previous mediation attempts and the parties' initial positions when they appeared for the settlement conferences with the court — the significant benefit that the settlement will provide to class members is remarkable."
  
7. ***Telephone Consumer Protection Act Litigation***. Lieff Cabraser serves as a leader in nationwide Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA") class actions challenging abusing and harassing automated calls. Based on Lieff Cabraser's experience and expertise in these cases, Judge Amy J. St. Eve appointed Lieff Cabraser as lead counsel in consolidated TCPA class actions against State Farm. ***Smith v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.***, 301 F.R.D. 284 (N.D. Ill. 2014). Lieff Cabraser also maintains leadership roles in ongoing nationwide class actions against American Express (***Ossola v. American Express Co., et al.***, Case No. 1:13-CV-4836 (N.D. Ill)), DirecTV (***Brown v. DirecTV LLC***, Case No. 2:13-cv-01170-DMG-E (C.D. Cal.)), National Grid (***Jenkins v. National Grid USA, et al.***, Case No. 2:15-cv-01219-JS-GRB (E.D.N.Y.)), and several other companies that make automated debt-collection or telemarketing calls.
  
8. ***Rushing v. The Walt Disney Company, et al.***, Case No. 3:17-cv-4419 (N.D. Cal.); ***Rushing v. Viacom, Inc., et al.***, Case No. 3:17-cv-4492 (N.D. Cal.); ***McDonald, et al. v. Kiloo Aps, et al.***, Case No. 3:17-cv-4344 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represents parents, on behalf of their children, in federal class action litigation against numerous online game and app producers including Disney, Viacom, and the makers of the vastly popular Subway Surfers game (Kiloo), over allegations the companies unlawfully collected, used, and disseminated the personal information of children who played the gaming apps on smart phones, tablets, and other mobile device. The actions are proceeding under time-honored laws protecting privacy: a California common law invasion of

privacy claim, a California Constitution right of privacy claim, a California unfair competition claim, a New York General Business Law claim, a Massachusetts Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices claim, and a Massachusetts statutory right to privacy claim.

9. ***The People of the State of California v. J.C. Penny Corporation, Inc.***, Case No. BC643036 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct); ***The People of the State of California v. Kohl's Department Stores, Inc.***, Case No. BC643037 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct); ***The People of the State of California v. Macy's, Inc.***, Case No. BC643040 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct); ***The People of the State of California v. Sears, Roebuck and Co., et al.***, Case No. BC643039 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct). Working with the office of the Los Angeles City Attorney, Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represent the People of California in consumer fraud and false advertising civil enforcement actions against national retailers J.C. Penney, Kohl's, Macy's, and Sears alleging that each of these companies has pervasively used "false reference pricing" schemes — whereby the companies advertise products at a purported "discount" from false "original" or "regular" prices — to mislead customers into believing they are receiving bargains. Because such practices are misleading — and effective — California law prohibits them. The suits seek civil penalties and injunctive relief. The cases are ongoing.
10. ***Cody v. SoulCycle, Inc.***, Case No. 2:15-cv-06457 (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represents consumers in a class action lawsuit alleging that indoor cycling fitness company SoulCycle sells illegally expiring gift certificates. The suit alleges that SoulCycle defrauded customers by forcing them to buy gift certificates with short enrollment windows and keeping the expired certificates' unused balances in violation of the U.S. Electronic Funds Transfer Act and California's Unfair Competition Law, and seeks reinstatement of expired classes or customer reimbursements as well as policy changes. In October of 2017, U.S. District Judge Michael W. Fitzgerald granted final approval to a settlement of the litigation valued between \$6.9 million and \$9.2 million that provides significant economic consideration to settlement class members as well as meaningful changes to SoulCycle's business practices.
11. ***Moore v. Verizon Communications***, No. 09-cv-01823-SBA (N.D. Cal.); ***Nwabueze v. AT&T***, No. 09-cv-1529 SI (N.D. Cal.); ***Terry v. Pacific Bell Telephone Co.***, No. RG 09 488326 (Alameda County Sup. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, represents nationwide classes of landline telephone customers subjected to the deceptive business practice known as "cramming." In this practice, a telephone company bills customers for unauthorized third-party charges assessed by billing aggregators on behalf of third-party providers. A U.S. Senate committee has estimated that Verizon, AT&T, and Qwest place 300 million such

charges on customer bills each year (amounting to \$2 billion in charges), many of which are unauthorized. Various sources estimate that 90-99% of third-party charges are unauthorized. Both Courts have granted preliminary approval of settlements that allow customers to receive 100% refunds for all unauthorized charges from 2005 to the present, plus extensive injunctive relief to prevent cramming in the future. The Nwabueze and Terry cases are ongoing.

12. ***James v. UMG Recordings, Inc.***, No. CV-11-1613 (N.D. Cal); ***Zombie v. UMG Recordings, Inc.***, No. CV-11-2431 (N.D. Cal). Lieff Cabraser and its co-counsel represent music recording artists in a proposed class action against Universal Music Group. Plaintiffs allege that Universal failed to pay the recording artists full royalty income earned from customers' purchases of digitally downloaded music from vendors such as Apple iTunes. The complaint alleges that Universal licenses plaintiffs' music to digital download providers, but in its accounting of the royalties plaintiffs have earned, treats such licenses as "records sold" because royalty rate for "records sold" is lower than the royalty rate for licenses. Plaintiffs legal claims include breach of contract and violation of California unfair competition laws. In November 2011 the Court denied defendant's motion to dismiss plaintiffs' unfair competition law claims.
13. ***White v. Experian Information Solutions***, No. 05-CV-1070 DOC (C.D. Cal.). In 2005, plaintiffs filed nationwide class action lawsuits on behalf of 750,000 claimants against the nation's three largest repositories of consumer credit information, Experian Information Solutions, Inc., Trans Union, LLC, and Equifax Information Services, LLC. The complaints charged that defendants violated the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA") by recklessly failing to follow reasonable procedures to ensure the accurate reporting of debts discharged in bankruptcy and by refusing to adequately investigate consumer disputes regarding the status of discharged accounts. In April 2008, the District Court approved a partial settlement of the action that established an historic injunction. This settlement required defendants comply with detailed procedures for the retroactive correction and updating of consumers' credit file information concerning discharged debt (affecting one million consumers who had filed for bankruptcy dating back to 2003), as well as new procedures to ensure that debts subject to future discharge orders will be similarly treated. As noted by the District Court, "Prior to the injunctive relief order entered in the instant case, however, no verdict or reported decision had ever required Defendants to implement procedures to cross-check data between their furnishers and their public record providers." In 2011, the District Court approved a \$45 million settlement of the class claims for monetary relief. In April 2013, the Court of Appeals for the Ninth

Circuit reversed the order approving the monetary settlement and remanded the case for further proceedings.

14. ***Healy v. Chesapeake Appalachia***, No. 1:10cv00023 (W.D. Va.); ***Hale v. CNX Gas***, No. 1:10cv00059 (W.D. Va.); ***Estate of Holman v. Noble Energy***, No. 03 CV 9 (Dist. Ct., Co.); ***Droegemueller v. Petroleum Development Corporation***, No. 07 CV 2508 JLK (D. Co.); ***Anderson v. Merit Energy Co.***, No. 07 CV 00916 LTB (D. Co.); ***Holman v. Petro-Canada Resources (USA)***, No. 07 CV 416 (Dist. Ct., Co.). Lief Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel in several cases pending in federal court in Virginia, in which plaintiffs allege that certain natural gas companies improperly underpaid gas royalties to the owners of the gas. In one case that recently settled, the plaintiffs recovered approximately 95% of the damages they suffered. Lief Cabraser also achieved settlements on behalf of natural gas royalty owners in five other class actions outside Virginia. Those settlements -- in which class members recovered between 70% and 100% of their damages, excluding interest -- were valued at more than \$160 million.
15. ***Adkins v. Morgan Stanley***, No. 12 CV 7667 (S.D.N.Y.). Five African-American residents from Detroit, Michigan, joined by Michigan Legal Services, have brought a class action lawsuit against Morgan Stanley for discrimination in violation of the Fair Housing Act and other civil rights laws. The plaintiffs charge that Morgan Stanley actively ensured the proliferation of high-cost mortgage loans with specific risk factors in order to bundle and sell mortgage-backed securities to investors. The lawsuit is the first to seek to hold a bank in the secondary market accountable for the adverse racial impact of such policies and conduct. Plaintiffs seek certification of the case as a class action for as many as 6,000 African-Americans homeowners in the Detroit area who may have suffered similar discrimination. Lief Cabraser serves as plaintiffs' counsel with the American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of Michigan, and the National Consumer Law Center.
16. ***Marcus A. Roberts et al. v. AT&T Mobility LLC***, No. 3:15-cv-3418 (N.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser represents consumers in a proposed class action lawsuit against AT&T claiming that AT&T falsely advertised that its "unlimited" mobile phone plans provide "unlimited" data, while purposefully failing to disclose that it regularly "throttles" (*i.e.*, intentionally slows) customers' data speed once they reach certain data usage thresholds. The lawsuit also challenges AT&T's attempts to force consumers into non-class arbitration, claiming that AT&T's arbitration clause in its Wireless Customer Agreement violates consumers' fundamental constitutional First Amendment right to petition courts for a redress of grievances.

## **B. Successes**

1. ***In re Volkswagen ‘Clean Diesel’ Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 2672 (N.D. Cal.). In September of 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a Notice of Violation to Volkswagen relating to 475,000 diesel-powered cars in the United States sold since 2008 under the VW and Audi brands on which VW installed “cheat device” software that intentionally changed the vehicles’ emissions production during official testing. Only when the programming detected that the vehicles were undergoing official emissions testing did the cars turn on their full emission control systems. The controls were turned off during actual road use, producing up to 40x more pollutants than the testing amounts in an extraordinary violation of U.S. clean air laws.

Private vehicle owners, state governments, agencies, and attorneys general, as well as federal agencies, all sought compensation and relief from VW through litigation in U.S. courts. More than 1,000 individual civil cases and numerous accompanying government claims were consolidated in federal court in Northern California, and U.S. District Judge Charles R. Breyer appointed Lieff Cabraser founding partner Elizabeth Cabraser as Lead Counsel and Chair of the 22-member Plaintiffs Steering Committee in February of 2016.

After nine months of intensive negotiation and extraordinary coordination led on the class plaintiffs’ side by Elizabeth Cabraser, a set of interrelated settlements totaling \$14.7 billion were given final approval by Judge Breyer on October 25, 2016. The settlements offer owners and lessees of Volkswagen and Audi 2.0-liter diesel vehicles substantial compensation through buybacks and lease terminations, government-approved emissions modifications, and cash payments, while fixing or removing these polluting vehicles from the road. On May 11, 2017, a further settlement with a value of at least \$1.2 billion relating to VW’s 3.0-liter engine vehicles received final approval. This deal offers a combination of a projected emissions modification or buybacks for older 3.0-liter models. If a government-approved modification can’t be found, VW will have to buy back all the vehicles, which could increase its costs for the 3.0-liter model settlement to as much as \$4 billion.

The consumer class settlements have garnered overwhelming approval and response. Over 380,000 diesel owners have already signed up for the settlement, most doing so even before final approval was granted by Judge Breyer, who is overseeing all federal “clean diesel” litigation.

The Volkswagen emissions settlement is one of the largest payments in American history and the largest known consumer class settlement. It exemplifies the best of the American judicial system, illustrating the



resolution of a significant portion of one of the most massive multidistrict class actions at what *Law360* referred to as “lightning speed.” The settlements are unprecedented also for their scope and complexity, involving the Department of Justice, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), California Air Resources Board (CARB) and California Attorney General, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and private plaintiffs.

2. ***Williamson v. McAfee, Inc.***, No. 14-cv-00158-EJD (N.D. Cal.). This nationwide class action alleged that McAfee falsely represented the prices of its computer anti-virus software to customers enrolled in its “auto-renewal” program. Plaintiffs alleged that McAfee: (a) offers *non*-auto-renewal subscriptions at stated “discounts” from a “regular” sales price; however, the stated discounts are false because McAfee does not ever sell subscriptions at the stated “regular” price to *non*-auto-renewal customers; and (b) charges the auto-renewal customers the amount of the false “regular” sales price, claiming it to be the “current” regular price even though it does not sell subscriptions at that price to any other customer. Plaintiffs alleged that McAfee’s false reference price scheme violated California’s and New York’s unfair competition and false advertising laws. In 2017, a class settlement was approved that included monetary payments to claimants and practice changes.
3. ***Hansell v. TracFone Wireless***, No. 13-cv-3440-EMC (N.D. Cal.); ***Blaqmoor v. TracFone Wireless***, No. 13-cv-05295-EMC (N.D. Cal.); ***Gandhi v. TracFone Wireless***, No. 13-cv-05296-EMC (N.D. Cal.). In January 2015, Michael W. Sobol, the chair of Lieff Cabraser’s consumer protection practice group, announced that consumers nationwide who purchased service plans with “unlimited data” from TracFone Wireless, Inc., were eligible to receive payments under a \$40 million settlement of a series of class action lawsuits. One of the nation’s largest wireless carriers, TracFone uses the brands Straight Talk, Net10, Telcel America, and Simple Mobile to sell mobile phones with prepaid wireless plans at Walmart and other retail stores nationwide. The class action alleged that TracFone falsely advertised its wireless mobile phone plans as providing “unlimited data,” while actually maintaining monthly data usage limits that were not disclosed to customers. It further alleged that TracFone regularly throttled (*i.e.* significantly reduces the speed of) or terminated customers’ data plans pursuant to the secret limits. Approved by the Court in July 2015, the settlement permanently enjoins TracFone from making any advertisement or other representation about amount of data its cell phone plans offer without disclosing clearly and conspicuously all material restrictions on the amount and speed of the data plan. Further, TracFone and its brands may not state in their advertisements and marketing materials that any plan provides “unlimited data” unless there is also clear, prominent, and adjoining disclosure of any applicable throttling caps or limits. The litigation is notable in part because,

following two years of litigation by class counsel, the Federal Trade Commission joined the litigation and filed a Consent Order with TracFone in the same federal court where the class action litigation is pending. All compensation to consumers will be provided through the class action settlement.

4. ***Gutierrez v. Wells Fargo Bank***, No. C 07-05923 WHA (N.D. Cal.). Following a two week bench class action trial, U.S. District Court Judge William Alsup in August 2010 issued a 90-page opinion holding that Wells Fargo violated California law by improperly and illegally assessing overdraft fees on its California customers and ordered \$203 million in restitution to the certified class. Instead of posting each transaction chronologically, the evidence presented at trial showed that Wells Fargo deducted the largest charges first, drawing down available balances more rapidly and triggering a higher volume of overdraft fees.

Wells Fargo appealed. In December 2012, the Appellate Court issued an opinion upholding and reversing portions of Judge Alsup's order, and remanded the case to the District Court for further proceedings. In May 2013, Judge Alsup reinstated the \$203 million judgment against Wells Fargo and imposed post-judgment interest bringing the total award to nearly \$250 million. On October 29, 2014, the Appellate Court affirmed the Judge Alsup's order reinstating the judgment.

For his outstanding work as Lead Trial Counsel and the significance of the case, *California Lawyer* magazine recognized Richard M. Heimann with a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award. In addition, the Consumer Attorneys of California selected Mr. Heimann and Michael W. Sobol as Finalists for the Consumer Attorney of the Year Award for their success in the case.

In reviewing counsel's request for attorneys' fees, Judge Alsup stated on May 21, 2015: "Lieff, Cabraser, on the other hand, entered as class counsel and pulled victory from the jaws of defeat. They bravely confronted several obstacles including the possibility of claim preclusion based on a class release entered in state court (by other counsel), federal preemption, hard-fought dispositive motions, and voluminous discovery. They rescued the case [counsel that originally filed] had botched and secured a full recovery of \$203 million in restitution plus injunctive relief. Notably, Attorney Richard Heimann's trial performance ranks as one of the best this judge has seen in sixteen years on the bench. Lieff, Cabraser then twice defended the class on appeal. At oral argument on the present motion, in addition to the cash restitution, Wells Fargo acknowledged that since 2010, its posting practices changed nationwide, in part, because of the injunction. Accordingly, this order allows a multiplier of 5.5 mainly on account of the fine results achieved on behalf

of the class, the risk of non-payment they accepted, the superior quality of their efforts, and the delay in payment.”

5. ***Kline v. The Progressive Corporation***, Circuit No. 02-L-6 (Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit, Johnson County, Illinois). Lieff Cabraser served as settlement class counsel in a nationwide consumer class action challenging Progressive Corporation’s private passenger automobile insurance sales practices. Plaintiffs alleged that the Progressive Corporation wrongfully concealed from class members the availability of lower priced insurance for which they qualified. In 2002, the Court approved a settlement valued at approximately \$450 million, which included both cash and equitable relief. The claims program, implemented upon a nationwide mail and publication notice program, was completed in 2003.
6. ***Catholic Healthcare West Cases***, JCCP No. 4453 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Plaintiff alleged that Catholic Healthcare West (“CHW”) charged uninsured patients excessive fees for treatment and services, at rates far higher than the rates charged to patients with private insurance or on Medicare. In January 2007, the Court approved a settlement that provides discounts, refunds and other benefits for CHW patients valued at \$423 million. The settlement requires that CHW lower its charges and end price discrimination against all uninsured patients, maintain generous charity case policies allowing low-income and uninsured patients to receive free or heavily discounted care, and protect uninsured patients from unfair collections practices. Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Counsel in the coordinated action.
7. ***In re Neurontin Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation***, MDL No. 1629 (D. Mass.). Lieff Cabraser served on the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee in multidistrict litigation arising out of the sale and marketing of the prescription drug Neurontin, manufactured by Parke-Davis, a division of Warner-Lambert Company, which was later acquired by Pfizer, Inc. Lieff Cabraser served as co-counsel to Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals (“Kaiser”) in Kaiser’s trial against Pfizer in the litigation. On March 25, 2010, a federal court jury determined that Pfizer violated a federal antiracketeering law by promoting its drug Neurontin for unapproved uses and found Pfizer must pay Kaiser damages up to \$142 million. At trial, Kaiser presented evidence that Pfizer knowingly marketed Neurontin for unapproved uses without proof that it was effective. Kaiser said it was misled into believing neuropathic pain, migraines, and bipolar disorder were among the conditions that could be treated effectively with Neurontin, which was approved by the FDA as an adjunctive therapy to treat epilepsy and later for post-herpetic neuralgia, a specific type of neuropathic pain. In November 2010, the Court issued Findings of Fact and Conclusions of

Law on Kaiser's claims arising under the California Unfair Competition Law, finding Pfizer liable and ordering that it pay restitution to Kaiser of approximately \$95 million. In April 2013, the First Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed both the jury's and the District Court's verdicts. In November 2014, the Court approved a \$325 million settlement on behalf of a nationwide class of third party payors.

8. ***Sutter Health Uninsured Pricing Cases***, JCCP No. 4388 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Plaintiffs alleged that they and a Class of uninsured patients treated at Sutter hospitals were charged substantially more than patients with private or public insurance, and many times above the cost of providing their treatment. In December 2006, the Court granted final approval to a comprehensive and groundbreaking settlement of the action. As part of the settlement, Class members were entitled to make a claim for refunds or deductions of between 25% to 45% from their prior hospital bills, at an estimated total value of \$276 million. For a three year period, Sutter agreed to provide discounted pricing policies for uninsureds. In addition, Sutter agreed to maintain more compassionate collections policies that will protect uninsureds who fall behind in their payments. Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Counsel in the coordinated action.
9. ***Citigroup Loan Cases***, JCCP No. 4197 (San Francisco Supr. Ct., Cal.). In 2003, the Court approved a settlement that provided approximately \$240 million in relief to former Associates' customers across America. Prior to its acquisition in November 2000, Associates First Financial, referred to as The Associates, was one of the nation's largest "subprime" lenders. Lieff Cabraser represented former customers of The Associates charging that the company added unwanted and unnecessary insurance products onto mortgage loans and engaged in improper loan refinancing practices. Lieff Cabraser served as nationwide Plaintiffs' Co-Liaison Counsel.
10. ***Telephone Consumer Protection Act Litigation***. Lieff Cabraser has spearheaded a series of groundbreaking class actions under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), which prohibits abusive telephone practices by lenders and marketers, and places strict limits on the use of autodialers to call or send texts to cell phones. The settlements in these cases have collectively put a stop to millions of harassing calls by debt collectors and others and resulted in the recovery by consumers across America of nearly \$370 million.

In 2012, Lieff Cabraser achieved a \$24.15 million class settlement with Sallie Mae – the then-largest settlement in the history of the TCPA. See ***Arthur v. Sallie Mae, Inc.***, No. C10-0198 JLR, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 132413 (W.D. Wash. Sept. 17, 2012). In subsequent cases, Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel eclipsed this record, including a \$32,083,905 settlement

with Bank of America (***Duke v. Bank of America***, No. 5:12-cv-04009-EJD (N.D. Cal.)), a \$39,975,000 settlement with HSBC (***Wilkins v. HSBC Bank Nev., N.A.***, Case No. 14-cv-190 (N.D. Ill.)), and a \$75,455,098.74 settlement with Capital One (***In re Capital One Telephone Consumer Protection Act Litigation***, Master Docket No. 1:12-cv-10064 (N.D. Ill.)). In the ***HSBC*** matter, Judge James F. Holderman commented on “the excellent work” and “professionalism” of Lieff Cabraser and its co-counsel. As noted above, Lieff Cabraser’s class settlements in TCPA cases have collectively resulted in the recovery by consumers to date of just under \$370 million.

11. ***Thompson v. WFS Financial***, No. 3-02-0570 (M.D. Tenn.); ***Pakeman v. American Honda Finance Corporation***, No. 3-02-0490 (M.D. Tenn.); ***Herra v. Toyota Motor Credit Corporation***, No. CGC 03-419 230 (San Francisco Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser with co-counsel litigated against several of the largest automobile finance companies in the country to compensate victims of—and stop future instances of—racial discrimination in the setting of interest rates in automobile finance contracts. The litigation led to substantial changes in the way Toyota Motor Credit Corporation (“TMCC”), American Honda Finance Corporation (“American Honda”) and WFS Financial, Inc. sell automobile finance contracts, limiting the discrimination that can occur. In approving the settlement in ***Thompson v. WFS Financial***, the Court recognized the “innovative” and “remarkable settlement” achieved on behalf of the nationwide class. In 2006 in ***Herra v. Toyota Motor Credit Corporation***, the Court granted final approval to a nationwide class action settlement on behalf of all African-American and Hispanic customers of TMCC who entered into retail installment contracts that were assigned to TMCC from 1999 to 2006. The monetary benefit to the class was estimated to be between \$159-\$174 million.
12. ***In re John Muir Uninsured Healthcare Cases***, JCCP No. 4494 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser represented nearly 53,000 uninsured patients who received care at John Muir hospitals and outpatient centers and were charged inflated prices and then subject to overly aggressive collection practices when they failed to pay. In November 2008, the Court approved a final settlement of the ***John Muir*** litigation. John Muir agreed to provide refunds or bill adjustments of 40-50% to uninsured patients who received medical care at John Muir over a six year period, bringing their charges to the level of patients with private insurance, at a value of \$115 million. No claims were required. Every class member received a refund or bill adjustment. Furthermore, John Muir was required to (1) maintain charity care policies to give substantial discounts—up to 100%—to low income, uninsured patients who meet certain income requirements; (2) maintain an Uninsured Patient Discount Policy to give discounts to all uninsured patients, regardless of

income, so that they pay rates no greater than those paid by patients with private insurance; (3) enhance communications to uninsured patients so they are better advised about John Muir's pricing discounts, financial assistance, and financial counseling services; and (4) limit the practices for collecting payments from uninsured patients.

13. ***Providian Credit Card Cases***, JCCP No. 4085 (San Francisco Supr. Ct.). Lief Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for a certified national Settlement Class of Providian credit cardholders who alleged that Providian had engaged in widespread misconduct by charging cardholders unlawful, excessive interest and late charges, and by promoting and selling to cardholders "add-on products" promising illusory benefits and services. In November 2001, the Court granted final approval to a \$105 million settlement of the case, which also required Providian to implement substantial changes in its business practices. The \$105 million settlement, combined with an earlier settlement by Providian with Federal and state agencies, represents the largest settlement ever by a U.S. credit card company in a consumer protection case.
14. ***In re Chase Bank USA, N.A. "Check Loan" Contract Litigation***, MDL No. 2032 (N.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in Multi-District Litigation ("MDL") charging that Chase Bank violated the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing by unilaterally modifying the terms of fixed rate loans. The MDL was established in 2009 to coordinate more than two dozen cases that were filed in the wake of the conduct at issue. The nationwide, certified class consisted of more than 1 million Chase cardholders who, in 2008 and 2009, had their monthly minimum payment requirements unilaterally increased by Chase by more than 150%. Plaintiffs alleged that Chase made this change, in part, to induce cardholders to give up their promised fixed APRs in order to avoid the unprecedented minimum payment hike. In November 2012, the Court approved a \$100 million settlement of the case.
15. ***In re Synthroid Marketing Litigation***, MDL No. 1182 (N.D. Ill.). Lief Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for the purchasers of the thyroid medication Synthroid in litigation against Knoll Pharmaceutical, the manufacturer of Synthroid. The lawsuits charged that Knoll misled physicians and patients into keeping patients on Synthroid despite knowing that less costly, but equally effective drugs, were available. In 2000, the District Court gave final approval to a \$87.4 million settlement with Knoll and its parent company, BASF Corporation, on behalf of a class of all consumers who purchased Synthroid at any time from 1990 to 1999. In 2001, the Court of Appeals upheld the order approving the settlement

and remanded the case for further proceedings. 264 F.3d 712 (7th Cir. 2001). The settlement proceeds were distributed in 2003.

16. ***R.M. Galicia v. Franklin; Franklin v. Scripps Health***, No. IC 859468 (San Diego Supr. Ct., Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Class Counsel in a certified class action lawsuit on behalf of 60,750 uninsured patients who alleged that the Scripps Health hospital system imposed excessive fees and charges for medical treatment. The class action originated in July 2006, when uninsured patient Phillip Franklin filed a class action cross-complaint against Scripps Health after Scripps sued Mr. Franklin through a collection agency. Mr. Franklin alleged that he, like all other uninsured patients of Scripps Health, was charged unreasonable and unconscionable rates for his medical treatment. In June 2008, the Court granted final approval to a settlement of the action which includes refunds or discounts of 35% off of medical bills, collectively worth \$73 million. The settlement also required Scripps Health to modify its pricing and collections practices by (1) following an Uninsured Patient Discount Policy, which includes automatic discounts from billed charges for Hospital Services; (2) following a Charity Care Policy, which provides uninsured patients who meet certain income tests with discounts on Health Services up to 100% free care, and provides for charity discounts under other special circumstances; (3) informing uninsured patients about the availability and terms of the above financial assistance policies; and (4) restricting certain collections practices and actively monitoring outside collection agents.
17. ***In re Lawn Mower Engine Horsepower Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation***, MDL No. 1999 (E.D. Wi.). Lieff Cabraser served as co-counsel for consumers who alleged manufacturers of certain gasoline-powered lawn mowers misrepresented, and significantly overstated, the horsepower of the product. As the price for lawn mowers is linked to the horsepower of the engine -- the higher the horsepower, the more expensive the lawn mower -- defendants' alleged misconduct caused consumers to purchase expensive lawn mowers that provided lower horsepower than advertised. In August 2010, the Court approved a \$65 million settlement of the action.
18. ***Strugano v. Nextel Communications***, No. BC 288359 (Los Angeles Supr. Ct). In May 2006, the Los Angeles Superior Court granted final approval to a class action settlement on behalf of all California customers of Nextel from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2002, for compensation for the harm caused by Nextel's alleged unilateral (1) addition of a \$1.15 monthly service fee and/or (2) change from second-by-second billing to minute-by-minute billing, which caused "overage" charges (i.e., for exceeding their allotted cellular plan minutes). The total benefit conferred by the Settlement directly to Class Members was

between approximately \$13.5 million and \$55.5 million, depending on which benefit Class Members selected.

19. ***Curry v. Fairbanks Capital Corporation***, No. 03-10895-DPW (D. Mass.). In 2004, the Court approved a \$55 million settlement of a class action lawsuit against Fairbanks Capital Corporation arising out of charges against Fairbanks of misconduct in servicing its customers' mortgage loans. The settlement also required substantial changes in Fairbanks' business practices and established a default resolution program to limit the imposition of fees and foreclosure proceedings against Fairbanks' customers. Lieff Cabraser served as nationwide Co-Lead Counsel for the homeowners.
20. ***Payment Protection Credit Card Litigation***. Lieff Cabraser represented consumers in litigation in federal court against some of the nation's largest credit card issuers, challenging the imposition of charges for so-called "payment protection" or "credit protection" programs. The complaints charged that the credit card companies imposed payment protection without the consent of the consumer and/or deceptively marketed the service, and further that the credit card companies unfairly administered their payment protection programs to the detriment of consumers. In 2012 and 2013, the Courts approved monetary settlements with HSBC (\$23.5 million), Bank of America (\$20 million), and Discover (\$10 million) that also required changes in the marketing and sale of payment protection to consumers.
21. ***California Title Insurance Industry Litigation***. Lieff Cabraser, in coordination with parallel litigation brought by the Attorney General, reached settlements in 2003 and 2004 with the leading title insurance companies in California, resulting in historic industry-wide changes to the practice of providing escrow services in real estate closings. The settlements brought a total of \$50 million in restitution to California consumers, including cash payments. In the lawsuits, plaintiffs alleged, among other things, that the title companies received interest payments on customer escrow funds that were never reimbursed to their customers. The defendant companies include Lawyers' Title, Commonwealth Land Title, Stewart Title of California, First American Title, Fidelity National Title, and Chicago Title.
22. ***Vytorin/Zetia Marketing, Sales Practices & Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 1938 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser served on the Executive Committee of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee representing plaintiffs alleging that Merck/Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals falsely marketed anti-cholesterol drugs Vytorin and Zetia as being more effective than other anti-cholesterol drugs. Plaintiffs further alleged that Merck/Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals sold Vytorin and Zetia at higher



prices than other anti-cholesterol medication when they were no more effective than other drugs. In 2010, the Court approved a \$41.5 million settlement for consumers who bought Vytorin or Zetia between November 2002 and February 2010.

23. ***Morris v. AT&T Wireless Services***, No. C-04-1997-MJP (W.D. Wash.). Lieff Cabraser served as class counsel for a nationwide settlement class of cell phone customers subjected to an end-of-billing cycle cancellation policy implemented by AT&T Wireless in 2003 and alleged to have breached customers' service agreements. In May 2006, the New Jersey Superior Court granted final approval to a class settlement that guarantees delivery to the class of \$40 million in benefits. Class members received cash-equivalent calling cards automatically, and had the option of redeeming them for cash. Lieff Cabraser had been prosecuting the class claims in the Western District of Washington when a settlement in New Jersey state court was announced. Lieff Cabraser objected to that settlement as inadequate because it would have only provided \$1.5 million in benefits without a cash option, and the Court agreed, declining to approve it. Thereafter, Lieff Cabraser negotiated the new settlement providing \$40 million to the class, and the settlement was approved.
24. ***Berger v. Property I.D. Corporation***, No. CV 05-5373-GHK (C.D. Cal.). In January 2009, the Court granted final approval to a \$39.4 million settlement with several of the nation's largest real estate brokerages, including companies doing business as Coldwell Banker, Century 21, and ERA Real Estate, and California franchisors for RE/MAX and Prudential California Realty, in an action under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act on behalf of California home sellers. Plaintiffs charged that the brokers and Property I.D. Corporation set up straw companies as a way to disguise kickbacks for referring their California clients' natural hazard disclosure report business to Property I.D. (the report is required to sell a home in California). Under the settlement, hundreds of thousands of California home sellers were eligible to receive a full refund of the cost of their report, typically about \$100.
25. ***In re Tri-State Crematory Litigation***, MDL No. 1467 (N.D. Ga.). In March 2004, Lieff Cabraser delivered opening statements and began testimony in a class action by families whose loved ones were improperly cremated and desecrated by Tri-State Crematory in Noble, Georgia. The families also asserted claims against the funeral homes that delivered the decedents to Tri-State Crematory for failing to ensure that the crematory performed cremations in the manner required under the law and by human decency. One week into trial, settlements with the remaining funeral home defendants were reached and brought the settlement total to approximately \$37 million. Trial on the class members' claims against

the operators of crematory began in August 2004. Soon thereafter, these defendants entered into a \$80 million settlement with plaintiffs. As part of the settlement, all buildings on the Tri-State property were razed. The property will remain in a trust so that it will be preserved in peace and dignity as a secluded memorial to those whose remains were mistreated, and to prevent crematory operations or other inappropriate activities from ever taking place there. Earlier in the litigation, the Court granted plaintiffs' motion for class certification in a published order. 215 F.R.D. 660 (2003).

26. ***In re American Family Enterprises***, MDL No. 1235 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for a nationwide class of persons who received any sweepstakes materials sent under the name "American Family Publishers." The class action lawsuit alleged that defendants deceived consumers into purchasing magazine subscriptions and merchandise in the belief that such purchases were necessary to win an American Family Publishers' sweepstakes prize or enhanced their chances of winning a sweepstakes prize. In September 2000, the Court granted final approval of a \$33 million settlement of the class action. In April 2001, over 63,000 class members received refunds averaging over \$500 each, representing 92% of their eligible purchases. In addition, American Family Publishers agreed to make significant changes to the way it conducts the sweepstakes.
27. ***Walsh v. Kindred Healthcare Inc.***, No. 3:11-cv-00050 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represented a class of 54,000 current and former residents, and families of residents, of skilled nursing care facilities in a class action against Kindred Healthcare for failing to adequately staff its nursing facilities in California. Since January 1, 2000, skilled nursing facilities in California have been required to provide at least 3.2 hours of direct nursing hours per patient day (NHPPD), which represented the minimum staffing required for patients at skilled nursing facilities.

The complaint alleged a pervasive and intentional failure by Kindred Healthcare to comply with California's required minimum standard for qualified nurse staffing at its facilities. Understaffing is uniformly viewed as one of the primary causes of the inadequate care and often unsafe conditions in skilled nursing facilities. Studies have repeatedly shown a direct correlation between inadequate skilled nursing care and serious health problems, including a greater likelihood of falls, pressure sores, significant weight loss, incontinence, and premature death. The complaint further charged that Kindred Healthcare collected millions of dollars in payments from residents and their family members, under the false pretense that it was in compliance with California staffing laws and would continue to do so.

In December 2013, the Court approved a \$8.25 million settlement which included cash payments to class members and an injunction requiring Kindred Healthcare to consistently utilize staffing practices which would ensure they complied with applicable California law. The injunction, subject to a third party monitor, was valued at between \$6 to \$20 million.

28. ***Cincotta v. California Emergency Physicians Medical Group***, No. 07359096 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as class counsel for nearly 100,000 uninsured patients that alleged they were charged excessive and unfair rates for emergency room service across 55 hospitals throughout California. The settlement, approved on October 31, 2008, provided complete debt elimination, 100% cancellation of the bill, to uninsured patients treated by California Emergency Physicians Medical Group during the 4-year class period. These benefits were valued at \$27 million. No claims were required, so all of these bills were cancelled. In addition, the settlement required California Emergency Physicians Medical Group prospectively to (1) maintain certain discount policies for all charity care patients; (2) inform patients of the available discounts by enhanced communications; and (3) limit significantly the type of collections practices available for collecting from charity care patients.
29. ***In re Ameriquist Mortgage Co. Mortgage Lending Practices Litigation***, MDL No. 1715. Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for borrowers who alleged that Ameriquist engaged in a predatory lending scheme based on the sale of loans with illegal and undisclosed fees and terms. In August 2010, the Court approved a \$22 million settlement.
30. ***ING Bank Rate Renew Cases***, Case No. 11-154-LPS (D. Del.). Lieff Cabraser represented borrowers in class action lawsuits charging that ING Direct breached its promise to allow them to refinance their mortgages for a flat fee. From October 2005 through April 2009, ING promoted a \$500 or \$750 flat-rate refinancing fee called “Rate Renew” as a benefit of choosing ING for mortgages over competitors. Beginning in May 2009, however, ING began charging a higher fee of a full monthly mortgage payment for refinancing using “Rate Renew,” despite ING’s earlier and lower advertised price. As a result, the complaint alleged that many borrowers paid more to refinance their loans using “Rate Renew” than they should have, or were denied the opportunity to refinance their loan even though the borrowers met the terms and conditions of ING’s original “Rate Renew” offer. In August 2012, the Court certified a class of consumers in ten states who purchased or retained an ING mortgage from October 2005 through April 2009. A second case on behalf of California consumers was filed in December 2012. In October 2014, the Court approved a \$20.35 million nationwide settlement of the litigation. The settlement provided an average payment of \$175 to the nearly 100,000

class members, transmitted to their accounts automatically and without any need to file a claim form.

31. ***Yarrington v. Solvay Pharmaceuticals***, No. 09-CV-2261 (D. Minn.). In March 2010, the Court granted final approval to a \$16.5 million settlement with Solvay Pharmaceuticals, one of the country's leading pharmaceutical companies. Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel, representing a class of persons who purchased Estratest—a hormone replacement drug. The class action lawsuit alleged that Solvay deceptively marketed and advertised Estratest as an FDA-approved drug when in fact Estratest was not FDA-approved for any use. Under the settlement, consumers obtained partial refunds for up to 30% of the purchase price paid of Estratest. In addition, \$8.9 million of the settlement was allocated to fund programs and activities devoted to promoting women's health and well-being at health organizations, medical schools, and charities throughout the nation.
32. ***Reverse Mortgage Cases***, JCCP No. 4061 (San Mateo County Supr. Ct., Cal.). Transamerica Corporation, through its subsidiary Transamerica Homefirst, Inc., sold "reverse mortgages" marketed under the trade name "Lifetime." The Lifetime reverse mortgages were sold exclusively to seniors, *i.e.*, persons 65 years or older. Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, filed suit on behalf of seniors alleging that the terms of the reverse mortgages were unfair, and that borrowers were misled as to the loan terms, including the existence and amount of certain charges and fees. In 2003, the Court granted final approval to an \$8 million settlement of the action.
33. ***Brazil v. Dell***, No. C-07-01700 RMW (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel representing a certified class of online consumers in California who purchased certain Dell computers based on the advertisement of an instant-off (or "slash-through") discount. The complaint challenged Dell's pervasive use of "slash-through" reference prices in its online marketing. Plaintiffs alleged that these "slash-through" reference prices were interpreted by consumers as representing Dell's former or regular sales prices, and that such reference prices (and corresponding representations of "savings") were false because Dell rarely, if ever, sold its products at such prices. In October 2011, the Court approved a settlement that provided a \$50 payment to each class member who submitted a timely and valid claim. In addition, in response to the lawsuit, Dell changed its methodology for consumer online advertising, eliminating the use of "slash-through" references prices.
34. ***Hepting v. AT&T Corp.***, Case No. C-06-0672-VRW (N.D. Cal.). Plaintiffs alleged that AT&T collaborated with the National Security Agency in a massive warrantless surveillance program that illegally

tracked the domestic and foreign communications and communications records of millions of Americans in violation of the U.S. Constitution, Electronic Communications Privacy Act, and other statutes. The case was filed on January 2006. The U.S. government quickly intervened and sought dismissal of the case. By the Spring of 2006, over 50 other lawsuits were filed against various telecommunications companies, in response to a *USA Today* article confirming the surveillance of communications and communications records. The cases were combined into a multi-district litigation proceeding entitled *In re National Security Agency Telecommunications Record Litigation*, MDL No. 06-1791. In June of 2006, the District Court rejected both the government's attempt to dismiss the case on the grounds of the state secret privilege and AT&T's arguments in favor of dismissal. The government and AT&T appealed the decision and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit heard argument one year later. No decision was issued. In July 2008, Congress granted the government and AT&T "retroactive immunity" for liability for their wiretapping program under amendments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that were drafted in response to this litigation. Signed into law by President Bush in 2008, the amendments effectively terminated the litigation. Lieff Cabraser played a leading role in the litigation working closely with co-counsel from the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

35. ***In Re Apple and AT&T iPad Unlimited Data Plan Litigation***, No. 5:10-cv-02553 RMW (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as class counsel in an action against Apple and AT&T charging that Apple and AT&T misrepresented that consumers purchasing an iPad with 3G capability could choose an unlimited data plan for a fixed monthly rate and switch in and out of the unlimited plan on a monthly basis as they wished. Less than six weeks after its introduction to the U.S. market, AT&T and Apple discontinued their unlimited data plan for any iPad 3G customers not currently enrolled and prohibited current unlimited data plan customers from switching back and forth from a less expensive, limited data plan. In March 2014, Apple agreed to compensate all class members \$40 and approximately 60,000 claims were paid. In addition, sub-class members who had not yet entered into an agreement with AT&T were offered a data plan.

## **V. Economic Injury Product Defects**

### **A. Current Cases**

1. ***Front-Loading Washer Products Liability Litigation***. Lieff Cabraser represents consumers in multiple states who have filed separate class action lawsuits against Whirlpool, Sears and LG Corporations. The complaints charge that certain front-loading automatic washers manufactured by these companies are defectively designed and that the

design defects create foul odors from mold and mildew that permeate washing machines and customers' homes. Many class members have spent money for repairs and on other purported remedies. As the complaints allege, none of these remedies eliminates the problem.

2. ***In Re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litigation***, MDL No. 2543 (S.D. N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represents proposed nationwide classes of GM vehicle owners and lessees whose cars include defective ignition switches in litigation focusing on economic loss claims. On August 15, 2014, U.S. District Court Judge Jesse M. Furman appointed Elizabeth J. Cabraser as Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel in the litigation, which seeks compensation on behalf of consumers who purchased or leased GM vehicles containing a defective ignition switch, over 500,000 of which have now been recalled. The consumer complaints allege that the ignition switches in these vehicles share a common, uniform, and defective design. As a result, these cars are of a lesser quality than GM represented, and class members overpaid for the cars. Further, GM's public disclosure of the ignition switch defect has caused the value of these cars to materially diminish. The complaints seek monetary relief for the diminished value of the class members' cars.
3. ***Honda Window Defective Window Litigation***. Case No. 2:21-cv-01142-SVW-PLA (C.D. CA). Lieff Cabraser represents consumers in a class action lawsuit filed against Honda Motor Company, Inc. for manufacturing and selling vehicles with allegedly defective window regulator mechanisms. Windows in these vehicles allegedly can, without warning, drop into the door frame and break or become permanently stuck in the fully-open position.

The experience of one Honda Element owner, as set forth in the complaint, exemplifies the problem: The driver's side window in his vehicle slid down suddenly while he was driving on a smooth road. A few months later, the window on the passenger side of the vehicle also slid down into the door and would not move back up. The owner incurred more than \$300 in repair costs, which Honda refused to pay for. Discovery in the action is ongoing.

4. ***Moore, et al. v. Samsung Electronics America and Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.***, Case No. 2:16-cv-4966 (D.N.J.). Lieff Cabraser represents consumers in federal court in New Jersey in cases focusing on complaints about Samsung top-loading washing machines that explode in the home, causing damage to walls, doors, and other equipment and presenting significant injury risks. Owners report Samsung top-load washers exploding as early as the day of installation, while others have seen their machines explode months or even more than a year after

purchase. The lawsuit seeks injunctive relief as well as remedial and restitutionary actions and damages.

5. ***In re Chinese-Manufactured Drywall Products Liability Litigation***, No. 10-30568 (E.D. La.). Lieff Cabraser with co-counsel represents a proposed class of builders who suffered economic losses as a result of the presence of Chinese-manufactured drywall in homes and other buildings they constructed. From 2005 to 2008, hundreds-of-millions of square feet of gypsum wallboard manufactured in China were exported to the U.S., primarily to the Gulf Coast states, and installed in newly-constructed and reconstructed properties. After installation of this drywall, owners and occupants of the properties began noticing unusual odors, blackening of silver and copper items and components, and the failure of appliances, including microwaves, refrigerators, and air-conditioning units. Some residents of the affected homes also experienced health problems, such as skin and eye irritation, respiratory issues, and headaches.

Lieff Cabraser's client, Mitchell Company, Inc., was the first to perfect service on Chinese defendant Taishan Gypsum Co. Ltd. ("TG"), and thereafter secured a default judgment against TG. Lieff Cabraser participated in briefing that led to the District Court's denial of TG's motion to dismiss the class action complaint for lack of personal jurisdiction. On May 21, 2014, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed the District Court's default judgment against TG, finding jurisdiction based on ties of the company and its agent with state distributors. 753 F.3d 521 (5th Cir. 2014).

## **B. Successes**

1. ***In re Navistar MaxxForce Engines Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation***, Case No. 1:14-cv-10318 (N.D. Ill.). On January 3, 2020, Judge Joan B. Gottschall of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois issued an Order granting final approval to the proposed \$135m settlement of multidistrict litigation brought by Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel on behalf of plaintiff truck owners and lessees alleging that Navistar, Inc. and Navistar International, Inc. sold or leased 2011-2014 model year vehicles equipped with certain MaxxForce 11- or 13-liter diesel engines equipped with a defective EGR emissions system. Judge Gottschall ruled that the proposed class action settlement which had been submitted to the Court on May 28, 2019, was fair, reasonable, and adequate in addressing plaintiffs' claims. Owners and lessees of the affected trucks have until May 11, 2020 to file their settlement claims at the official website.

The \$135 million settlement provides class members with up to \$2,500 per truck or up to \$10,000 rebate off a new truck depending on months of

ownership or lease, or the option to seek up to \$15,000 per truck in out-of-pocket damages caused by the alleged defect.

2. ***Allagas v. BP Solar***, No. 3:14-cv-00560-SI (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represented California consumers in a class action lawsuit against BP Solar and Home Depot charging the companies sold solar panels with defective junction boxes that caused premature failures and fire risks. In January 2017, Judge Susan Illston granted final approval to a consumer settlement valued at more than \$67 million that extends relief to a nationwide class as well as eliminating the serious fire risks.
3. ***In re Mercedes-Benz Tele-Aid Contract Litigation***, MDL No. 1914 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser represented owners and lessees of Mercedes-Benz cars and SUVs equipped with the Tele-Aid system, an emergency response system which links subscribers to road-side assistance operators by using a combination of global positioning and cellular technology. In 2002, the Federal Communications Commission issued a rule, effective 2008, eliminating the requirement that wireless phone carriers provide analog-based networks. The Tele-Aid system offered by Mercedes-Benz relied on analog signals. Plaintiffs charged that Mercedes-Benz committed fraud in promoting and selling the Tele-Aid system without disclosing to buyers of certain model years that the Tele-Aid system as installed would become obsolete in 2008.

In an April 2009 published order, the Court certified a nationwide class of all persons or entities in the U.S. who purchased or leased a Mercedes-Benz vehicle equipped with an analog-only Tele Aid system after August 8, 2002, and (1) subscribed to Tele Aid service until being informed that such service would be discontinued at the end of 2007, or (2) purchased an upgrade to digital equipment. In September 2011, the Court approved a settlement that provided class members between a \$650 check or a \$750 to \$1,300 certificate toward the purchase or lease of new Mercedes-Benz vehicle, depending upon whether or not they paid for an upgrade of the analog Tele Aid system and whether they still owned their vehicle. In approving the settlement, U.S. District Court Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise stated, “I want to thank counsel for the . . . very effective and good work . . . . It was carried out with vigor, integrity and aggressiveness with never going beyond the maxims of the Court.”

4. ***McLennan v. LG Electronics USA***, No. 2:10-cv-03604 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser represented consumers who alleged several LG refrigerator models had a faulty design that caused the interior lights to remain on even when the refrigerator doors were closed (identified as the “light issue”), resulting in overheating and food spoilage. In March 2012, the Court granted final approval to a settlement of the nationwide class action lawsuit. The settlement provides that LG reimburse class members



for all out-of-pocket costs (parts and labor) to repair the light issue prior to the mailing of the class notice and extends the warranty with respect to the light issue for 10 years from the date of the original retail purchase of the refrigerator. The extended warranty covers in-home refrigerator repair performed by LG and, in some cases, the cost of a replacement refrigerator. In approving the settlement, U.S. District Court Judge William J. Martini stated, “The Settlement in this case provides for both the complete reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses for repairs fixing the Light Issue, as well as a warranty for ten years from the date of refrigerator purchase. It would be hard to imagine a better recovery for the Class had the litigation gone to trial. Because Class members will essentially receive all of the relief to which they would have been entitled after a successful trial, this factor weighs heavily in favor of settlement.”

5. ***Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School v. Carrier Corporation***, No. 05-05437 (W.D. Wash.). In April 2008, the Court approved a nationwide settlement for current and past owners of high-efficiency furnaces manufactured and sold by Carrier Corporation and equipped with polypropylene-laminated condensing heat exchangers (“CHXs”). Carrier sold the furnaces under the Carrier, Bryant, Day & Night and Payne brand-names. Plaintiffs alleged that starting in 1989 Carrier began manufacturing and selling high efficiency condensing furnaces manufactured with a secondary CHX made of inferior materials. Plaintiffs alleged that as a result, the CHXs, which Carrier warranted and consumers expected to last for 20 years, failed prematurely. The settlement provides an enhanced 20-year warranty of free service and free parts for consumers whose furnaces have not yet failed. The settlement also offers a cash reimbursement for consumers who already paid to repair or replace the CHX in their high-efficiency Carrier furnaces.

An estimated three million or more consumers in the U.S. and Canada purchased the furnaces covered under the settlement. Plaintiffs valued the settlement to consumers at over \$300 million based upon the combined value of the cash reimbursement and the estimated cost of an enhanced warranty of this nature.

6. ***Carideo v. Dell***, No. Co6-1772 JLR (W.D. Wash.). Lieff Cabraser represented consumers who owned Dell Inspiron notebook computer model numbers 1150, 5100, or 5160. The class action lawsuit complaint charged that the notebooks suffered premature failure of their cooling system, power supply system, and/or motherboards. In December 2010, the Court approved a settlement which provided class members that paid Dell for certain repairs to their Inspiron notebook computer a reimbursement of all or a portion of the cost of the repairs.

7. ***Cartwright v. Viking Industries***, No. 2:07-cv-2159 FCD (E.D. Cal.)  
Lieff Cabraser represented California homeowners in a class action lawsuit which alleged that over one million Series 3000 windows produced and distributed by Viking between 1989 and 1999 were defective. The plaintiffs charged that the windows were not watertight and allowed for water to penetrate the surrounding sheetrock, drywall, paint or wallpaper. Under the terms of a settlement approved by the Court in August 2010, all class members who submitted valid claims were entitled to receive as much as \$500 per affected property.
8. ***Pelletz v. Advanced Environmental Recycling Technologies*** (W.D. Wash.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in a case alleging that ChoiceDek decking materials, manufactured by AERT, developed persistent and untreatable mold spotting throughout their surface. In a published opinion in January 2009, the Court approved a settlement that provided affected consumers with free and discounted deck treatments, mold inhibitor applications, and product replacement and reimbursement.
9. ***Create-A-Card v. Intuit***, No. C07-6452 WHA (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, represented business users of QuickBooks Pro for accounting that lost their QuickBooks data and other files due to faulty software code sent by Intuit, the producer of QuickBooks. In September 2009, the Court granted final approval to a settlement that provided all class members who filed a valid claim with a free software upgrade and compensation for certain data-recovery costs. Commenting on the settlement and the work of Lieff Cabraser on September 17, 2009, U.S. District Court Judge William H. Alsup stated, “I want to come back to something that I observed in this case firsthand for a long time now. I think you’ve done an excellent job in the case as class counsel and the class has been well represented having you and your firm in the case.”
10. ***Weekend Warrior Trailer Cases***, JCCP No. 4455 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, represented owners of Weekend Warrior trailers manufactured between 1998 and 2006 that were equipped with frames manufactured, assembled, or supplied by Zieman Manufacturing Company. The trailers, commonly referred to as “toy haulers,” were used to transport outdoor recreational equipment such as motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles. Plaintiffs charged that Weekend Warrior and Zieman knew of design and performance problems, including bent frames, detached siding, and warped forward cargo areas, with the trailers, and concealed the defects from consumers. In February 2008, the Court approved a \$5.5 million settlement of the action that provided for the repair and/or reimbursement of the trailers. In approving the settlement, California Superior Court Judge Thierry P. Colaw stated that class counsel

were “some of the best” and “there was an overwhelming positive reaction to the settlement” among class members.

11. ***Lundell v. Dell***, No. Co5-03970 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Class Counsel for consumers who experienced power problems with the Dell Inspiron 5150 notebook. In December 2006, the Court granted final approval to a settlement of the class action which extended the one-year limited warranty on the notebook for a set of repairs related to the power system. In addition, class members that paid Dell or a third party for repair of the power system of their notebook were entitled to a 100% cash refund from Dell.
12. ***Kan v. Toshiba American Information Systems***, No. BC327273 (Los Angeles Super. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for a class of all end-user persons or entities who purchased or otherwise acquired in the United States, for their own use and not for resale, a new Toshiba Satellite Pro 6100 Series notebook. Consumers alleged a series of defects were present in the notebook. In 2006, the Court approved a settlement that extended the warranty for all Satellite Pro 6100 notebooks, provided cash compensation for certain repairs, and reimbursed class members for certain out-of-warranty repair expenses.
13. ***Foothill/DeAnza Community College District v. Northwest Pipe Company***, No. C-00-20749 (N.D. Cal.). In June 2004, the Court approved the creation of a settlement fund of up to \$14.5 million for property owners nationwide with Poz-Lok fire sprinkler piping that fails. Since 1990, Poz-Lok pipes and pipe fittings were sold in the U.S. as part of fire suppression systems for use in residential and commercial buildings. After leaks in Poz-Lok pipes caused damage to its DeAnza Campus Center building, Foothill/DeAnza Community College District in California retained Lieff Cabraser to file a class action lawsuit against the manufacturers of Poz-Lok. The college district charged that Poz-Lok pipe had manufacturing and design defects that resulted in the premature corrosion and failure of the product. Under the settlement, owners whose Poz-Lok pipes are leaking today, or over the next 15 years, may file a claim for compensation.
14. ***Toshiba Laptop Screen Flicker Settlement***. Lieff Cabraser negotiated a settlement with Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc. (“TAIS”) to provide relief for owners of certain Toshiba Satellite 1800 Series, Satellite Pro 4600 and Tecra 8100 personal notebook computers whose screens flickered, dimmed or went blank due to an issue with the FL Inverter Board component. In 2004 under the terms of the Settlement, owners of affected computers who paid to have the FL Inverter issue repaired by either TAIS or an authorized TAIS service provider recovered the cost of that repair, up to \$300 for the Satellite

1800 Series and the Satellite Pro 4600 personal computers, or \$400 for the Tecra 8100 personal computers. TAIS also agreed to extend the affected computers' warranties for the FL Inverter issue by 18 months.

15. ***McManus v. Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.***, No. SA-99-CA-464-FB (W.D. Tex.). Lief Cabraser served as Class Counsel on behalf of original owners of 1994-2000 model year Fleetwood Class A and Class C motor homes. In 2003, the Court approved a settlement that resolved lawsuits pending in Texas and California about braking while towing with 1994 Fleetwood Class A and Class C motor homes. The lawsuits alleged that Fleetwood misrepresented the towing capabilities of new motor homes it sold, and claimed that Fleetwood should have told buyers that a supplemental braking system is needed to stop safely while towing heavy items, such as a vehicle or trailer. The settlement paid \$250 to people who bought a supplemental braking system for Fleetwood motor homes that they bought new. Earlier, the appellate court found that common questions predominated under purchasers' breach of implied warranty of merchantability claim. 320 F.3d 545 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003).
16. ***Richison v. American Cemwood Corp.***, No. 005532 (San Joaquin Supr. Ct., Cal.). Lief Cabraser served as Co-Lead Class Counsel for an estimated nationwide class of 30,000 owners of homes and other structures on which defective Cemwood Shakes were installed. In November 2003, the Court granted final approval to a \$75 million Phase 2 settlement in the American Cemwood roofing shakes national class action litigation. This amount was in addition to a \$65 million partial settlement approved by the Court in May 2000, and brought the litigation to a conclusion.
17. ***ABS Pipe Litigation***, JCCP No. 3126 (Contra Costa County Supr. Ct., Cal.). Lief Cabraser served as Lead Class Counsel on behalf of property owners whose ABS plumbing pipe was allegedly defective and caused property damage by leaking. Six separate class actions were filed in California against five different ABS pipe manufacturers, numerous developers of homes containing the ABS pipe, as well as the resin supplier and the entity charged with ensuring the integrity of the product. Between 1998 and 2001, Lief Cabraser achieved 12 separate settlements in the class actions and related individual lawsuits for approximately \$78 million.

Commenting on the work of Lief Cabraser and co-counsel in the case, California Superior Court (now appellate) Judge Mark B. Simons stated on May 14, 1998: "The attorneys who were involved in the resolution of the case certainly entered the case with impressive reputations and did nothing in the course of their work on this case to diminish these

reputations, but underlined, in my opinion, how well deserved those reputations are.”

18. ***Williams v. Weyerhaeuser***, No. 995787 (San Francisco Supr. Ct.). Lief Cabraser served as Class Counsel on behalf of a nationwide class of hundreds of thousands or millions of owners of homes and other structures with defective Weyerhaeuser hardboard siding. A California-wide class was certified for all purposes in February 1999, and withstood writ review by both the California Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of California. In 2000, the Court granted final approval to a nationwide settlement of the case which provides class members with compensation for their damaged siding, based on the cost of replacing or, in some instances, repairing, damaged siding. The settlement has no cap, and requires Weyerhaeuser to pay all timely, qualified claims over a nine year period.
19. ***Naef v. Masonite***, No. CV-94-4033 (Mobile County Circuit Ct., Ala.). Lief Cabraser served as Co-Lead Class Counsel on behalf of a nationwide Class of an estimated 4 million homeowners with allegedly defective hardboard siding manufactured and sold by Masonite Corporation, a subsidiary of International Paper, installed on their homes. The Court certified the class in November 1995, and the Alabama Supreme Court twice denied extraordinary writs seeking to decertify the Class, including in *Ex Parte Masonite*, 681 So. 2d 1068 (Ala. 1996). A month-long jury trial in 1996 established the factual predicate that Masonite hardboard siding was defective under the laws of most states. The case settled on the eve of a second class-wide trial, and in 1998, the Court approved a settlement. Under a claims program established by the settlement that ran through 2008, class members with failing Masonite hardboard siding installed and incorporated in their property between January 1, 1980 and January 15, 1998 were entitled to make claims, have their homes evaluated by independent inspectors, and receive cash payments for damaged siding. Combined with settlements involving other alleged defective home building products sold by Masonite, the total cash paid to homeowners exceeded \$1 billion.
20. ***In re General Motors Corp. Pick-Up Fuel Tank Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 961 (E.D. Pa.). Lief Cabraser served as Court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel representing a class of 4.7 million plaintiffs who owned 1973-1987 GM C/K pickup trucks with allegedly defective gas tanks. The Consolidated Complaint asserted claims under the Lanham Act, the Magnuson-Moss Act, state consumer protection statutes, and common law. In 1995, the Third Circuit vacated the District Court settlement approval order and remanded the matter to the District Court for further proceedings. In July 1996, a new nationwide class action was certified for purposes of an enhanced settlement program

valued at a minimum of \$600 million, plus funding for independent fuel system safety research projects. The Court granted final approval of the settlement in November 1996.

21. ***In re Louisiana-Pacific Inner-Seal Siding Litigation***, No. C-95-879-JO (D. Ore.). Lief Cabraser served as Co-Lead Class Counsel on behalf of a nationwide class of homeowners with defective exterior siding on their homes. Plaintiffs asserted claims for breach of warranty, fraud, negligence, and violation of consumer protection statutes. In 1996, U.S. District Judge Robert E. Jones entered an Order, Final Judgment and Decree granting final approval to a nationwide settlement requiring Louisiana-Pacific to provide funding up to \$475 million to pay for inspection of homes and repair and replacement of failing siding over the next seven years.
22. ***In re Intel Pentium Processor Litigation***, No. CV 745729 (Santa Clara Supr. Ct., Cal.). Lief Cabraser served as one of two Court-appointed Co-Lead Class Counsel, and negotiated a settlement, approved by the Court in June 1995, involving both injunctive relief and damages having an economic value of approximately \$1 billion.
23. ***Cox v. Shell***, No. 18,844 (Obion County Chancery Ct., Tenn.). Lief Cabraser served as Class Counsel on behalf of a nationwide class of approximately 6 million owners of property equipped with defective polybutylene plumbing systems and yard service lines. In November 1995, the Court approved a settlement involving an initial commitment by Defendants of \$950 million in compensation for past and future expenses incurred as a result of pipe leaks, and to provide replacement pipes to eligible claimants. The deadline for filing claims expired in 2009.
24. ***Hanlon v. Chrysler Corp.***, No. C-95-2010-CAL (N.D. Cal.). In 1995, the District Court approved a \$200+ million settlement enforcing Chrysler's comprehensive minivan rear latch replacement program, and to correct alleged safety problems with Chrysler's pre-1995 designs. As part of the settlement, Chrysler agreed to replace the rear latches with redesigned latches. The settlement was affirmed on appeal by the Ninth Circuit in *Hanlon v. Chrysler Corp.*, 150 F.3d 1011 (1998).
25. ***Gross v. Mobil***, No. C 95-1237-SI (N.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Class Counsel in this nationwide action involving an estimated 2,500 aircraft engine owners whose engines were affected by Mobil AV-1, an aircraft engine oil. Plaintiffs alleged claims for strict liability, negligence, misrepresentation, violation of consumer protection statutes, and for injunctive relief. Plaintiffs obtained a preliminary injunction requiring Defendant Mobil Corporation to provide notice to all potential class members of the risks associated with past use of Defendants' aircraft engine oil. In addition, Plaintiffs negotiated a proposed Settlement,

granted final approval by the Court in November 1995, valued at over \$12.5 million, under which all Class Members were eligible to participate in an engine inspection and repair program, and receive compensation for past repairs and for the loss of use of their aircraft associated with damage caused by Mobil AV-1.

## **VI. Antitrust/Trade Regulation/Intellectual Property**

### **A. Current Cases**

1. ***In Re: Railway Industry Employee No-Poach Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 2850 (W.D. Pa.). In late 2018, Lieff Cabraser was selected as interim Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs in the consolidated “no-poach” employee antitrust litigation against rail equipment companies Knorr-Bremse and Wabtec, the world’s dominant rail equipment suppliers. The complaint charged that the companies entered into unlawful agreements with one another not to compete for each other’s employees. Plaintiffs alleged that these agreements spanned several years, were monitored and enforced by Defendants’ senior executives, and achieved their desired goal of suppressing employee compensation and mobility below competitive levels. Plaintiffs’ vigorous prosecution of the case led to settlements with both defendants of \$48.95 million, which is pending approval.
2. ***In re California Bail Bond Antitrust Litig.***, 3:19-cv-00717-JST (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Interim lead Class Counsel for a proposed class of purchasers of bail bonds in California. This first-of-its-kind case alleges a conspiracy among sureties and bail agents to inflate bail bond prices.
3. ***Schwab Short-Term Bond Market Fund, et al. v. Bank of America Corp., et al.***, No. 11 CV 6409 (S.D.N.Y.); ***Charles Schwab Bank, N.A., et al. v. Bank of America Corp., et al.***, No. 11 CV 6411 (S.D.N.Y.); ***Schwab Money Market Fund, et al. v. Bank of America Corp., et al.***, No. 11 CV 6412 (S.D.N.Y.); ***The Charles Schwab Corp., et al. v. Bank of America Corp., et al.***, No. 13 CV 7005 (S.D.N.Y.); and ***Bay Area Toll Authority v. Bank of America Corp., et al.***, No. 14 CV 3094 (S.D.N.Y.) (collectively, “LIBOR”). Lieff Cabraser serves as counsel for The Bay Area Toll Authority (“BATA”), as well as The Charles Schwab Corporation (“Charles Schwab”), its affiliates Charles Schwab Bank, N.A., and Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., which manages the investments of the Charles Schwab Bank, N.A. (collectively “Schwab”), several series of The Charles Schwab Family of Funds, Schwab Investments, and Charles Schwab Worldwide Funds plc (“Schwab Fund Series”), in individual lawsuits against Bank of America Corporation, Credit Suisse Group AG, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Citibank, Inc., and additional banks for allegedly manipulating the London Interbank

Offered Rate (“LIBOR”). The complaints allege that beginning in 2007, the defendants conspired to understate their true costs of borrowing, causing the calculation of LIBOR to be set artificially low. As a result, Schwab, the Schwab Fund Series, and BATA received less than their rightful rates of return on their LIBOR-based investments. The complaints assert claims under federal antitrust laws, the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (“RICO”), and the statutory and common law of California. The actions were transferred to the Southern District of New York for consolidated or coordinated proceedings with the LIBOR multidistrict litigation pending there.

4. ***In Re: Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 2724 (E.D. Pa.). Beginning in February 2015, Lieff Cabraser conducted an extensive investigation into dramatic price increases of certain generic prescription drugs. Lieff Cabraser worked alongside economists and industry experts and interviewed industry participants to evaluate possible misconduct. In December of 2016, Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, filed the first case alleging price-fixing of Levothyroxine, the primary treatment for hypothyroidism, among the most widely prescribed drugs in the world. Lieff Cabraser also played a significant role in similar litigation over the drug Propranolol, and the drug Clomipramine. These cases, and other similar cases, were consolidated and transferred to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania as ***In Re: Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 2724. Lieff Cabraser is a member of the End-Payer Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee.
5. ***In re Lithium-Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 2420 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Interim Co-Lead Counsel representing indirect purchasers in a class action filed against LG, GS Yuasa, NEC, Sony, Sanyo, Panasonic, Hitachi, LG Chem, Samsung, Toshiba, and Sanyo for allegedly conspiring from 2002 to 2011 to fix and raise the prices of lithium-ion rechargeable batteries. The defendants are the world’s leading manufacturers of lithium-ion rechargeable batteries, which provide power for a wide variety of consumer electronic products. As a result of the defendants’ alleged anticompetitive and unlawful conduct, consumers across the U.S. paid artificially inflated prices for lithium-ion rechargeable batteries. Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel have reached settlements totaling \$113.45 million with all defendants. Approval is pending.
6. ***In Re: Restasis Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 2819 (E.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser serves as interim co-lead counsel for indirect purchasers (i.e., third-party payors and consumers) of Restasis, a blockbuster drug used to treat dry-eye disease, in multidistrict litigation alleging a broad-based and ongoing anticompetitive scheme by pharmaceutical giant Allergan, Inc.



(“Allergan”). The goal of the alleged scheme was and is to maintain Allergan’s monopoly.

Lieff Cabraser, together with co-counsel, filed the first two class actions on behalf of indirect purchasers. The complaints allege that Allergan (1) fraudulently procured patents it knew were invalid, (2) caused those invalid patents to be listed in the FDA’s “Orange Book” as being applicable to Restasis, (3) used the improper Orange Book listings as grounds for filing baseless patent-infringement litigation, (4) abused the FDA’s “citizen petition” process, and (5) used a “sham” transfer of the invalid patents to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe to obtain tribal sovereign immunity and protect the patents from challenge. This alleged scheme of government petitioning delayed competition from generic equivalents to Restasis that would have been just as safe and cheaper for consumers. The complaints assert claims under federal and state law, including the Sherman Act and the statutory and common law of numerous states.

In late 2018, plaintiffs successfully defeated defendants’ motion to dismiss the case. The litigation is ongoing. In May of 2020, the Court granted plaintiffs’ class certification motion and plaintiffs’ motion to exclude two of the defendants’ experts. The litigation is ongoing.

7. ***International Antitrust Cases.*** Lieff Cabraser has significant experience and expertise in antitrust litigation in Europe. Lieff Cabraser partner, Dr. Katharina Kolb, head of the firm’s Munich office, has experience in all aspects of German and European competition law, particularly antitrust litigation matters following anti-competitive behavior established by European competition authorities including German Federal Cartel Office and the European Commission.

Currently, one of the firm’s major international antitrust cases involves the European truck cartel, which the European Commission fined more than €3.8 billion for colluding on prices and emission technologies for more than 14 years. Lieff Cabraser is working with a range of funders to prosecute the claims of persons damaged by the European truck cartel, including many municipalities in Europe which purchased trucks for street cleaning, fire brigades, waste disposal, and other purposes.

Lieff Cabraser is also prosecuting other cartel damages cases in the EU, including the German quarto steel cartel, the German plant pesticides cartel and the French meal voucher cartel, each of which have likely caused significant damages to customers.

8. ***In re Capacitors Antitrust Litigation***, No. 3:14-cv-03264 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser is a member of the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee representing indirect purchasers in an electrolytic and film price-fixing class action lawsuit filed against the world’s largest manufacturers of

capacitors, used to store and regulate current in electronic circuits and computers, phones, appliances, and cameras worldwide. The defendants include Panasonic Corp., Elna Co. Ltd., Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd., Nitsuko Electronics Corp., NEC Tokin Corp., SANYO Electric Co., Ltd., Matsuo Electric Co., Okaya Electric Industries Co., Nippon Chemi-con Corp., Nichicon Corp., Rubycon Corp., Taitso Corp., and Toshin Kogyo Co., Ltd. Lieff Cabraser has played a central role in discovery efforts, and assisted in opposing Defendants' motions to dismiss and in opposing Defendants' motions for summary judgment.

Settlements with defendants NEC Tokin Corp., Nitsuko Electronics Corp., and Okaya Electric Industries Co., Ltd. have received final approval, and a settlement with Hitachi Chemical and Soshin Electric Co., Ltd. has received preliminary approval. Discovery continues with respect to the remaining defendants.

9. ***In re Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 2626 (M.D. Fla.). Lieff Cabraser represents consumers who purchased disposable contact lenses manufactured by Alcon Laboratories, Inc., Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc., Bausch + Lomb, and Cooper Vision, Inc. The complaint challenges the use by contact lens manufacturers of minimum resale price maintenance agreements with independent eye care professionals (including optometrists and ophthalmologists) and wholesalers. These agreements, the complaint alleges, operate to raise retail prices and eliminate price competition and discounts on contact lenses, including from "big box" retail stores, discount buying clubs, and online retailers. As a result, the consumers across the United States have paid artificially inflated prices.
10. ***In re Domestic Airline Travel Antitrust Litigation***, 1:15-mc-01404 (District of Columbia). Lieff Cabraser represents consumers in a class action lawsuit against the four largest U.S. airline carriers: American Airlines, Delta Air, Southwest, and United. These airlines collectively account for over 80 percent of all domestic airline travel. The complaint alleges that for years the airlines colluded to restrain capacity, eliminate competition in the market, and increase the price of domestic airline fares in violation of U.S. antitrust law. The proposed class consists of all persons and entities who purchased domestic airline tickets directly from one or more defendants from July 2, 2011 to the present. In February 2016, Judge Kollar-Kotelly appointed Lieff Cabraser to the three-member Plaintiffs' Executive Committee overseeing this multidistrict airline price-fixing litigation. Defendants filed a motion to dismiss, which was denied in October 2016. Subsequently, a settlement with Southwest Airlines was granted preliminary approval. Discovery as to the remaining defendants is underway.

## **B. Successes**

1. ***Nashville General v. Momenta Pharmaceuticals, et al.***, No. 3:15-cv-01100 (M.D. Tenn.). Lieff Cabraser represents AFCSME DC 37 and the Nashville General Hospital (the Hospital Authority of Metropolitan Government of Nashville) in a class-action antitrust case against defendants Momenta Pharmaceuticals and Sandoz, Inc., for their alleged monopolization of enoxaparin, the generic version of the anti-coagulant blood clotting drug Lovenox. Lovenox, developed by Sanofi-Aventis, is a highly profitable drug with annual sales of more than \$1 billion. The drug entered the market in 1995 and its patent was invalidated by the federal government in 2008, making generic production possible. The complaint alleged that defendants colluded to secretly bring the official batch-release testing standard for generics within the ambit of their patent, delaying the entry of the second generic competitor—a never-before-tried theory of liability. In 2019, the court certified a class of hospitals, third-party payors, and uninsured persons in 29 states and DC, appointing Lieff Cabraser sole lead counsel. In 2019, the parties agreed to a proposed settlement totaling \$120 million, the second largest indirect-purchaser antitrust pharmaceutical settlement fund in history, after Cipro. On May 29, 2020, the Court granted final approval to the settlement.
2. ***Seaman v. Duke University***, No. 1:15-cv-00462 (M.D. N.C.). Lieff Cabraser represented Dr. Danielle M. Seaman and a certified class of over 5,000 academic doctors at Duke and UNC in a class action lawsuit against Duke University and Duke University Health System. The complaint charged that Duke and UNC entered into an express, secret agreement not to compete for each other's faculty. The lawsuit sought to recover damages and obtain injunctive relief, including treble damages, for defendants' alleged violations of federal and North Carolina antitrust law.

On February 1, 2018, U.S. District Court Judge Catherine C. Eagles issued an order certifying a faculty class.

On September 24, 2019, Judge Eagles granted final approval to the proposed settlement of the case, valued at \$54.5 million.

The settlement includes an unprecedented role for the United States Department of Justice to monitor and enforce extensive injunctive relief, which will ensure that neither Duke nor UNC will enter into or enforce any unlawful no-hire agreements or similar restraints on competition. Assistant Attorney General Delrahim remarked: "Permitting the United States to become part of this settlement agreement in this private antitrust case, and thereby to obtain all of the relief and protections it likely would have sought after a lengthy investigation, demonstrates the benefits that can be obtained efficiently for the American worker when public and private enforcement work in tandem."

3. ***In re High-Tech Employee Antitrust Litigation***, No. 11 CV 2509 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Class Counsel in a consolidated class action charging that Adobe Systems Inc., Apple Inc., Google Inc., Intel Corporation, Intuit Inc., Lucasfilm Ltd., and Pixar violated antitrust laws by conspiring to suppress the pay of technical, creative, and other salaried employees. The complaint alleged that the conspiracy among defendants restricted recruiting of each other's employees. On October 24, 2013, U.S. District Court Judge Lucy H. Koh certified a class of approximately 64,000 persons who worked in Defendants' technical, creative, and/or research and development jobs from 2005-2009. On September 2, 2015, the Court approved a \$415 million settlement with Apple, Google, Intel, and Adobe. Earlier, on May 15, 2014, the Court approved partial settlements totaling \$20 million resolving claims against Intuit, Lucasfilm, and Pixar. The Daily Journal described the case as the "most significant antitrust employment case in recent history," adding that it "has been widely recognized as a legal and public policy breakthrough."
4. ***Cipro Cases I and II***, JCCP Nos. 4154 and 4220 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser represented California consumers and third party payors in a class action lawsuit filed in California state court charging that Bayer Corporation, Barr Laboratories, and other generic prescription drug manufacturers conspired to restrain competition in the sale of Bayer's blockbuster antibiotic drug Ciprofloxacin, sold as Cipro. Between 1997 and 2003, Bayer paid its would-be generic drug competitors nearly \$400 million to refrain from selling more affordable versions of Cipro. As a result, consumers were forced to pay inflated prices for the drug -- frequently prescribed to treat urinary tract, prostate, abdominal, and other infections.

The trial court granted defendants' motion for summary judgment, which the California Court of Appeal affirmed in October 2011. Plaintiffs sought review before the California Supreme Court. Following briefing, the case was stayed pending the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *FTC v. Actavis*. After the U.S. Supreme Court in *Actavis* overturned lower federal court precedent that pay-for-delay deals in the pharmaceutical industry are generally legal, plaintiffs and Bayer entered into settlement negotiations. In November 2013, the Trial Court approved a \$74 million settlement with Bayer.

On May 7, 2015, the California Supreme Court reversed the grant of summary judgment to Defendants and resoundingly endorsed the rights of consumers to challenge pharmaceutical pay-for-delay settlements under California competition law. Working to the brink of trial, the plaintiffs reached additional settlements with the remaining defendants, bringing the total recovery to \$399 million (exceeding plaintiffs' damages

estimate by approximately \$68 million), a result the trial court described as “extraordinary.” The trial court granted final approval on April 21, 2017, adding that it was “not aware of any case” that “has taken roughly 17 years,” where, net of fees, end-payor “claimants will get basically 100 cents on the dollar[.]”

In 2017, the American Antitrust Institute honored Lieff Cabraser’s Cipro team with its Outstanding Private Practice Antitrust Achievement Award for their extraordinary work on the Cipro price-fixing and exclusionary drug-pricing agreements case. In addition, their work on the Cipro case led Lieff Cabraser partners Eric B. Fastiff, Brendan P. Glackin, and Dean M. Harvey to recognition by California Lawyer and the Daily Journal with a 2016 California Lawyer of the Year Award.

5. ***In re Municipal Derivatives Litigation***, MDL No. 1950 (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represented the City of Oakland, the County of Alameda, City of Fresno, Fresno County Financing Authority, along with East Bay Delta Housing and Finance Agency, in a class action lawsuit brought on behalf of themselves and other California entities that purchased guaranteed investment contracts, swaps, and other municipal derivatives products from Bank of America, N.A., JP Morgan Chase & Co., Piper Jaffray & Co., Societe Generale SA, UBS AG, and other banks, brokers and financial institutions. The complaint charged that defendants conspired to give cities, counties, school districts, and other governmental agencies artificially low bids for guaranteed investment contracts, swaps, and other municipal derivatives products, which are used by public entities to earn interest on bond proceeds.

The complaint further charged that defendants met secretly to discuss prices, customers, and markets for municipal derivatives sold in the U.S. and elsewhere; intentionally created the false appearance of competition by engaging in sham auctions in which the results were pre-determined or agreed not to bid on contracts; and covertly shared their unjust profits with losing bidders to maintain the conspiracy.

6. ***Natural Gas Antitrust Cases***, JCCP Nos. 4221, 4224, 4226 & 4228 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). In 2003, the Court approved a landmark of \$1.1 billion settlement in class action litigation against El Paso Natural Gas Co. for manipulating the market for natural gas pipeline transmission capacity into California. Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel and Co-Liaison Counsel in the *Natural Gas Antitrust Cases I-IV*. In June 2007, the Court granted final approval to a \$67.39 million settlement of a series of class action lawsuits brought by California business and residential consumers of natural gas against a group of natural gas suppliers, Reliant Energy Services, Inc., Duke Energy Trading and Marketing LLC, CMS Energy Resources Management Company, and

Aquila Merchant Services, Inc. Plaintiffs charged defendants with manipulating the price of natural gas in California during the California energy crisis of 2000-2001 by a variety of means, including falsely reporting the prices and quantities of natural gas transactions to trade publications, which compiled daily and monthly natural gas price indices; prearranged wash trading; and, in the case of Reliant, “churning” on the Enron Online electronic trading platform, which was facilitated by a secret netting agreement between Reliant and Enron. The 2007 settlement followed a settlement reached in 2006 for \$92 million partial settlement with Coral Energy Resources, L.P.; Dynegy Inc. and affiliates; EnCana Corporation; WD Energy Services, Inc.; and The Williams Companies, Inc. and affiliates.

7. ***In the Matter of the Arbitration between CopyTele and AU Optronics***, Case No. 50 117 T 009883 13 (Internat’l Centre for Dispute Resolution). Lieff Cabraser successfully represented CopyTele, Inc. in a commercial dispute involving intellectual property. In 2011, CopyTele entered into an agreement with AU Optronics (“AUO”) under which both companies would jointly develop two groups of products incorporating CopyTele’s patented display technologies. CopyTele charged that AUO never had any intention of jointly developing the CopyTele technologies, and instead used the agreements to fraudulently obtain and transfer licenses of CopyTele’s patented technologies. The case required the review of thousands of pages of documents in Chinese and in English culminating in a two week arbitration hearing. In December 2014, after the hearing, the parties resolved the matter, with CopyTele receiving \$9 million.
8. ***Wholesale Electricity Antitrust Cases I & II***, JCCP Nos. 4204 & 4205 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in the private class action litigation against Duke Energy Trading & Marketing, Reliant Energy, and The Williams Companies for claims that the companies manipulated California’s wholesale electricity markets during the California energy crisis of 2000-2001. Extending the landmark victories for California residential and business consumers of electricity, in September 2004, plaintiffs reached a \$206 million settlement with Duke Energy Trading & Marketing, and in August 2005, plaintiffs reached a \$460 million settlement with Reliant Energy, settling claims that the companies manipulated California’s wholesale electricity markets during the California energy crisis of 2000-01. Lieff Cabraser earlier entered into a settlement for over \$400 million with The Williams Companies.
9. ***In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1827 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel for direct purchasers in litigation against the world’s leading manufacturers of Thin Film Transistor Liquid Crystal Displays. TFT-LCDs are used in

flat-panel televisions as well as computer monitors, laptop computers, mobile phones, personal digital assistants, and other devices. Plaintiffs charged that defendants conspired to raise and fix the prices of TFT-LCD panels and certain products containing those panels for over a decade, resulting in overcharges to purchasers of those panels and products. In March 2010, the Court certified two nationwide classes of persons and entities that directly purchased TFT-LCDs from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2006, one class of panel purchasers, and one class of buyers of laptop computers, computer monitors, and televisions that contained TFT-LCDs. Over the course of the litigation, the classes reached settlements with all defendants except Toshiba. The case against Toshiba proceeded to trial. In July 2012, the jury found that Toshiba participated in the price-fixing conspiracy. The case was subsequently settled, bringing the total settlements in the litigation to over \$470 million. For his outstanding work in the precedent-setting litigation, California Lawyer recognized Richard Heimann with a 2013 California Lawyer of the Year award.

10. ***Sullivan v. DB Investments***, No. 04-02819 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel for consumers who purchased diamonds from 1994 through March 31, 2006, in a class action lawsuit against the De Beers group of companies. Plaintiffs charged that De Beers conspired to monopolize the sale of rough diamonds in the U.S. In May 2008, the District Court approved a \$295 million settlement for purchasers of diamonds and diamond jewelry, including \$130 million to consumers. The settlement also barred De Beers from continuing its illegal business practices and required De Beers to submit to the jurisdiction of the Court to enforce the settlement. In December 2011, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the District Court's order approving the settlement. 667 F.3d 273 (3rd Cir. 2011). The hard-fought litigation spanned several years and nations. Despite the tremendous resources available to the U.S. Department of Justice and state attorney generals, it was only through the determination of plaintiffs' counsel that De Beers was finally brought to justice and the rights of consumers were vindicated. Lieff Cabraser attorneys played key roles in negotiating the settlement and defending it on appeal. Discussing the DeBeers case, The National Law Journal noted that Lieff Cabraser was "among the plaintiffs' firms that weren't afraid to take on one of the business world's great white whales."
11. ***Haley Paint Co. v. E.I. Dupont De Nemours and Co. et al.***, No. 10-cv-00318-RDB (D. Md.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for direct purchasers of titanium dioxide in a nationwide class action lawsuit against Defendants E.I. Dupont De Nemours and Co., Huntsman International LLC, Kronos Worldwide Inc., and Cristal Global (fka Millennium Inorganic Chemicals, Inc.), alleging these corporations participated in a global cartel to fix the price of titanium dioxide.

Titanium dioxide, a dry chemical powder, is the world's most widely used pigment for providing whiteness and brightness in paints, paper, plastics, and other products. Plaintiffs charged that defendants coordinated increases in the prices for titanium dioxide despite declining demand, decreasing raw material costs, and industry overcapacity.

Unlike some antitrust class actions, Plaintiffs proceeded without the benefit of any government investigation or proceeding. Plaintiffs overcame attacks on the pleadings, discovery obstacles, a rigorous class certification process that required two full rounds of briefing and expert analysis, and multiple summary judgment motions. In August 2012, the Court certified the class. Plaintiffs prepared fully for trial and achieved a settlement with the final defendant on the last business day before trial. In December 2013, the Court approved a series of settlements with defendants totaling \$163 million.

12. ***In re Lupron Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation***, MDL No. 1430 (D. Mass.). In May 2005, the Court granted final approval to a settlement of a class action lawsuit by patients, insurance companies and health and welfare benefit plans that paid for Lupron, a prescription drug used to treat prostate cancer, endometriosis and precocious puberty. The settlement requires the defendants, Abbott Laboratories, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited, and TAP Pharmaceuticals, to pay \$150 million, inclusive of costs and fees, to persons or entities who paid for Lupron from January 1, 1985 through March 31, 2005. Plaintiffs charged that the defendants conspired to overstate the drug's average wholesale price ("AWP"), which resulted in plaintiffs paying more for Lupron than they should have paid. Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel.
13. ***Marchbanks Truck Service v. Comdata Network***, No. 07-cv-01078 (E.D. Pa.). In July 2014, the Court approved a \$130 million settlement of a class action brought by truck stops and other retail fueling facilities that paid percentage-based transaction fees to Comdata on proprietary card transactions using Comdata's over-the-road fleet card. The complaint challenged arrangements among Comdata, its parent company Ceridian LLC, and three national truck stop chains: defendants TravelCenters of America LLC and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Pilot Travel Centers LLC and its predecessor Pilot Corporation, and Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc. The alleged anticompetitive conduct insulated Comdata from competition, enhanced its market power, and led to independent truck stops' paying artificially inflated transaction fees. In addition to the \$130 million payment, the settlement required Comdata to change certain business practices that will promote competition among payment cards used by over-the-road fleets and



truckers and lead to lower merchant fees for the independent truck stops. Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Class Counsel in the litigation.

14. ***California Vitamins Cases***, JCCP No. 4076 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Liaison Counsel and Co-Chairman of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee on behalf of a class of California indirect vitamin purchasers in every level of the chain of distribution. In January 2002, the Court granted final approval of a \$96 million settlement with certain vitamin manufacturers in a class action alleging that these and other manufacturers engaged in price fixing of particular vitamins. In December 2006, the Court granted final approval to over \$8.8 million in additional settlements.
15. ***In re Buspirone Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1413 (S.D. N.Y.). In November 2003, Lieff Cabraser obtained a \$90 million cash settlement for individual consumers, consumer organizations, and third party payers that purchased BuSpar, a drug prescribed to alleviate symptoms of anxiety. Plaintiffs alleged that Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. (BMS), Danbury Pharmacal, Inc., Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Watson Pharma, Inc. entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade under which BMS paid a potential generic manufacturer of BuSpar to drop its challenge to BMS' patent and refrain from entering the market. Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel.
16. ***Meijer v. Abbott Laboratories***, Case No. C 07-5985 CW (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as co-counsel for the group of retailers charging that Abbott Laboratories monopolized the market for AIDS medicines used in conjunction with Abbott's prescription drug Norvir. These drugs, known as Protease Inhibitors, have enabled patients with HIV to fight off the disease and live longer. In January 2011, the Court denied Abbott's motion for summary judgment on plaintiffs' monopolization claim. Trial commenced in February 2011. After opening statements and the presentation of four witnesses and evidence to the jury, plaintiffs and Abbott Laboratories entered into a \$52 million settlement. The Court granted final approval to the settlement in August 2011.
17. ***In re Carpet Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1075 (N.D. Ga.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel and a member of the trial team for a class of direct purchasers of twenty-ounce level loop polypropylene carpet. Plaintiffs, distributors of polypropylene carpet, alleged that Defendants, seven manufacturers of polypropylene carpet, conspired to fix the prices of polypropylene carpet by agreeing to eliminate discounts and charge inflated prices on the carpet. In 2001, the Court approved a \$50 million settlement of the case.
18. ***In re Lasik/PRK Antitrust Litigation***, No. CV 772894 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as a member of Plaintiffs' Executive

Committee in class actions brought on behalf of persons who underwent Lasik/PRK eye surgery. Plaintiffs alleged that defendants, the manufacturers of the laser system used for the laser vision correction surgery, manipulated fees charged to ophthalmologists and others who performed the surgery, and that the overcharges were passed onto consumers who paid for laser vision correction surgery. In December 2001, the Court approved a \$12.5 million settlement of the litigation.

19. ***Methionine Cases I and II***, JCCP Nos. 4090 & 4096 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of indirect purchasers of methionine, an amino acid used primarily as a poultry and swine feed additive to enhance growth and production. Plaintiffs alleged that the companies illegally conspired to raise methionine prices to super-competitive levels. The case settled.
20. ***In re Electrical Carbon Products Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1514 (D.N.J.). Lieff Cabraser represented the City and County of San Francisco and a class of direct purchasers of carbon brushes and carbon collectors on claims that producers fixed the price of carbon brushes and carbon collectors in violation of the Sherman Act.

## **XII. Environmental and Toxic Exposures**

### **A. Current Cases**

1. ***In Re Oil Spill by the Oil Rig “Deepwater Horizon” in the Gulf of Mexico***, MDL No. 2179 (E.D. La.). Lieff Cabraser serves on the Court-appointed Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee (“PSC”) and with co-counsel represents fishermen, property owners, business owners, wage earners, and other harmed parties in class action litigation against BP, Transocean, Halliburton, and other defendants involved in the Deepwater Horizon oil rig blowout and resulting oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010. The Master Complaints allege that the defendants were insouciant in addressing the operations of the well and the oil rig, ignored warning signs of the impending disaster, and failed to employ and/or follow proper safety measures, worker safety laws, and environmental protection laws in favor of cost-cutting measures.

In 2012, the Court approved two class action settlements that will fully compensate hundreds of thousands of victims of the tragedy. The settlements resolve the majority of private economic loss, property damage, and medical injury claims stemming from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, and hold BP fully accountable to individuals and businesses harmed by the spill. Under the settlements, there is no dollar limit on the amount BP will pay. In 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court denied review of BP’s challenge to its own class action settlement. Approval of that settlement is now final, and has so far delivered \$11.2 billion to

compensate claimants' losses. The medical settlement is also final, and an additional \$1 billion settlement has been reached with defendant Halliburton.

2. ***Andrews, et al. v. Plains All American Pipeline, et al.***, No. 2:15-cv-04113-PSG-JEM (C.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser is Court-appointed Class Counsel in this action arising from an oil spill in Santa Barbara County in May 2015. A pipeline owned by Plains ruptured, and oil from the pipeline flowed into the Pacific Ocean, soiling beaches and impacting local fisheries. Lief Cabraser represents homeowners who lost the use of the beachfront amenity for which they pay a premium, local oil platform workers who were laid off as a result of the spill and subsequent closure of the pipeline, as well as fishers whose catch was impacted by the oil spill. Plaintiffs allege that defendants did not follow basic safety protocols when they installed the pipeline, failed to properly monitor and maintain the pipeline, ignored clear signs that the pipeline was corroded and in danger of bursting, and failed to promptly respond to the oil spill when the inevitable rupture occurred.

The Federal District Court recently certified a plaintiff class composed of fishers whose catch diminished as a result of the spill and fish industry businesses that were affected as a result of the decimated fish population. Lief Cabraser has recently filed a motion to certify additional classes of groups harmed by the spill, including private property owners and lessees near the soiled shoreline, and oil industry workers and businesses that suffered economic injuries associated with the closure of the pipeline.

3. ***Southern California Gas Leak Cases***, JCCP No. 4861. Lief Cabraser has been selected by the Los Angeles County Superior Court to help lead two important class action cases on behalf of homeowners and businesses that suffered economic injuries in the wake of the massive Porter Ranch gas leak, which began in October of 2015 and lasted into February of 2016. During this time, huge quantities of natural gas spewed out of an old well at Southern California Gas's Aliso Canyon Facility and into the air of Porter Ranch, a neighborhood located adjacent to the Facility and 25 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

This large-scale environmental disaster forced thousands of residents to leave their homes for months on end while the leak continued and for several months thereafter. It also caused local business to dry up during the busy holiday season, as many residents had evacuated the neighborhood and visitors avoided the area. Evidence suggests the leak was caused by at least one old and malfunctioning well used to inject and retrieve gas. Southern California Gas Company allegedly removed the safety valve on the well that could have prevented the leak. As a result,

the gas leak has left a carbon footprint larger than the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill.

Together with other firms chosen to pursue class relief for these victims, Lieff Cabraser filed two class action complaints – one on behalf of Porter Ranch homeowners, and another on behalf of Porter Ranch businesses. Southern California Gas argued in response that the injuries suffered by homeowners and businesses cannot proceed as class actions. In May 2017, the Superior Court rejected these arguments. The class action cases are proceeding with discovery into Southern California Gas Company's role in this disaster.

## **B. Successes**

1. ***In re Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litigation***, No. 3:89-cv-0095 HRH (D. Al.). The *Exxon Valdez* ran aground on March 24, 1989, spilling 11 million gallons of oil into Prince William Sound. Lieff Cabraser served as one of the Court-appointed Plaintiffs' Class Counsel. The class consisted of fisherman and others whose livelihoods were gravely affected by the disaster. In addition, Lieff Cabraser served on the Class Trial Team that tried the case before a jury in federal court in 1994. The jury returned an award of \$5 billion in punitive damages.

In 2001, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the original \$5 billion punitive damages verdict was excessive. In 2002, U.S. District Court Judge H. Russell Holland reinstated the award at \$4 billion. Judge Holland stated that, "Exxon officials knew that carrying huge volumes of crude oil through Prince William sound was a dangerous business, yet they knowingly permitted a relapsed alcoholic to direct the operation of the *Exxon Valdez* through Prince William Sound." In 2003, the Ninth Circuit again directed Judge Holland to reconsider the punitive damages award under United States Supreme Court punitive damages guidelines. In January 2004, Judge Holland issued his order finding that Supreme Court authority did not change the Court's earlier analysis.

In December 2006, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued its ruling, setting the punitive damages award at \$2.5 billion. Subsequently, the U.S. Supreme Court further reduced the punitive damages award to \$507.5 million, an amount equal to the compensatory damages. With interest, the total award to the plaintiff class was \$977 million.

2. ***In re Imprelis Herbicide Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 2284 (E.D. Pa.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for homeowners, golf course companies and other property owners in a nationwide class action lawsuit against E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company ("DuPont"), charging that its herbicide Imprelis caused widespread death among trees and other non-

targeted vegetation across the country. DuPont marketed Imprelis as an environmentally friendly alternative to the commonly used 2,4-D herbicide. Just weeks after Imprelis' introduction to the market in late 2010, however, complaints of tree damage began to surface. Property owners reported curling needles, severe browning, and dieback in trees near turf that had been treated with Imprelis. In August 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency banned the sale of Imprelis.

The complaint charged that DuPont failed to disclose the risks Imprelis posed to trees, even when applied as directed, and failed to provide instructions for the safe application of Imprelis. In response to the litigation, DuPont created a process for property owners to submit claims for damages. Approximately \$400 million was paid to approximately 25,000 claimants. In October 2013, the Court approved a settlement of the class action that substantially enhanced the DuPont claims process, including by adding an extended warranty, a more limited release of claims, the right to appeal the denial of claim by DuPont to an independent arborist, and publication of DuPont's tree payment schedule.

3. ***In re GCC Richmond Works Cases***, JCCP No. 2906 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Liaison Counsel and Lead Class Counsel in coordinated litigation arising out of the release on July 26, 1993, of a massive toxic sulfuric acid cloud which injured an estimated 50,000 residents of Richmond, California. The Coordination Trial Court granted final approval to a \$180 million class settlement for exposed residents.
4. ***In re Unocal Refinery Litigation***, No. C 94-04141 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as one of two Co-Lead Class Counsel and on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in this action against Union Oil Company of California ("Unocal") arising from a series of toxic releases from Unocal's San Francisco refinery in Rodeo, California. The action was settled in 1997 on behalf of approximately 10,000 individuals for \$80 million.
5. ***West v. G&H Seed Co., et al.***, No. 99-C-4984-A (La. State Ct.). With co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represented a certified class of 1,500 Louisiana crawfish farmers who charged in a lawsuit that Fipronil, an insecticide sold under the trade name ICON, damaged their pond-grown crawfish crops. In Louisiana, rice and crawfish are often farmed together, either in the same pond or in close proximity to one another.

After its introduction to the market in 1999, ICON was used extensively in Louisiana to kill water weevils that attacked rice plants. The lawsuit alleged that ICON also had a devastating effect on crawfish harvests with some farmers losing their entire crawfish crop. In 2004, the Court approved a \$45 million settlement with Bayer CropScience, which during the litigation purchased Aventis CropScience, the original manufacturer

of ICON. The settlement was reached after the parties had presented nearly a month's worth of evidence at trial and were on the verge of making closing arguments to the jury.

6. ***Kingston, Tennessee TVA Coal Ash Spill Litigation***, No. 3:09-cv-09 (E.D. Tenn.). Lief Cabraser represented hundreds of property owners and businesses harmed by the largest coal ash spill in U.S. history. On December 22, 2008, more than a billion gallons of coal ash slurry spilled when a dike burst on a retention pond at the Kingston Fossil Plant operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in Roane County, Tennessee. A wall of coal ash slurry traveled across the Emory River, polluting the river and nearby waterways, and covering nearly 300 acres with toxic sludge, including 12 homes and damaging hundreds of properties. In March 2010, the Court denied in large part TVA's motion to dismiss the litigation. In the Fall of 2011, the Court conducted a four week bench trial on the question of whether TVA was liable for releasing the coal ash into the river system. The issue of damages was reserved for later proceedings. In August 2012, the Court found in favor of plaintiffs on their claims of negligence, trespass, and private nuisance. In August 2014, the case came to a conclusion with TVA's payment of \$27.8 million to settle the litigation.
7. ***In re Sacramento River Spill Cases I and II***, JCCP Nos. 2617 & 2620 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). On July 14, 1991, a Southern Pacific train tanker car derailed in northern California, spilling 19,000 gallons of a toxic pesticide, metam sodium, into the Sacramento River near the town of Dunsmuir at a site along the rail lines known as the Cantara Loop. The metam sodium mixed thoroughly with the river water and had a devastating effect on the river and surrounding ecosystem. Within a week, every fish, 1.1 million in total, and all other aquatic life in a 45-mile stretch of the Sacramento River was killed. In addition, many residents living along the river became ill with symptoms that included headaches, shortness of breath, and vomiting. The spill considered the worst inland ecological disaster in California history.

Lief Cabraser served as Court-appointed Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and Lead Class Counsel, and chaired the Plaintiffs' Litigation Committee in coordinated proceedings that included all of the lawsuits arising out of this toxic spill. Settlement proceeds of approximately \$16 million were distributed pursuant to Court approval of a plan of allocation to four certified plaintiff classes: personal injury, business loss, property damage/diminution, and evacuation.
8. ***Kentucky Coal Sludge Litigation***, No. 00-CI-00245 (Cmmw. Ky.). On October 11, 2000, near Inez, Kentucky, a coal waste storage facility ruptured, spilling 1.25 million tons of coal sludge (a wet mixture produced

by the treatment and cleaning of coal) into waterways in the region and contaminating hundreds of properties. This was one of the worst environmental disasters in the Southeastern United States. With co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represented over 400 clients in property damage claims, including claims for diminution in the value of their homes and properties. In April 2003, the parties reached a confidential settlement agreement on favorable terms to the plaintiffs.

9. ***Toms River Childhood Cancer Incidents***, No. L-10445-01 MT (Sup. Ct. NJ). With co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represented 69 families in Toms River, New Jersey, each with a child having cancer, that claimed the cancers were caused by environmental contamination in the Toms River area. Commencing in 1998, the parties—the 69 families, Ciba Specialty Chemicals, Union Carbide and United Water Resources, Inc., a water distributor in the area—participated in an unique alternative dispute resolution process, which lead to a fair and efficient consideration of the factual and scientific issues in the matter. In December 2001, under the supervision of a mediator, a confidential settlement favorable to the families was reached.

### **XIII. False Claims Act**

#### **A. Current Cases**

Lieff Cabraser represents whistleblowers in a wide range of False Claims Act cases, including Medicare kickback and healthcare fraud, defense contractor fraud, and securities and financial fraud. We have more than a dozen whistleblower cases currently under seal and investigation in federal and state jurisdictions across the U.S. For that reason, we do not list all of our current False Claims Act and qui tam cases in our resume.

1. ***United States ex rel. Matthew Cestra v. Cephalon***, No. 14-01842 (E.D. Pa.); ***United States ex rel. Bruce Boise et al. v. Cephalon***, No. 08-287 (E.D. Pa.) Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, represents four whistleblowers bringing claims on behalf of the U.S. Government and various states under the federal and state False Claims Acts against Cephalon, Inc., a pharmaceutical company. The complaints allege that Cephalon has engaged in unlawful off-label marketing of certain of its drugs, largely through misrepresentations, kickbacks, and other unlawful or fraudulent means, causing the submission of hundreds of thousands of false claims for reimbursement to federal and state health care programs. The Boise case involves Provigil and its successor drug Nuvigil, limited-indication wakefulness drugs that are unsafe and/or not efficacious for the wide array of off-label psychiatric and neurological conditions for which Cephalon has marketed them, according to the allegations. The Cestra case involves an expensive oncological drug called Treanda, which is approved only for second-line treatment of indolent non-Hodgkin's

Lymphoma despite what the relators allege to be the company's off-label marketing of the drug for first-line treatment. Various motions are pending.

## **B. Successes**

1. ***United States ex rel. Mary Hendow and Julie Albertson v. University of Phoenix***, No. 2:03-cv-00457-GEB-DAD (E.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser obtained a record whistleblower settlement against the University of Phoenix that charged the university had violated the incentive compensation ban of the Higher Education Act (HEA) by providing improper incentive pay to its recruiters. The HEA prohibits colleges and universities whose students receive federal financial aid from paying their recruiters based on the number of students enrolled, which creates a risk of encouraging recruitment of unqualified students who, Congress has determined, are more likely to default on their loans. High student loan default rates not only result in wasted federal funds, but the students who receive these loans and default are burdened for years with tremendous debt without the benefit of a college degree.

The complaint alleged that the University of Phoenix defrauded the U.S. Department of Education by obtaining federal student loan and Pell Grant monies from the federal government based on false statements of compliance with HEA. In December 2009, the parties announced a \$78.5 million settlement. The settlement constitutes the second-largest settlement ever in a False Claims Act case in which the federal government declined to intervene in the action and largest settlement ever involving the Department of Education. The University of Phoenix case led to the Obama Administration passing new regulations that took away the so-called "safe harbor" provisions that for-profit universities relied on to justify their alleged recruitment misconduct. For his outstanding work as Lead Counsel and the significance of the case, *California Lawyer* magazine recognized Lieff Cabraser attorney Robert J. Nelson with a California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) Award.

2. ***State of California ex rel. Sherwin v. Office Depot***, No. BC410135 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). In February 2015, the Court approved a \$77.5 million settlement with Office Depot to settle a whistleblower lawsuit brought under the California False Claims Act. The whistleblower was a former Office Depot account manager. The City of Los Angeles, County of Santa Clara, Stockton Unified School District, and 16 additional California cities, counties, and school districts intervened in the action to assert their claims (including common-law fraud and breach of contract) against Office Depot directly. The governmental entities purchased office supplies from Office Depot under a nationwide supply contract known as the U.S. Communities contract. Office Depot promised in the U.S.



Communities contract to sell office supplies at its best governmental pricing nationwide. The complaint alleged that Office Depot repeatedly failed to give most of its California governmental customers the lowest price it was offering other governmental customers. Other pricing misconduct was also alleged.

3. ***State of California ex rel. Rockville Recovery Associates v. Multiplan***, No. 34-2010-00079432 (Sacramento Supr. Ct., Cal.). In a case that received widespread media coverage, Lieff Cabraser represented whistleblower Rockville Recovery Associates in a qui tam suit for civil penalties under the California Insurance Frauds Prevention Act (“IFPA”), Cal. Insurance Code § 1871.7, against Sutter Health, one of California’s largest healthcare providers, and obtained the largest penalty ever imposed under the statute. The parties reached a \$46 million settlement that was announced in November 2013, shortly before trial was scheduled to commence.

The complaint alleged that the 26 Sutter hospitals throughout California submitted false, fraudulent, or misleading charges for anesthesia services (separate from the anesthesiologist’s fees) during operating room procedures that were already covered in the operating room bill.

After Lieff Cabraser defeated Sutter Health’s demurrer and motion to compel arbitration, California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones intervened in the litigation in May 2011. Lieff Cabraser attorneys continued to serve as lead counsel, and litigated the case for over two more years. In all, plaintiffs defeated no less than 10 dispositive motions, as well as three writ petitions to the Court of Appeals.

In addition to the monetary recovery, Sutter Health agreed to a comprehensive series of billing and transparency reforms, which California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones called “a groundbreaking step in opening up hospital billing to public scrutiny.” On the date the settlement was announced, the California Hospital Association recognized its significance by issuing a press release stating that the settlement “compels industry-wide review of anesthesia billing.” Defendant Multiplan, Inc., a large leased network Preferred Provider Organization, separately paid a \$925,000 civil penalty for its role in enabling Sutter’s alleged false billing scheme.

4. ***United States ex rel. Dye v. ATK Launch Systems***, No. 1:06-CV-39-TS (D. Utah). Lieff Cabraser served as co-counsel for a whistleblower who alleged that ATK Launch Systems knowingly sold defective and potentially dangerous illumination flares to the United States military in violation of the federal False Claims Act. The specialized flares were used in nighttime combat, covert missions, and search and rescue operations. A key design specification set by the Defense Department was that these

highly flammable and dangerous items ignite only under certain conditions. The complaint alleged that the ATK flares at issue could ignite when dropped from a height of less than 10 feet – and, according to ATK’s own analysis, from as little as 11.6 inches – notwithstanding contractual specifications that they be capable of withstanding such a drop. In April 2012, the parties reached a settlement valued at \$37 million.

5. ***United States ex rel. Mauro Vosilla and Steven Rossow v. Avaya, Inc.***, No. CVO4-8763 PA JTLx (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented a whistleblower in litigation alleging that defendants Avaya, Lucent Technologies, and AT&T violated the Federal False Claims Act and state false claims statutes. The complaint alleged that defendants charged governmental agencies for the lease, rental, and post-warranty maintenance of telephone communications systems and services that the governmental agencies no longer possessed and/or were no longer maintained by defendants. In November 2010, the parties entered into a \$21.75 million settlement of the litigation.
6. ***State of California ex rel. Associates Against FX Insider State Street Corp.***, No. 34-2008-00008457 (Sacramento Supr. Ct., Cal.) (“***State Street I***”). Lieff Cabraser served as co-counsel for the whistleblowers in this action against State Street Corporation. The Complaint alleged that State Street violated the California False Claims Act with respect to certain foreign exchange transactions it executed with two California public pension fund custodial clients. The California Attorney General intervened in the case in October 2009.

#### **XIV. Digital Privacy and Data Security**

##### **A. Current Cases**

1. ***Balderas v. Tiny Lab Productions, et al.***, Case 6:18-cv-00854 (D. New Mexico). Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, is working with the Attorney General of the State of New Mexico to represent parents, on behalf of their children, in a federal lawsuit seeking to protect children in the state from a foreign developer of child-directed apps and its marketing partners. The lawsuit alleges that the child-app developer Tiny Lab Productions and its co-defendants (including Google, Twitter, and AdMob) surreptitiously harvest children’s personal information for the purpose of profiling and targeting children for commercial exploitation, without adequate disclosures and verified parental consent. When children play Tiny Lab’s gaming apps on their mobile devices, their geolocation, demographic characteristics, online activity, and other personal data, are exfiltrated to third-parties and their marketing networks in order to target the children with advertisements. The apps at issue, clearly and indisputably designed for children, include Fun Kid Racing, Candy Land Racing, and GummyBear and Friends Speed Racing.

The action brings claims under the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, as well as New Mexico state laws.

2. ***In re Google Inc. Street View Electronic Communications Litigation***, No. 3:10-md-021784-CRB (N.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser represents individuals whose right to privacy was violated when Google intentionally equipped its Google Maps “Street View” vehicles with Wi-Fi antennas and software that collected data transmitted by those persons’ Wi-Fi networks located in their nearby homes. Google collected not only basic identifying information about individuals’ Wi-Fi networks, but also personal, private data being transmitted over their Wi-Fi networks such as emails, usernames, passwords, videos, and documents. Plaintiffs allege that Google’s actions violated the federal Wiretap Act, as amended by the Electronic Communications Privacy Act. On September 10, 2013, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals held that Google’s actions are not exempt from the Act.

On March 20, 2020, U.S. District Judge Charles R. Breyer granted final approval to a \$13 million settlement over Google’s illegal gathering of network data via its Street View vehicle fleet. Given the difficulties of assessing precise individual harms, the innovative settlement, which is intended in part to disincentivize companies like Google from future privacy violations, will distribute its monies to eight nonprofit organizations with a history of addressing online consumer privacy issues.

3. ***Campbell v. Facebook***, No. 4:13-cv-05996 (N.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel in a nationwide class action lawsuit alleging that Facebook intercepts certain private data in users’ personal and private messages on the social network and profits by sharing that information with third parties. When a user composes a private Facebook message and includes a link (a “URL”) to a third party website, Facebook allegedly scans the content of the message, follows the URL, and searches for information to profile the message-sender’s web activity. This enables Facebook to data mine aspects of user data and profit from that data by sharing it with advertisers, marketers, and other data aggregators. In December 2014, the Court in large part denied Facebook’s motion to dismiss. In rejecting one of Facebook’s core arguments, U.S. District Court Judge Phyllis Hamilton stated: “An electronic communications service provider cannot simply adopt any revenue-generating practice and deem it ‘ordinary’ by its own subjective standard.” In August of 2017, Judge Hamilton granted final approval to an injunctive relief settlement of the action. As part of the settlement, Facebook has ceased the offending practices and has made changes to its operative relevant user disclosures.
4. ***In re Carrier IQ Privacy Litigation***, MDL No. 2330 (N.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser represents a plaintiff in Multi-District Litigation against

Samsung, LG, Motorola, HTC, and Carrier IQ alleging that smartphone manufacturers violated privacy laws by installing tracking software, called IQ Agent, on millions of cell phones and other mobile devices that use the Android operating system. Without notifying users or obtaining consent, IQ Agent tracks users' keystrokes, passwords, apps, text messages, photos, videos, and other personal information and transmits this data to cellular carriers. In a 96-page order issued in January 2015, U.S. District Court Judge Edward Chen granted in part, and denied in part, defendants' motion to dismiss. Importantly, the Court permitted the core Wiretap Act claim to proceed as well as the claims for violations of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act and the California Unfair Competition Law and breach of the common law duty of implied warranty. In 2016, the Court granted final approval of a \$9 million settlement plus injunctive relief provisions.

5. ***Henson v. Turn***, No. 3:15-CV-01497 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represents plaintiffs in class action litigation alleging that internet marketing company Turn, Inc. violates users' digital privacy by installing software tracking beacons on smartphones, tablets, and other mobile computing devices. The complaint alleges that in an effort to thwart standard privacy settings and features, Turn deploys so-called "zombie cookies" that cannot be detected or deleted, and that track smartphone activity across various browsers and applications. Turn uses the data harvested by these cookies to build robust user profiles and sell targeted and profitable advertising, all without the user's knowledge or consent. The complaint alleges that Turn's conduct violates consumer protection laws and amounts to trespass.
6. ***McDowell v. CGI Group***, No. 1:15-cv-01157-GK (D.D.C.). Lieff Cabraser represents individuals in class action litigation against CGI Group, Inc. and CGI Federal, Inc. (collectively "CGI") for allegedly facilitating a data breach affecting more than 1,000 U.S. citizens. The U.S. government contracts with CGI to manage all U.S. passport application activities. Passport applicants must provide their name, date of birth, city of birth, state of birth, country of birth, social security number, sex, height, hair color, eye color, occupation, and evidence of U.S. citizenship, such as a previously issued U.S. passport, or U.S. birth certificate. Between 2010 and May 2, 2015, CGI employees allegedly stole and sold personal information of passport applicants to cybercriminals. The mass identity theft allowed cybercriminals to use stolen information to buy cell phones and computers, and to obtain lines of credit. The complaint alleges that CGI failed to fulfill its legal duty to protect customers' sensitive personal and financial information.

## **B. Successes**

1. ***Fowles v. Anthem***, No. 3:15-cv-2249 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represents individuals in a class action lawsuit against Anthem for its alleged failure to safeguard and secure the medical records and other personally identifiable information of its members. The second largest health insurer in the U.S., Anthem provides coverage for 37.5 million Americans. Anthem's customer database was allegedly attacked by international hackers on December 10, 2014. Anthem says it discovered the breach on January 27, 2015, and reported it about a week later on February 4, 2015. California customers were informed around March 18, 2015. The theft included names, birth dates, social security numbers, billing information, and highly confidential health information. The complaint charged that Anthem violated its duty to safeguard and protect consumers' personal information, and violated its duty to disclose the breach to consumers in a timely manner. In addition, the complaint charged that Anthem was on notice about the weaknesses in its computer security defenses for at least a year before the breach occurred.

In August 2018, Judge Lucy H. Koh of the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of California granted final approval to a class action settlement which required Anthem to undertake significant additional cybersecurity measures to better safeguard information going forward, and to pay \$115 million into a settlement fund from which benefits to settlement class members will be paid.

2. ***Matera v. Google Inc.***, No. 5:15-cv-04062 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented consumers in a digital privacy class action against Google Inc. over claims the popular Gmail service conducted unauthorized scanning of email messages to build marketing profiles and serve targeted ads. The complaint alleged that Google routinely scanned email messages that were sent by non-Gmail users to Gmail subscribers, analyzed the content of those messages, and then shared that data with third parties in order to target ads to Gmail users, an invasion of privacy that violated the California Invasion of Privacy Act and the federal Electronic Communications Privacy Act. In February 2018, the Court granted final approval to a \$2.2 million settlement of the action. Under the settlement, Google made business-related changes to its Gmail service, as part of which, Google will no longer scan the contents of emails sent to Gmail accounts for advertising purposes, whether during the transmission process or after the emails have been delivered to the Gmail user's inbox. The proposed changes, which will not apply to scanning performed to prevent the spread of spam or malware, will run for at least three years.
3. ***Ebarle et al. v. LifeLock Inc.***, No. 3:15-cv-00258 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented consumers who subscribed to LifeLock's identity

theft protection services in a nationwide class action fraud lawsuit. The complaint alleged LifeLock did not protect the personal information of its subscribers from hackers and criminals, and specifically that, contrary to its advertisements and statements, LifeLock lacked a comprehensive monitoring network, failed to provide “up-to-the-minute” alerts of suspicious activity, and did an inferior job of providing the same theft protection services that banks and credit card companies provide, often for free. On September 21, 2016, U.S. District Judge Haywood Gilliam, Jr. granted final approval to a \$68 million settlement of the case.

4. ***Perkins v. LinkedIn***, No. 13-CV-04303-LHK (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented individuals who joined LinkedIn's network and, without their consent or authorization, had their names and likenesses used by LinkedIn to endorse LinkedIn's services and send repeated emails to their contacts asking that they join LinkedIn. On February 16, 2016, the Court granted final approval to a \$13 million settlement, one of the largest per-class member settlements ever in a digital privacy class action. In addition to the monetary relief, LinkedIn agreed to make significant changes to Add Connections disclosures and functionality. Specifically, LinkedIn revised disclosures to real-time permission screens presented to members using Add Connections, agreed to implement new functionality allowing LinkedIn members to manage their contacts, including viewing and deleting contacts and sending invitations, and to stop reminder emails from being sent if users have sent connection invitations inadvertently.
5. ***Corona v. Sony Pictures Entertainment***, No. 2:14-CV-09660-RGK (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel in class action litigation against Sony for failing to take reasonable measures to secure the data of its employees from hacking and other attacks. As a result, personally identifiable information of thousands of current and former Sony employees and their families was obtained and published on websites across the Internet. Among the staggering array of personally identifiable information compromised were medical records, Social Security Numbers, birth dates, personal emails, home addresses, salaries, tax information, employee evaluations, disciplinary actions, criminal background checks, severance packages, and family medical histories. The complaint charged that Sony owed a duty to take reasonable steps to secure the data of its employees from hacking. Sony allegedly breached this duty by failing to properly invest in adequate IT security, despite having already succumbed to one of the largest data breaches in history only three years ago. In October 2015, an \$8 million settlement was reached under which Sony agreed to reimburse employees for losses and harm.

6. ***Diaz v. Intuit***, No. 5:15-CV-01778-PSG (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented identity theft victims in a nationwide class action lawsuit against Intuit for allegedly failing to protect consumers' data from foreseeable and preventable breaches, and by facilitating the filing of fraudulent tax returns through its TurboTax software program. The complaint alleged that Intuit failed to protect data provided by consumers who purchased TurboTax, used to file an estimated 30 million tax returns for American taxpayers every year, from easy access by hackers and other cybercriminals. The complaint further alleged that Intuit was aware of the widespread use of TurboTax exclusively for the filing of fraudulent tax returns. Yet, Intuit failed to adopt basic cyber security policies to prevent this misuse of TurboTax. As a result, fraudulent tax returns were filed in the names of the plaintiffs and thousands of other individuals across America, including persons who never purchased TurboTax. In September 2009, the Court granted final approval to a settlement that provided all class members who filed a valid claim with a free software upgrade and compensation for certain data-recovery costs.

## **XV. International and Human Rights Litigation**

### **A. Successes**

1. ***Holocaust Cases***. Lieff Cabraser was one of the leading firms that prosecuted claims by Holocaust survivors and the heirs of Holocaust survivors and victims against banks and private manufacturers and other corporations who enslaved and/or looted the assets of Jews and other minority groups persecuted by the Nazi Regime during the Second World War era. The firm served as Settlement Class Counsel in the case against the Swiss banks for which the Court approved a U.S. \$1.25 billion settlement in July 2000. Lieff Cabraser donated its attorneys' fees in the Swiss Banks case, in the amount of \$1.5 million, to endow a Human Rights clinical chair at Columbia University Law School. The firm was also active in slave labor and property litigation against German and Austrian defendants, and Nazi-era banking litigation against French banks. In connection therewith, Lieff Cabraser participated in multi-national negotiations that led to Executive Agreements establishing an additional approximately U.S. \$5 billion in funds for survivors and victims of Nazi persecution.

Commenting on the work of Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel in the litigation against private German corporations, entitled *In re Holocaust Era German Industry, Bank & Insurance Litigation* (MDL No. 1337), U.S. District Court Judge William G. Bassler stated on November 13, 2002:

Up until this litigation, as far as I can tell, perhaps with some minor exceptions, the claims of slave and forced labor fell on deaf ears. You can say what you want to say

about class actions and about attorneys, but the fact of the matter is, there was no attention to this very, very large group of people by Germany, or by German industry until these cases were filed. . . . What has been accomplished here with the efforts of the plaintiffs' attorneys and defense counsel is quite incredible. . . . I want to thank counsel for the assistance in bringing us to where we are today. Cases don't get settled just by litigants. It can only be settled by competent, patient attorneys.

2. ***Cruz v. U.S., Estados Unidos Mexicanos, Wells Fargo Bank, et al.***, No. 01-0892-CRB (N.D. Cal.). Working with co-counsel, Lief Cabraser succeeded in correcting an injustice that dated back 60 years. The case was brought on behalf of Mexican workers and laborers, known as Braceros ("strong arms"), who came from Mexico to the United States pursuant to bilateral agreements from 1942 through 1946 to aid American farms and industries hurt by employee shortages during World War II in the agricultural, railroad, and other industries. As part of the Braceros program, employers held back 10% of the workers' wages, which were to be transferred via United States and Mexican banks to savings accounts for each Bracero. The Braceros were never reimbursed for the portion of their wages placed in the forced savings accounts.

Despite significant obstacles including the aging and passing away of many Braceros, statutes of limitation hurdles, and strong defenses to claims under contract and international law, plaintiffs prevailed in a settlement in February 2009. Under the settlement, the Mexican government provided a payment to Braceros, or their surviving spouses or children, in the amount of approximately \$3,500 (USD). In approving the settlement on February 23, 2009, U.S. District Court Judge Charles Breyer stated:

I've never seen such litigation in eleven years on the bench that was more difficult than this one. It was enormously challenging. . . . It had all sorts of issues . . . that complicated it: foreign law, constitutional law, contract law, [and] statute of limitations. . . . Notwithstanding all of these issues that kept surfacing . . . over the years, the plaintiffs persisted. I actually expected, to tell you the truth, at some point that the plaintiffs would just give up because it was so hard, but they never did. They never did. And, in fact, they achieved a settlement of the case, which I find remarkable under all of these circumstances.



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## **EXHIBIT D**





# GRANTED WITH MODIFICATIONS

IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

KIRBY FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, LP,  
Derivatively on Behalf of THE BOEING  
COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

DENNIS MUILENBURG, *et al.*,

Defendants.

C.A. No. 2019-0907-AGB

JON SOTOROFF,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT A. BRADWAY, *et al.*,

Defendants,

C.A. No. 2019-0941-AGB

– and –

THE BOEING COMPANY, a Delaware  
corporation,

Nominal Defendant.

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THOMAS P. DiNAPOLI, COMPTROLLER  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AS  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD OF THE NEW  
YORK STATE AND LOCAL RETIREMENT  
SYSTEM, AND AS TRUSTEE FOR THE  
NEW YORK STATE COMMON  
RETIREMENT FUND, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN, *et al.*,

Defendants.

– and –

THE BOEING COMPANY,

Nominal Defendant.

C.A. No. 2020-0465-AGB

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CONSTRUCTION AND GENERAL  
BUILDING LABORERS’ LOCAL UNION  
NO. 79 GENERAL FUND, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JAMES F. ALBAUGH, *et al.*,

Defendants,

– and –

THE BOEING COMPANY, a Delaware  
Corporation,

Nominal Defendant.

C.A. No. 2020-0466-AGB

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER CONSOLIDATING ACTIONS AND  
SETTING LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE**

The Court having considered the application of Thomas P. DiNapoli, New York State Comptroller, as Administrative Head of the New York State and Local Retirement System, and as Trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund (“NYSCRF”), and Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado (“FPPA”) for appointment as Co-Lead Plaintiffs, and having found good cause therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The above-captioned actions (the “Actions”) each involve common questions of law and fact, and justice can be administered more effectively as among the parties without a multiplicity of suits.

2. The Actions shall be consolidated for all purposes, including trial.

3. Hereafter, papers need only be filed in C.A. No. 2019-0907-AGB (the “Consolidated Action”).

4. The caption of the Consolidated Action shall be:

IN RE THE BOEING COMPANY :  
DERIVATIVE LITIGATION : Consol. C.A. No. 2019-0907-AGB

5. All papers and documents filed and served to date in each of the Actions consolidated herein are deemed a part of the record in the Consolidated Action.

6. NYSCRF and FPPA are hereby appointed Co-Lead Plaintiffs in this Consolidated Action.

7. Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP and Friedlander & Gorris, P.A. are hereby designated as Co-Lead Counsel in this Consolidated Action.

8. Co-Lead Counsel shall have sole power and authority to speak for the plaintiffs in the Consolidated Action concerning pre-trial procedures, trial, and settlement. In consultation with Co-Lead Plaintiffs, Co-Lead Counsel shall set policy for plaintiffs for the prosecution of this litigation, delegate and monitor the work performed by selected plaintiffs' attorneys, and coordinate and direct the conduct of discovery, pre-trial procedures, trial, settlement, and all other matters concerning the prosecution and resolution of the Consolidated Action.

9. No motion, request for discovery, or other pretrial or trial proceedings shall be initiated or filed by any plaintiffs except Co-Lead Plaintiffs through Co-Lead Counsel. Defendants' counsel may rely upon all agreements made with Co-Lead Counsel, and such agreements shall be binding on all plaintiffs.

10. All actions subsequently filed in or transferred to this Court that involve questions of law or fact related to those contained in the Actions (each, a "Related Action") shall be automatically consolidated into the Consolidated Action. When a Related Action is hereinafter filed in this Court, the Court requests the assistance of counsel in calling to the attention of the Court the filing, and counsel are to assist in ensuring that counsel in subsequently filed Related Actions receive notice of this Order.

11. Co-Lead Plaintiffs shall have thirty (30) days to either designate an operative complaint or file a consolidated complaint.

IT IS SO ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Chancellor Andre G. Bouchard

**Court:** DE Court of Chancery Civil Action

**Judge:** Multi-Case

**File & Serve**

**Transaction ID:** 65814941

**Current Date:** Aug 03, 2020

**Case Number:** Multi-Case

**Case Name:** Multi-Case

**Court Authorizer:** Andre G Bouchard

**Court Authorizer  
Comments:**

The court has studied the leadership motions of three groups: Slotoroff, Local 79, and NYSCRF. The Hirt factors ask the court to consider the (1) quality of the pleadings; (2) relative economic stakes; (3) willingness and ability to litigate vigorously; (4) absence of any conflict; (5) vigor of prosecution to date; and (6) competence and resources of counsel to prosecute the claims. The court grants the NYSCRF's motion based on weighing these factors.

1. NYSCRF has the superior pleading because it (a) more cogently focuses on, and contains more factual allegations relevant to, board knowledge and (b) includes a loyalty claim concerning Muilenburg that may be relevant to demand futility. It is not apparent that Slotoroff's complaint would be more advantageous on demand futility simply because it was filed first. This factor weighs heavily in favor of NYSCRF.

2. Local 79, Slotoroff, and NYSCRF hold 1,100 shares, 11,823 shares, and 1,195,792 shares, respectively. This factor favors NYSCRF and deserves significant weight given the massive disparity in stock ownership and the unique internal resources NYSCRF brings to the case. Kirby supports the appointment of NYSCRF and FPPA as co-lead plaintiffs.

3 & 5. Each of the groups obtained documents using Section 220, but Local 79 more vigorously pursued litigation to secure such documents, which presumably benefited the other groups. Although NYSCRF was the last to utilize Section 220, it obtained meaningful additional documents regarding Muilenburg's separation. This factor slightly favors Local 79 relative to NYSCRF and weighs against Slotoroff.

4. Not relevant.

6. All counsel are competent and include Delaware firms with commendable track records for delivering meaningful results in stockholder actions in the Court of Chancery. Of the non-Delaware firms, Lieff Cabraser stands out for the depth of its resources. This factor is neutral as between the groups.

**/s/ Judge Andre G Bouchard**

## **EXHIBIT E**

ARTHUR ISMAN, Derivatively on Behalf of :  
THE BOEING COMPANY, :  
Plaintiff, :  
v. : C.A. No. 2019-0794-AGB  
ROBERT A. BRADWAY, *et al.*, :  
Defendants, :  
– and – :  
THE BOEING COMPANY, a Delaware :  
corporation, :  
Nominal Defendant. :

Proposed lead plaintiffs Thomas P. DiNapoli, Comptroller of the State of New York, as Administrative Head of the New York State and Local Retirement System, and as Trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund (“NYSCRF”), and Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado (“FPPA”) oppose Plaintiff Arthur Isman’s motion to lift stay (the “Motion”) on *three* grounds: (i) a decision in the demand refusal action may have unnecessarily problematic preclusive effect on the demand futility actions; (ii) Isman offers no persuasive justification for his apparent goal of litigating on a separate track from a disfavored position (*i.e.*, after having waived the right to allege demand futility) while tactically avoiding a leadership contest against the demand futility plaintiffs; and (iii) maintaining the stay may allow the Court to avoid deciding an



unnecessary issue: whether Isman sufficiently alleged improper demand refused; and thereby conserves judicial and Boeing shareholder resources.

1. A stockholder seeking to assert derivative claims can plead demand futility or make a demand and plead that demand was wrongfully refused. *See* Ct. Ch. R. 23.1(a). Isman is the only plaintiff asserting claims against present and former fiduciaries of The Boeing Company (“Boeing”) who made a demand; all other plaintiffs allege that demand is futile.

2. Isman made his demand on the Boeing Board of Directors on September 12, 2019. (Isman Compl. ¶ 6.) He alleges that, though “he could have met the demand futility standard,” he chose not to plead demand futility because he sought instead “to work constructively to ensure that the Boeing Board fixes the systemic problems that resulted in poor safety oversight.” (*Id.*) By making a demand, Isman “waived his right to contest the independence of the board” and “conceded that demand was required for all legal theories arising out of the set of facts described in the demand letter.” *Grimes v. Donald*, 673 A.2d 1207, 1219 (Del. 1996). Less than a month after making demand, Isman filed a complaint alleging that a majority of the same, allegedly disinterested Board breached their fiduciary duties “by willfully abdicating their oversight responsibilities, with respect to mission-critical plane safety[.]” (Isman Compl. ¶ 121.)

3. In November 2019, defendants moved to dismiss the *Isman* complaint on the limited grounds that his demand had not been wrongfully refused;

defendants otherwise reserved moving to dismiss the substantive claims. On January 17, 2020, the Court stayed the *Isman* proceeding pending the resolution of the then-pending Section 220 action.

4. On May 29, 2020, the Court held a status conference in the related actions and set a deadline for stockholders to file complaints on June 12, 2020, and set a schedule to brief leadership motions. The Court will hear plaintiffs’ motions for appointment of lead plaintiff and lead counsel on July 31, 2020.

5. Isman’s Motion asks the Court to lift the stay so that separate cases alleging demand futility and improper demand refusal can “proceed on parallel track[s],” whereby “any motions to dismiss could be briefed, heard, and decided at the same time,” supposedly eliminating any “preclusion risk.” (Mot. ¶ 15.) According to Isman, it “would promote the conservation of judicial resources [to] hear demand futility and demand refusal issues at the same time[.]” (*Id.* ¶ 3.)

6. Isman has “not established good cause to lift the stay.” *In re Insys Therapeutics Inc. Deriv. Litig.*, Cons. C.A. No. 12696-VCL (Del. Ch. Mar. 26, 2019) (Order) (Ex. A hereto). His unique litigation strategy does not itself entitle him to proceed on a parallel track. And that strategy is profoundly flawed to the detriment of Boeing shareholders.

7. *First*, Isman is wrong that simultaneous briefing and adjudication of Isman’s demand refusal allegations and other plaintiffs’ allegations of demand futility mean that there would be “no preclusion risk.” (Mot. ¶ 15.) While

NYSCRF and FPPA do not concede dismissal of a demand refusal case should preclude their pending demand futility action, Defendants have yet to definitively present their views on the same issue. Indeed, the Delaware Supreme Court has advised derivative plaintiffs to take action to protect their interests if another derivative plaintiff is acting in a manner that may give rise to preclusion.

*California State Teachers' Ret. Sys. v. Alvarez*, 179 A.3d 824, 832 & n.29 (Del. 2018) (“*Alvarez*”). Isman is not entitled to incur that risk for all plaintiffs, and provides no justification that benefits Boeing stockholders for so doing. To avoid the risk of preclusion, Isman’s case should remain stayed pending a final determination respecting demand futility.

8. *Second*, Isman’s Motion is a transparent tactical maneuver to avoid the pending leadership contest without relinquishing his position in the proceedings. No principle of law or equity supports allowing Isman to litigate on a separate track. As the Court well knows, Isman’s putative success in establishing improper demand refusal is only the first in a two-step process. That pleading success alone will not entitle him to a leadership role in litigating the merits of Boeing’s claims. Thereafter, he should be required to compete under the *Hirt* factors for the privilege of leadership, unless it is first determined with finality that demand is not futile.

9. By making a demand, Isman “has spent one ... ‘arrow’ in the ‘quiver.’” The spent ‘arrow’ is the right to claim that demand is excused.” *Grimes*, 673 A.2d

at 1218-19. Logically, Isman is in a disfavored position vis-à-vis the demand futility plaintiffs, who have not made Isman's concession.

10. Isman claims that it is "necessary" for his case to proceed in tandem with the demand futility cases because, as he argues, when one plaintiff makes a demand and others do not, "the presence of a demand plaintiff waives demand futility for the entire action." (Mot. ¶ 13 & n.10.) Isman is wrong on the law. As Chancellor Allen explained, a board's response to a stockholder who made a demand has *no impact* on an unaffiliated stockholder who pleads demand futility:

When a shareholder can allege such facts excusing demand . . . , then the more exacting review of *Zapata* is required before the board can take control and seek dismissal if it so desires. Avacus has met the requirements of the *Aronson* test, so the responses of the Infotech board to another shareholder's demand is not sufficient to compel dismissal of Avacus's claims at this point.

*Avacus Partners, L.P. v. Brian*, 1990 WL 161909, at \*10 (Del. Ch. Oct. 24, 1990).

*See also In re ITT Corp. Deriv. Litig.*, 588 F. Supp.2d 502, 509 (S.D.N.Y. 2008)

("Because Plaintiffs Reale and Wilkinson acted independently and brought separate suits, which were later consolidated, Plaintiff Reale's demand on the Board does not prevent Plaintiff Wilkinson from asserting demand futility.").

Moreover, even Isman's authorities did not find a waiver of demand futility where,

as here, stockholders are litigating independently from each other. (See Mot. ¶ 13 n.10.)<sup>1</sup>

11. Isman’s calculation to put himself (and only himself) in the disfavored position of waiving demand futility does not entitle him to proceed on an independent, parallel, simultaneous track without participating in a leadership contest. The plaintiffs and counsel who prevail in the pending leadership contest will be responsible for determining strategy in how derivative litigation proceeds. If the selected plaintiffs do not share Isman’s litigation strategy, they should not be forced to prosecute Boeing’s claims alongside him. NYSCRF and FPPA object to doing so.

12. *Third*, maintaining the current stay avoids burdening the Court with a question that may never need to be addressed—whether Isman’s demand was properly refused—and saves stockholder, company, and judicial resources in the process. It is an unnecessary (and perhaps dangerous) burden to now indulge the consequences of Isman’s concession that a board majority of Boeing is independent and disinterested.

For the foregoing reasons, NYSCRF and FPPA respectfully request that the Court deny the Motion and maintain the stay as to Isman’s action.

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<sup>1</sup> For example, Isman’s relies on *Mogell v. Oberhelman*, 2018 WL 3877184 (Del. Ch. Aug. 14, 2018), in which the parties’ *stipulated stay* of a demand refused action references a *stipulated stay* of a consolidated demand futility action (pending the nominal defendant’s IRS appeal in *Mogell*). A stipulated stay does not support Isman’s Motion to lift the stay here.

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# **EXHIBIT**

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**IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN RE INSYS THERAPEUTICS INC.  
DERIVATIVE LITIGATION

CONSOLIDATED  
C.A. No. 12696-VCL

**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

The Court, having considered the Lead Plaintiffs' Corrected Motion to Lift Stay (the "Motion"), and having found good cause therefor,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019,  
that the Motion is **GRANTED**.

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Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster



This document constitutes a ruling of the court and should be treated as such.

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**Judge:** J Travis Laster

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**Court Authorizer**

**Comments:**

At this time, the plaintiffs have not established good cause to lift the stay.

/s/ **Judge Laster, J Travis**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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**IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN RE THE BOEING COMPANY :  
DERIVATIVE LITIGATION : Consol. C.A. No. 2019-0907-MTZ

**UNSWORN DECLARATION PURSUANT  
TO 10 *DEL. C.* § 3927 OF NELSON R. SHEINGOLD**

Pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3927, Nelson R. Sheingold, hereby declares:

1. I am Counsel to Plaintiff Thomas P. DiNapoli, the Comptroller of the State of New York, Administrative Head of the New York State and Local Retirement System, and as Trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund (“NYSCRF” or the “Fund”), who, along with Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado (“FPPA”), serves as Court-appointed Co-Lead Plaintiffs in the above-entitled action (the “Action”). My responsibilities as Counsel to the Comptroller include overseeing, along with my staff, litigation brought by NYSCRF. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Co-Lead Plaintiffs’ Application for Approval of Settlement and an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated in this declaration and, if called upon, I could and would competently testify to them.

2. In accordance with Delaware Court of Chancery Rule 23.1(b), NYSCRF has not received, been promised or offered, and will not accept any form of compensation, directly or indirectly, for prosecuting or serving as a representative party in this Action, except for: (a) such fees, costs or other payments as the Court

expressly approves to be paid to or on behalf of NYSCRF; or (b) reimbursement, paid by NYSCRF's attorneys, of actual and reasonable out-of-pocket expenditures incurred directly in connection with the prosecution of this Action.

### **NYSCRF's Legal Department and Corporate Governance Program**

3. The four in-house NYSCRF attorneys who worked on the Boeing proceedings together with Co-Lead Counsel are myself, Joyce Abernethy, General Counsel to the Common Retirement Fund; Caitlin D. Heim, Assistant Counsel; and Andrew W. Neidhardt, Assistant Counsel. Ms. Heim and Mr. Neidhardt handled day-to-day oversight of the litigation, including supervision of Co-Lead Counsel, including approving (at my direction), reviewing and providing feedback on pleadings and motions, guiding and/or approving case strategy, and participating in the mediation negotiations and settlement. Ms. Abernethy and I also participated in directing case strategy and oversaw and worked with Co-Lead Counsel on mediation negotiations and settlement.

4. NYSCRF's policy is that sound environmental, social and governance practices benefit long-term company value. As such, NYSCRF is dedicated to reviewing corporate governance practices and working to initiate reform in the companies in which it is invested. NYSCRF has a staff of nine full-time professionals in its Bureau of Corporate Governance, focused on reviewing corporate governance practices and working to initiate reform in the companies in

which it is invested, when needed, consistent with the Fund's Corporate Governance Program and proxy voting guidelines. Several members of NYSCRF's Bureau of Corporate Governance, including Elizabeth Gordon, Executive Director of Corporate Governance, and Gianna McCarthy, Director of Corporate Governance, worked closely with and advised Co-Lead Counsel in formulating the corporate governance reforms included in the Settlement.

### **NYSCRF's Involvement in the Litigation**

5. From April 2020 through the present, NYSCRF's involvement in this litigation included:

- (i) **Section 220 Request.** NYSCRF discussed with Co-Lead Counsel and verified a demand for books and records under Section 220 for documents relating to the Company's development of the 737 MAX and response to the crashes that resulted in the production of documents that informed the complaints.
- (ii) **Attendance at Court Conferences and Hearings.** NYSCRF in-house attorneys attended telephonic conferences with the Court as well as the leadership hearing held on July 30, 2020 and attended the motion to dismiss hearing on June 25, 2021 in person.

- (iii) **Lead Plaintiff Appointment Process.** I submitted a declaration from NYSCRF in support of our successful motion to be Co-Lead Counsel. It is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. This declaration detailed NYSCRF's corporate governance focus as a major investor. It further detailed the discussions NYSCRF and FPPA had in deciding to retain Co-Lead Counsel and pursue the collaborative approach in this litigation. In connection with the appointment of NYSCRF as Co-Lead Plaintiff, NYSCRF in-house attorneys also reviewed the lead plaintiff application.
- (iv) **Pleadings and Briefs.** NYSCRF in-house attorneys reviewed and commented on drafts of the original Complaint, the Verified Consolidated Complaint, and the Amended Complaint. We also reviewed and commented on Boeing's two motions to dismiss and Co-Lead Counsel's opposition to Boeing's motion to dismiss. Mr. Neidhardt attended oral argument on the Motion to Dismiss in person and Ms. Heim attended via Zoom.
- (v) **Settlement Negotiations.** NYSCRF in-house attorneys participated in all mediation sessions, including the September 3, September 12, and October 1 mediations with Judge Layn Phillips (ret.) and further meetings on September 23 and October

5 regarding corporate governance. At the first mediation session on September 3, 2021, Mr. Neidhardt attended in person and Ms. Heim attended by Zoom. At the second mediation session in New York on Sunday, September 12, 2021, both Ms. Heim and Mr. Neidhardt attended in person. Additional members of NYSCRF's legal department and Corporate Governance Program participated remotely. At each mediation session, NYSCRF met with members of Boeing's legal department. Throughout the mediation process, we conferred with Co-Lead Counsel regarding the parties' respective positions on the facts and the law, the proposed monetary component of the Settlement, and the proposed corporate governance reforms. With our Co-Lead Plaintiff FPPA, NYSCRF was focused on reviewing, revising, and negotiating the corporate governance measures ultimately agreed to as part of the Settlement. Further, during the final mediation sessions, I actively participated in negotiations with the other parties and the mediator about the resolution of this case. Throughout this period, there were numerous other telephonic and Zoom negotiations which my colleagues and I attended.

(vi) **Final Approval Papers.** NYSCRF's in-house attorneys reviewed, commented on, and discussed the strategy related to the final approval brief filed herewith.

6. Following the filing of the Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise, Settlement, and Release ("Settlement") on November 5, 2021, NYSCRF issued a press release about the Settlement, attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. The press release included the following statement from State Comptroller DiNapoli:

We sued Boeing's board because they failed in their fiduciary responsibility to monitor safety and protect the company, its shareholders and its customers from unsafe business practices and admitted illegal conduct. It is our hope, moving forward, that the reforms agreed to in this settlement will help safeguard Boeing and the flying public against future tragedy and begin to restore the company's reputation. This settlement will send an important message that directors cannot shortchange public safety and other mission-critical risks.

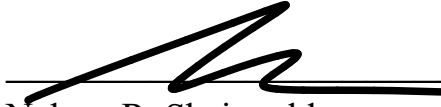
### **Settlement and Fee Approval**

7. NYSCRF recommends approval of the Settlement, including the corporate governance reforms and the monetary payment of \$237.5 million, by this Court, because it believes the settlement to be a fair and reasonable resolution of the issues that would have been presented at trial of this Action. NYSCRF also supports the request for attorneys' fees and expenses by Co-Lead Counsel and the other counsel who contributed to the result achieved in this Action. The proposed fee and expense request conforms to NYSCRF's retainer agreement with Lieff Cabraser.



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

Executed this 24th day of January, 2022, at Albany, New York,



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Nelson R. Sheingold  
Counsel to the Comptroller of the State of New York

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on January 24, 2022, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Unsworn Declaration Pursuant to 10 Del. C. § 3927 of Nelson R. Sheingold** to be served upon the following counsel of record via File & Serve*Xpress*:

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# **EXHIBIT A**

**IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

THOMAS P. DiNAPOLI,  
COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK, AS ADMINISTRATIVE  
HEAD OF THE NEW YORK STATE  
AND LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM,  
AND AS TRUSTEE FOR THE NEW  
YORK STATE COMMON  
RETIREMENT FUND, and FIRE AND  
POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION OF  
COLORADO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN, MIKE S.  
ZAFIROVSKI, ARTHUR D. COLLINS,  
EDWARD M. LIDDY, ADMIRAL  
EDMUND P. GIAMBASTIANI JR.,  
DAVID L. CALHOUN, SUSAN C.  
SCHWAB, RONALD A. WILLIAMS,  
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SMITH, J. MICHAEL LUTTIG, GREG  
HYSLOP, and DIANA L. SANDS,

Defendants,

and

THE BOEING COMPANY,

Nominal Defendant.

C.A. No. 2020-0465-AGB

**DECLARATION OF NELSON R. SHEINGOLD PURSUANT TO DELAWARE  
SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3, IN RE COVID-19  
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES**

I, Nelson R. Sheingold, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am Counsel to Plaintiff Thomas P. DiNapoli, the Comptroller of the State of New York, as Administrative Head of the New York State and Local Retirement System, and as Trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund (“NYSCRF” or the “Fund”)), plaintiff in the above-captioned case (the “Action”). My responsibilities as Counsel to the Comptroller include overseeing, along with my staff, litigation brought by NYSCRF. I submit this declaration in support of the motion to (1) appoint NYSCRF and Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado (“FPPA”) as co-lead plaintiffs and (2) appoint Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP (“Lieff Cabraser”) and Friedlander & Gorris, P.A. (“F&G”) as co-lead counsel. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated in this declaration and, if called upon, I could and would competently testify to them.

**NYSCRF’s Mandate**

2. NYSCRF is the third-largest public pension fund in the United States with \$210.5 billion in assets held in trust as of March 31, 2019. It has more than 1.1 million members, retirees, and beneficiaries. NYSCRF holds the assets of the New York State and Local Retirement System, composed of the Employees’ Retirement System (“ERS”) and the Police and Fire Retirement System (“PFRS”).

3. As Counsel to the Comptroller, I oversee the Office of the State Comptroller's Division of Legal Services, which consists of 64 employees. The Division of Legal Services is organized into several units, including one unit focused exclusively on investment and fiduciary matters, with two attorneys in that unit dedicated to handling securities litigation and corporate governance matters. With my guidance, they will closely monitor and supervise this derivative action with support and input from the Fund's General Counsel and the Division's Deputy Counsel. I have over twenty-five years of civil and criminal litigation experience in federal and state courts, including trials and appellate practice. I have also represented New York State in complex class action litigation.

4. NYSCRF believes that sound environmental, social and governance practices benefit long-term company value. Accordingly, as a major investor, NYSCRF is an active owner and brings its concerns to companies through direct communication, shareholder proposals, its proxy votes, and shareholder lawsuits, including derivative actions. NYSCRF publishes an annual Corporate Governance Stewardship Report outlining the breadth of its Corporate Governance Program. The report and the results of its proxy votes<sup>1</sup> are published on its website. Attached as Exhibit A is NYSCRF's most recent Corporate Governance Stewardship Report, from 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/common-retirement-fund/corporate-governance/proxy-voting>

5. NYSCRF's Corporate Governance Program focuses on, among other things: (1) executive compensation that is transparent and tightly tied to long-term company performance; (2) sustainable corporate practices that respond to short- and long-term environmental issues; and (3) diversity in the boardroom and workplace.

6. During the 2019 proxy season, NYSCRF cast nearly 30,000 votes at more than 3,000 companies of which it is a shareholder.

7. NYSCRF has a staff of eight full-time professionals in its Bureau of Corporate Governance, dedicated to reviewing corporate governance practices and working to initiate reform in the companies in which it is invested, when needed, consistent with the Fund's Corporate Governance Program and proxy voting guidelines.

8. NYSCRF is highly regarded among shareholder advocacy groups. The Bureau's senior staff collectively have more than 50 years of experience representing institutional investors on corporate governance matters and the Corporate Governance team spearheaded the governance reforms in *Wynn Resorts*.

9. In addition to the two attorneys who will provide the day-to-day oversight as mentioned above, the Division of Legal Services has extensive litigation and investigative experience across the board. The Division's size affords it the ability to allow specialization and the eight dedicated attorneys

handle investment and fiduciary matters (including corporate governance and securities litigation) on a daily basis. The Division also has a wide roster of outside counsel and therefore has significant experience working with and managing counsel, particularly in matters related to NYCRF's investments.

10. Under Comptroller DiNapoli's leadership, the Fund works in a variety of ways to encourage sound corporate management, including through collaboration with other investors. NYSCRF has a history of leadership in a variety of coalitions, including the Council of Institutional Investors, CERES (where the Comptroller serves as a board member), the Thirty Percent Coalition, the Center for Political Accountability, Climate Action 100+, and the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. It also has a strong history of working with other funds, including public pension funds, Taft-Hartley funds, and private funds to align the Fund's interests and work together to achieve common corporate governance goals.

#### **NYSCRF's Role as a Shareholder of Boeing**

11. As set forth in the Verified Stockholder Derivative Complaint filed in the Action on June 12, 2020 (the "Complaint"), NYSCRF holds 1,186,627 shares of Boeing stock and has been a continuous shareholder of Boeing stock at all relevant times.



12. NYSCRF has been an active shareholder with respect to its Boeing holdings, including repeatedly offering corporate governance proposals for shareholder vote. For example, in 2014, NYSCRF put forward a shareholder proposal asking the Board to authorize the preparation of a report, updated annually, that would disclose company policy and procedures governing lobbying; payments by Boeing used for lobbying; Boeing's membership in and payments to any tax-exempt organization that writes and endorses model legislation; and a description of the decision making process and oversight by management and the Board for making lobbying payments.

13. Further, in 2019 and 2020, NYSCRF submitted a shareholder proposal urging Boeing's Compensation Committee to adopt a policy requiring that senior executives retain a significant percentage of shares acquired through equity compensation programs until reaching normal retirement age.

14. NYSCRF also takes positions on directorships at Boeing. In 2019, NYSCRF voted against the directorship of Lawrence Kellner (a defendant in the Action) due to risk management concerns about his role as chair of the Audit Committee with respect to the issues in the Action.

15. In addition, at the shareholder meeting in April 2020, NYSCRF voted against directors Robert A. Bradway, David L. Calhoun, Arthur D. Collins Jr., Edmund P. Giambastiani Jr., Lynn J. Good, Lawrence W. Kellner, Caroline B.

Kennedy, Susan C. Schwab, and Ronald A. Williams, all of whom are defendants in the Action, due to their conduct as described in the Action. These votes demonstrate that NYSCRF has taken its responsibility as a significant shareholder seriously and has repeatedly expressed its concerns with Boeing's management.

#### **NYSCRF's Involvement in Prior Shareholder Derivative Lawsuits**

16. NYSCRF has a history of successfully representing shareholders in prior derivative lawsuits.

17. Since 2018, NYSCRF served as Co-Lead Plaintiff in a lawsuit against certain officers and directors of Wynn Resorts Ltd. based on alleged breaches of fiduciary duty claiming that they failed to protect the company and employees from former CEO Steve Wynn's alleged abusive behavior. *DiNapoli v. Wynn, et al.*, Case No. A-18-770013-B (Nev. Sup. Ct.).

18. The *Wynn* action settled in 2019, and the settlement received final approval in early 2020. The settlement provides for \$21 million in insurer payments, \$20 million paid personally by Steve Wynn, and corporate governance reforms valued at \$49 million. The settlement achieved important new corporate governance reforms including: (a) an amendment to the company's bylaws requiring that directors be elected by a majority vote except in the case of a proxy contest, (b) adoption of a 10b5-1 trading plan, (c) the creation of a succession plan for the company's executive officers, (d) a bylaw mandating the separation of the

positions of Chairman and CEO, (e) a commitment to achieve a diverse board. The litigation was also a factor in the company's decision to revise its harassment policies, provide enhanced sexual harassment training, create a Women's Leadership Council, launch a parental leave policy, begin a policy to provide a bonus to employees upon the birth of a child, implement new diversity and inclusion training, extend the hours of the employee relations department, implement various new compliance policies, prohibit arbitration clauses for discrimination or sexual misconduct claims, prohibit the use of nondisclosure agreements relating to discrimination or sexual misconduct claims, and adopt a Rooney Rule for the evaluation of Board candidates.

19. NYSCRF also has significant experience in securities fraud litigation. Some examples of cases where NYSCRF served as lead plaintiff or co-lead plaintiff include *In re: BP plc Securities Litig.*, 10-md-2185 (S.D. Tex.), *George Pappas v. Countrywide Fin. Corp. et al.*, 07-cv-5295 (C.D. Cal.), *Aronson, et al. v. McKesson HBOC, Inc. et al.*, 99-cv-20743 (N.D. Cal.), *Meisel v. Raytheon Co.*, 99-cv-12142 (D. Mass.), *In re: Worldcom, Inc. Securities Litig.*, 02-cv-3288 (S.D.N.Y.), and *In re: Goldstein, et al. v. Cendant Corp. et al.*, 98-cv-1664 (D.N.J.). These were high-profile cases that culminated in some of the largest securities class action settlements, yielding over \$11 billion cumulatively for investors.

20. In addition to its experience in *Wynn Resorts*, the New York State Comptroller was also lead plaintiff in *Columbia/HCA Derivative Litig.*, Case No. 97-cv-838 (M.D. Tenn. 2003). In settling that action, NYSCRF was able to secure substantial governance reforms, including (a) requiring that two-thirds of the Board of Directors be independent and the audit committee be composed solely of independent directors; (b) rotation of the external auditing firm; (c) restrictions on board members serving on multiple other company boards; and (d) the opportunity to vote on the issuance of equity compensation to the Company's five highest-paid executives.

#### **NYSCRF's Involvement in This Action**

21. NYSCRF has carefully monitored news about the crashes of Boeing's 737 MAX airplanes, the Company's response to those crashes, and changes in leadership, including the departure of former CEO Dennis Muilenburg in late 2019.

22. On April 20, 2020, NYSCRF made a Section 220 demand on Boeing for documents relating to the Company's development of the 737 MAX and response to the crashes.

23. The following day, April 21, 2020, two of NYSCRF's in-house attorneys attended a scheduling conference in the consolidated derivative actions already on file in Delaware Chancery Court. These attorneys also attended the

subsequent scheduling conference held on May 29, 2020. I and other in-house attorneys for NYSCRF reviewed and provided input on the proposed schedules Lieff Cabraser and F&G submitted to the Chancery Court prior to those conferences.

24. At various points during NYSCRF's investigation, including before NYSCRF served a s.220 books and records request on Boeing, members of NYSCRF's legal staff spoke to FPPA's General Counsel Kevin Lindahl. Several of those telephone calls occurred without counsel from Lieff Cabraser present. As a result of those conversations, NYSCRF and FPPA decided that it would be productive to work together to efficiently prosecute the claims brought forth in this Action. NYSCRF and FPPA decided to retain Lieff Cabraser, with F&G, to represent them both in this matter and pursue the claims together.

25. NYSCRF has been able to work on a collaborative and collegial basis with FPPA through the Section 220 process and the drafting of the Complaint in this Action. In May and June 2020, Boeing produced more than 44,000 documents spanning over 630,000 pages in response to FPPA's Section 220 demand. These materials, along with publicly available information, provided the basis for the allegations in NYSCRF and FPPA's Complaint.

26. On behalf of NYSCRF, I reviewed and verified the Complaint asserting claims for breach of fiduciary duty on behalf of Boeing arising from the

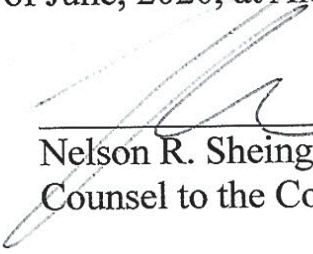
Board's failure to monitor the safety of Boeing's 737 MAX airplanes, for which NYSCRF alleges numerous Boeing directors and officers are liable. I further understand that NYSCRF seeks to recover through the Action monetary and other relief, on behalf of Boeing, due to the harm to the Company's financial condition and reputation caused by failing to monitor the safety of the 737 MAXs.

27. NYSCRF supports the appointment of Lieff Cabraser and F&G as co-lead counsel based on, among other things, the firms' expertise in shareholders' rights litigation and demonstrated success in achieving significant results for corporations and their shareholders. To date, Lieff Cabraser and F&G have diligently advocated on behalf of NYSCRF, been in regular communication with NYSCRF, and provided an open dialogue about the case strategy with NYSCRF and FPPA.

28. NYSCRF understands that, if appointed Co-Lead Plaintiff, it would owe a fiduciary duty to Boeing and its shareholders to provide fair and adequate representation and to vigorously represent the interests of Boeing and its shareholders throughout the course of the Action. NYSCRF understands its role as a shareholder representative plaintiff in the Action and knows that to continue to pursue claims on Boeing's behalf it must continue to own Boeing stock. NYSCRF intends to continue to hold Boeing shares until the resolution of the Action and its size and index strategy all but ensure that it will continue to be a large shareholder.

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Executed this 18th day of June, 2020, at Albany, New York,



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Nelson R. Sheingold  
Counsel to the Comptroller

## **EXHIBIT B**





Office of the NEW YORK  
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## NEWS from the Office of the New York State Comptroller

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NYS Comptroller DiNapoli and the Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado Statements on Proposed Settlement of Boeing Lawsuit

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November 5, 2021

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**IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN RE THE BOEING COMPANY :  
DERIVATIVE LITIGATION : Consol. C.A. No. 2019-0907-MTZ

**UNSWORN DECLARATION PURSUANT  
TO 10 *DEL. C.* § 3927 OF KEVIN B. LINDAHL**

Pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3927, Kevin B. Lindahl, hereby declares:

1. I am the Executive Director of Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado (“FPPA”), which, along with Thomas P. DiNapoli, the Comptroller of the State of New York, as Administrative Head of the New York State and Local Retirement System, and as Trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund (“NYSCRF”), serves as Court-appointed Co-Lead Plaintiffs in the above-entitled action (the “Action”). Previously, I served as General Counsel to FPPA for 21 years, and my responsibilities included overseeing litigation brought by FPPA. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Co-Lead Plaintiffs’ Application for Approval of Settlement, an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses, and FPPA’s request for an incentive award. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated in this declaration and, if called upon, I could and would competently testify to them.

2. In accordance with Delaware Court of Chancery Rule 23.1(b), FPPA has not received, been promised or offered, and will not accept any form of compensation, directly or indirectly, for prosecuting or serving as a representative party in this Action, except for: (a) such fees, costs or other payments as the Court

expressly approves to be paid to or on behalf of FPPA; or (b) reimbursement, paid by FPPA's attorneys, of actual and reasonable out-of-pocket expenditures incurred directly in connection with the prosecution of this Action.

3. Two in-house FPPA attorneys oversaw the Boeing proceedings together with Co-Lead Counsel: myself, and Steven Miller. Mr. Miller has served as Investment Counsel at FPPA since January 2019.

4. From January 2020 through the present, FPPA's involvement in this litigation included:

- (i) **Section 220 Request.** Beginning in January 2020, FPPA discussed with Co-Lead Counsel and verified a demand for books and records under Section 220 for documents relating to the Company's development of the 737 MAX and response to the crashes. On February 12, 2020, FPPA made a Section 220 request that resulted in the production of documents that informed the complaints.
- (ii) **Attendance at Court Conferences and Hearings.** I attended telephonic scheduling conferences in Delaware Chancery Court on April 21, 2020 and May 29, 2020. Mr. Miller and I also attended the telephonic leadership hearing held on July 30, 2020,

and attended the motion to dismiss hearing on June 25, 2021 by Zoom.

- (iii) **Lead Plaintiff Appointment Process.** I submitted a declaration from FPPA in support of our successful motion to be Co-Lead Counsel. It is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. This declaration detailed FPPA's securities litigation policy to establish procedures and guidelines for participating in actions to protect FPPA's interests as a shareholder. It further detailed the discussions FPPA and NYSCRF had in deciding to retain Co-Lead Counsel and pursue the collaborative approach in this litigation. In connection with the appointment of FPPA as a Co-Lead Plaintiff, Mr. Miller and I also reviewed the lead plaintiff application.
- (iv) **Pleadings and Briefs.** Mr. Miller and I reviewed and commented on drafts of the original Complaint, the Verified Consolidated Complaint, and the Amended Complaint. We also reviewed and commented on Boeing's two motions to dismiss and Co-Lead Counsel's opposition to Boeing's motion to dismiss.

- (v) **Settlement Negotiations.** Mr. Miller and I participated in all mediation sessions, including the September 3, September 12, and October 1 mediations with Judge Layn Phillips (ret.), and further meetings on September 23 and October 5 regarding corporate governance. Mr. Miller and I both traveled from Denver to New York to attend the Sunday, September 12 mediation in person. Throughout the mediation process, we conferred with Co-Lead Counsel regarding the parties' respective positions on the facts and the law, the proposed monetary component of the Settlement, and the proposed corporate governance reforms. Along with our Co-Lead Plaintiff NYSCRF, FPPA was focused on reviewing, revising, and negotiating the corporate governance measures ultimately agreed to as part of the Settlement. Further, during the final mediation sessions I actively participated in negotiations with the other parties and the mediator about the resolution of this case.
- (vi) **Approval of the Settlement by the FPPA Board.** In my role as then-General Counsel, I presented the Settlement to the FPPA Board and obtained Board approval. Following the Settlement, I drafted a press release about the Settlement, attached hereto as

**Exhibit B.**<sup>1</sup> The press release included the following statement

from me:

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(vii) **Final Approval Papers.** FPPA reviewed, commented on, and discussed the strategy related to the final approval brief filed herewith.

5. FPPA understands that a service award may be granted to a lead plaintiff in a derivative action commensurate with the time expended by the lead plaintiff, its role in the litigation, and its contributions to the resolution of the action. FPPA respectfully submits that its oversight of Co-Lead Counsel in this Action, its active participation in all aspects of the litigation and resolution of the case, and the time FPPA representatives devoted to pursuing the claims justify the requested \$12,500 award.

6. Although FPPA does not maintain time records, I can say that between January 2020 and the present, Mr. Miller and I devoted a substantial amount of time

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<sup>1</sup> <http://blog.fppaco.org/press-release-statements-on-proposed-settlement-boeing-lawsuit/>.



to this matter (as described above) assisting counsel in this litigation. I estimate that over the course of that period, Mr. Miller and I devoted over 100 hours to this matter.

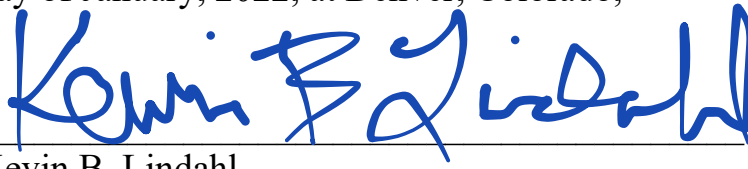
7. The time that Mr. Miller and I devoted to pursuing this Action was time we otherwise would have devoted to other work for FPPA, and thus represents a direct cost to FPPA. As detailed above, as FPPA representatives, Mr. Miller and I devoted approximately 100 hours to this Action. Applying an hourly rate of \$217.00 for my time and \$125.00 for Mr. Miller's, commensurate with our salaries and benefits at FPPA, would surpass the requested \$12,500 award.

8. In consideration of the time and effort that FPPA has expended as Co-Lead Plaintiff, FPPA respectfully requests an incentive award to be paid from any award of attorneys' fees in this Action.

9. FPPA recommends approval of the Settlement, including the corporate governance reforms and the monetary payment of \$237.5 million, by this Court, because it believes the Settlement to be a fair and reasonable resolution of the issues that would have been presented at trial of this Action. FPPA also supports the request for attorneys' fees and expenses by Co-Lead Counsel and the other counsel who contributed to the result achieved in this Action.

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

Executed this 24th day of January, 2022, at Denver, Colorado,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kevin B. Lindahl". The signature is written in a cursive, stylized font. The "K" is large and loops around the "B". The "L" is also large and loops around the "A". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin B. Lindahl  
Executive Director  
Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on January 24, 2022, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Unsworn Declaration Pursuant to 10 Del. C. § 3927 of Kevin B. Lindahl** to be served upon the following counsel of record via File & Serve*Xpress*:

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# **EXHIBIT A**

**IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

THOMAS P. DiNAPOLI,  
COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK, AS ADMINISTRATIVE  
HEAD OF THE NEW YORK STATE  
AND LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM,  
AND AS TRUSTEE FOR THE NEW  
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RETIREMENT FUND, and FIRE AND  
POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION OF  
COLORADO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

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ZAFIROVSKI, ARTHUR D. COLLINS,  
EDWARD M. LIDDY, ADMIRAL  
EDMUND P. GIAMBASTIANI JR.,  
DAVID L. CALHOUN, SUSAN C.  
SCHWAB, RONALD A. WILLIAMS,  
LAWRENCE W. KELLNER, LYNN J.  
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MUILENBURG, KEVIN MCALLISTER,  
RAYMOND L. CONNER, GREG  
SMITH, J. MICHAEL LUTTIG, GREG  
HYSLOP, and DIANA L. SANDS,

Defendants,

and

THE BOEING COMPANY,

Nominal Defendant.

C.A. No. 2020-0465-AGB

**DECLARATION OF KEVIN B. LINDAHL PURSUANT TO DELAWARE  
SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3, IN RE COVID-19  
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES**

I, Kevin B. Lindahl, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am General Counsel to Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado (“FPPA”). I submit this declaration in support of the motion to (1) appoint FPPA and Thomas P. DiNapoli, the Comptroller of the State of New York, as Administrative Head of the New York State and Local Retirement System, and as Trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund (“NYSCRF”) as co-lead plaintiffs and (2) appoint Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP (“Lieff Cabraser”) and Friedlander & Gorris, P.A. (“F&G”) as co-lead counsel. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated in this declaration and, if called upon, I could and would competently testify to them.

**FPPA’s Mandate**

2. FPPA is Trustee for the Fire and Police Members’ Benefit Investment Fund, which contains assets of governmental defined benefit pension plans for the purpose of providing benefits for Colorado firefighters and police officers and beneficiaries upon retirement, disability, or death. FPPA’s net investible assets totaled \$5.6 billion as of January 1, 2020.

3. The FPPA Board of Directors has adopted a securities litigation policy to establish procedures and guidelines for monitoring securities lawsuits and participating in such actions when appropriate to protect FPPA’s interests. FPPA’s policy is predicated on the fact that participation as lead plaintiff by large,

sophisticated shareholders—particularly institutional investors—results in significantly larger and stronger recoveries, among other benefits. One of FPPA’s objectives in participating in securities litigation is to pursue claims against responsible individuals who are directors or officers of the corporation and responsible third-party professionals who advised the corporation. The policy further prioritizes FPPA’s role in litigation where FPPA is a long-term shareholder, as in the case of Boeing, to seek improved corporate governance. In pursuit of its policy, FPPA has engaged several law firms to monitor its portfolio, advise it on corporate malfeasance and ensure it files claims where appropriate.

4. FPPA is an active participant in the Council of Institutional Investors, which among other things, promotes corporate governance reform. FPPA often supports other institutional investors through filing amicus curiae briefs. The FPPA Board has adopted a Proxy Voting Policy and Proxy Voting Guidelines and has employed a process to ensure proxies are filed accordingly.

5. I have been FPPA’s General Counsel since 2000, and am a nationally recognized, experienced pension fund attorney. I am the past President of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (“NAPPA”) and have served on its Executive Board. NAPPA is the principal professional legal and educational organization and consists exclusively of public pension fund attorneys. I am responsible for FPPA’s corporate governance monitoring program.

### **FPPA's Leadership of Other Shareholder Litigation**

6. In the last 15 years, FPPA has served as lead plaintiff in several high-profile securities and derivative actions and has achieved excellent results on behalf of shareholders.

7. Most recently, FPPA served as co-lead plaintiff in a shareholder derivative action against Wells Fargo's current and former officers and directors arising out of the bank's unauthorized account scandal. *In re Wells Fargo & Co. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, No. 16-cv-5541-JST (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented FPPA in the *Wells Fargo* litigation, as co-lead counsel. The case was heavily contested, involving multiple motions to dismiss, millions of pages of document discovery, intervention in two state courts (including Delaware Chancery Court), and complicated settlement negotiations spanning seven separate mediation sessions. The case settled for a \$240 million cash payment, representing the second largest cash payment (and largest insurer-funded payment) in history, as well as governance reforms. The *Wells Fargo* settlement received final approval in April 2020.

8. FPPA also served as a co-lead plaintiff in the shareholder derivative action *In re UnitedHealth Group Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, No. 0:06-cv-01216 (D. Minn.), which settled on favorable terms in 2009, including a



monetary remediation component valued at more than \$800 million, as well as corporate governance reforms.

9. FPPA served as a co-plaintiff together with other institutional investors in *In re Tronox Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 09-CV-06220-SAS (S.D.N.Y.), which resulted in a \$37 million recovery for investors.

10. As FPPA's General Counsel, I was responsible for pursuing and overseeing both the *Wells Fargo* and *UnitedHealth* derivative cases and the *In re Tronox* securities case.

#### **FPPA's Involvement in This Litigation**

11. As set forth in the Verified Stockholder Derivative Complaint filed in the Action on June 12, 2020 (the "Complaint"), FPPA has been a continuous holder of Boeing stock at all relevant times. As of June 8, 2020, FPPA held approximately 9,165 shares of Boeing stock.

12. On February 12, 2020, FPPA made a Section 220 demand on Boeing for documents relating to the Company's development of the 737 MAX and response to the crashes. Beginning on March 17, 2020 and continuing into June 2020, Boeing produced more than 44,000 documents spanning over 630,000 pages in response to FPPA's Section 220 demand. These materials, along with publicly available information, provided the basis for the allegations in the Complaint.

13. At various points during FPPA's investigation, I spoke with members of NYSCRF's legal staff. Several of those telephone calls occurred without counsel from Lieff Cabraser present. As a result of those conversations, FPPA and NYSCRF decided that it would be productive to work together to efficiently prosecute the claims brought forth in this Action. FPPA and NYSCRF decided to retain Lieff Cabraser, with F&G, to represent them both in this matter and pursue the claims together.

14. FPPA has worked on a collaborative and collegial basis with NYSCRF through the Section 220 process and the drafting of the Complaint in this Action.

15. While FPPA and NYSCRF pursued our investigations, I attended scheduling conferences in Delaware Chancery Court on April 21, 2020 and May 29, 2020. I reviewed and provided input on the proposed schedules Lieff Cabraser and F&G submitted to the Chancery Court prior to those status conferences.

16. On behalf of FPPA, I reviewed and verified the Complaint asserting claims for breach of fiduciary duty on behalf of Boeing arising from the Board's failure to monitor the safety of Boeing's 737 MAX airplanes, for which FPPA alleges numerous Boeing directors and officers are liable. I further understand that FPPA seeks to recover through the Action monetary and other relief, on behalf of

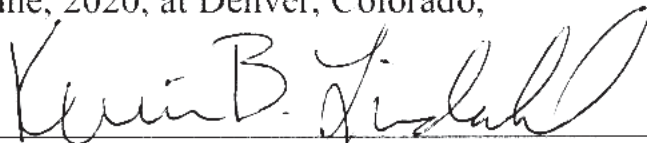
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Kevin B. Lindahl

General Counsel

Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado

## **EXHIBIT B**

## NEWS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

November 5, 2021

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Consol. C.A. No. 2019-0907-MTZ

**UNSWORN DECLARATION PURSUANT  
TO 10 *DEL. C.* § 3927 OF ERICA VILLANUEVA**

Pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3927, Erica Villanueva, hereby declares:

1. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of California and a partner with the law firm of Farella Braun + Martel (“FBM”). My firm worked as insurance counsel with Co-Lead Counsel Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, an active participant in the mediation efforts in the Action by analyzing and advising on insurance-related issues raised in the Action.

2. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Co-Lead Plaintiffs’ Application for Approval of Settlement and an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses.

**FBM’s Time and Expenses**

3. From the commencement of this Action through October 27, 2021, FBM attorneys, paraprofessionals, and litigation support dedicated 138.7 hours to the prosecution of this Action for a lodestar value of \$109,510.00 based on FBM’s current hourly rates, which are usual and customary for each individual in FBM’s cases. A breakdown of the hours, rates, and lodestar is as follows:



<b>Name</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Current Hourly Rate</b>
John Green (P)	37.50	\$1,065.00
Erica Villanueva (P)	52.90	\$805.00
David B. Smith (C)	32.60	\$510.00
Patrick Loi (A)	15.70	\$660.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>138.70</b>	

(P) = Partner, (C) = Consultant, (A) = Associate

4. Through September 13, 2021, FBM incurred and disbursed \$150.90 in expenses necessary to the prosecution of the Action. The following table summarizes these expenses:


<b>DISBURSEMENT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Computerized Research	\$10.90
Docket Retrieval Fees	\$140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150.90</b>

5. FBM's expenses are reflected in the law firm's books and records, which are prepared from invoices, bills, expense vouchers, and check records kept in the normal course of business.

6. I respectfully request that the Court award the attorneys' fees and expense reimbursement requested.

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

Executed on this 24th day of January, 2022, in San Francisco, CA.

  
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Erica Villanueva

DATED: January 24, 2022

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I hereby certify that on January 24, 2022, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Unsworn Declaration Pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3927 of Erica Villanueva** to be served upon the following counsel of record via File & ServeXpress:

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Consol. C.A. No. 2019-0907-MTZ

**UNSWORN DECLARATION PURSUANT  
TO 10 *DEL. C.* § 3927 OF DANIEL B. REHNS**

Pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3927, Daniel B. Rehns, hereby declares:

1. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of New York and a partner with the law firm of Hach Rose Schirripa & Cheverie LLP (“HRSC”).

2. My firm, along with the law firm of Prickett, Jones & Elliott, P.A. (“PJE”), served as counsel for Plaintiff in *Construction & General Building Laborers’ Local Union No. 79 General Fund v. Boeing Co.*, C.A. No. 2019-0603-MTZ (Del. Ch.) (the “220 Action”). In the 220 Action, my firm made a books and records demand on Boeing pursuant to 8 *Del. C.* § 220 which culminated in a trial that was completed on December 17, 2019.

3. On March 4, 2020, the parties stayed the 220 Action after Boeing agreed to make certain additional books and records available for inspection by Plaintiff. Thereafter, Boeing provided the same Section 220 documents that it provided following the 220 Action to other plaintiffs who had brought books and records demands, including Co-Lead Plaintiffs.

4. Separately, on June 12, 2020, Local 79, Cleveland Bakers and Teamsters Pension Fund filed a derivative action in the Delaware Court of Chancery

against directors and officers of Boeing, and against Boeing as nominal defendant, alleging claims against the director and officer defendants for breaches of fiduciary duty related to oversight of airplane safety, and against the officer defendants for unjust enrichment arising from compensation, fees, and other benefits received from Boeing despite their alleged wrongdoing. This action was styled as *Construction & General Building Laborers' Local Union No. 79 General Fund, et al. v. Albaugh, et al.*, C.A. No. 2020-0466-AGB (Del. Ch.) (the “*Local No. 79 Action*”).

5. The *Local No. 79 Action* was consolidated into this Action on August 3, 2020. HRSC was not chosen to lead this Action.

6. The time and expenses requested herein solely relate to the prosecution of the 220 Action, and not to the *Local No. 79 Action*.

7. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Application for Approval of Settlement and an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses.

#### **HRSC's Time and Expenses**

8. From the commencement of this Action through June 11, 2020, HRSC attorneys, paraprofessionals, and litigation support dedicated 1,262.00 hours to the 220 Action for a lodestar value of \$941,906.25 based on HRSC's current hourly rates, which are usual and customary for each individual in HRSC's cases. A breakdown of the hours, rates, and lodestar is as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Current Hourly Rate</b>
Daniel Rehns (P)	583.75	\$825.00
Frank Schirripa (P)	194.00	\$925.00
Kathryn Hettler (A)	484.25	\$600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,262.00</b>	

(P) = Partner, (A) = Associate

9. Through June 11, 2020, HRSC incurred and disbursed \$14,234.76 in expenses necessary to the prosecution of the 220 Action. The following table summarizes these expenses:

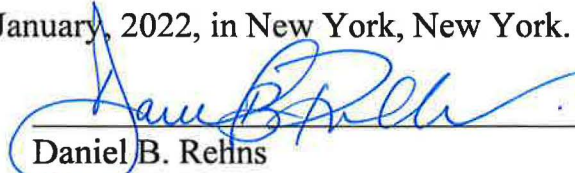
<b>DISBURSEMENT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Court Costs	\$1,282.40
External Photocopying and Printing	\$2,419.12
Out of Town Travel, Lodging and Meals	\$10,533.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,234.76</b>

10. HRSC's expenses are reflected in the law firm's books and records, which are prepared from invoices, bills, expense vouchers, and check records kept in the normal course of business.

11. I respectfully request that the Court award the attorneys' fees and expense reimbursement requested.

Pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3927 and Delaware Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 8, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Delaware that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 24th day of January, 2022, in New York, New York.



Daniel B. Rehns

**HACH ROSE SCHIRIPA &  
CHEVERIE LLP**

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on January 24, 2022, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Unsworn Declaration Pursuant to 10 Del. C. § 3927 of Daniel B.**

**Rehns** to be served upon the following counsel of record via File & Serve*Xpress*:

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**IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

**IN RE THE BOEING COMPANY  
DERIVATIVE LITIGATION**

Consol. C.A. No. 2019-0907-MTZ

**UNSWORN DECLARATION PURSUANT  
TO 10 DEL. C. § 3927 OF SAMUEL L. CLOSIĆ**

Pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3927, Samuel Closic, hereby declares:

1. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of Delaware and am a Director at the law firm of Prickett, Jones & Elliott, P.A. (“PJE”).
2. My firm, along with the law firm of Hach Rose Schirripa & Cheverie LLP (“HRSC”), served as counsel for Plaintiffs in *Construction & General Building Laborers’ Local Union No. 79 General Fund v. Boeing Co.*, C.A. No. 2019-0603-MTZ (Del. Ch.) (the “220 Action”). In the 220 Action, my firm made a books and records demand on Boeing pursuant to 8 *Del. C.* § 220 which culminated in a trial that was completed on December 17, 2019.
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5. The *Local No. 79 Action* was consolidated into this Action on August 3, 2020. PJE was not chosen to lead this Action.

6. The time and expenses requested herein solely relate to the prosecution of the 220 Action, and not to the *Local No. 79 Action*.

7. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Application for Approval of Settlement and an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses.

### **PJE's Time and Expenses**

8. From the commencement of this Action through June 11, 2020, PJE attorneys, paraprofessionals, and litigation support dedicated 1,698.8 hours to the prosecution of the 220 Action for a lodestar value of \$909,495.00 based on PJE's current hourly rates, which are usual and customary for each individual in PJE's cases. A breakdown of the hours, rates, and lodestar is as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Current Hourly Rate</b>
Bruce Jameson (P)	0.4	\$950
Elizabeth Wang (A)	299.2	\$350
Jason W. Rigby (A)	47	\$400
Kevin Davenport (P)	92.5	\$750
Mary S. Thomas (C)	683.9	\$500
Samuel Closic (P)	575.8	\$650
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,698.8</b>	<b>\$909,495</b>

(P) = Partner, (C) Counsel, (A) = Associate

9. Through June 11, 2020, PJE incurred and disbursed \$29,535.39 in expenses necessary to the prosecution of the 220 Action. The following table summarizes these expenses:

<b>DISBURSEMENT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Deposition and Hearing Transcripts	\$1,985.50
Messenger	\$110.00
Filing and Recording Costs	\$7,338.25
Outside Copy Service	\$20,101.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,535.39</b>

10. PJE's expenses are reflected in the law firm's books and records, which are prepared from invoices, bills, expense vouchers, and check records kept in the normal course of business.

11. I respectfully request that the Court award the attorneys' fees and expense reimbursement requested.

Pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3927 and Delaware Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 8, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Delaware that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 24th day of January, 2022, in Wilmington, Delaware.

  
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Samuel L. Closic (#5468)

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DATED: January 24, 2022

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I hereby certify that on January 24, 2022, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Unsworn Declaration Pursuant to 10 Del. C. § 3927 of Samuel L.**

**Closic** to be served upon the following counsel of record via File & Serve*Xpress*:

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**UNSWORN DECLARATION PURSUANT  
TO 10 *DEL. C.* § 3927 OF NICHOLAS DIAMAND**

Pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3927, Nicholas Diamand, hereby declares:

1. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of New York and a partner with the law firm of Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP (“LCHB”), one of the two firms appointed as Co-Lead counsel for Co-Lead Plaintiffs Thomas P. DiNapoli, Comptroller of the State of New York, as Administrative Head of the New York State and Local Retirement System, and as Trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund, and Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado (“Co-Lead Plaintiffs”) in the above-captioned action (the “Action”). I have actively participated in all phases of the prosecution of the Action.

2. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Co-Lead Plaintiffs’ Application for Approval of Settlement and an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses, and Incentive Award for Co-Lead Plaintiff FPPA.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The descriptions provided herein are not waivers of work product or attorney-client privilege.

## **LCHB's Time and Expenses**

3. From the commencement of this Action through January 20, 2022, LCHB attorneys, paraprofessionals, and litigation support dedicated 10,244.4 hours to the prosecution of all aspects of this Action for a lodestar value based on LCHB's current hourly rates, which are usual and customary for each individual in LCHB's cases. A breakdown of the hours, rates, and lodestar is as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hours through 11/5/2021</b>	<b>Hours after 11/5/2021</b>	<b>Current Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Lodestar</b>
Richard Heimann (P)	33.3		\$1,150.00	\$38,295.00
Steven Fineman (P)	243.5	15.1	\$1,025.00	\$265,065.00
Nicholas Diamand (P)	1,265.6	118.4	\$775.00	\$1,072,600.00
Katherine Lubin Benson (P)	1,385.3	63.7	\$635.00	\$920,115.00
Bruce Leppla (P)	10.0		\$910.00	\$9,100.00
Mike Sheen (P)	26.50		\$555.00	\$14,707.50
Jallé Dafa (A)	56.5		\$560.00	\$31,640.00
Rhea Ghosh (A)	1,065.0		\$465.00	\$495,225.00
Kartik Madiraju (A)	826.0		\$465.00	\$384,090.00
Sean Petterson (A)	333.1	64.2	\$505.00	\$200,636.50
Tanya Ashur (SA)	193.5		\$415.00	\$80,302.50
Karen Jones (SA)	291.4		\$415.00	\$120,931.00
Scott Miloro (SA)	376.0		\$415.00	\$156,040.00
Leah Nutting (SA)	1,569.3	17.3	\$415.00	\$658,439.00
Marissa Oh (SA)	281.0		\$415.00	\$116,615.00
Jerry Shindelbower (SA)	679.7		\$415.00	\$282,075.50
Aya Winston (SA)	144.4		\$415.00	\$59,926.00
Jonathan Zaul (SA)	13.8		\$415.00	\$5,727.00
Danna Elmasry (SU)	13.5		\$370.00	\$4,995.00
Richard Texier (P/C)	893.3	40.4	\$405.00	\$378,148.50
Brian Troxel (P/C)	18.5		\$405.00	\$7,492.50

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hours through 11/5/2021</b>	<b>Hours after 11/5/2021</b>	<b>Current Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Lodestar</b>
Richard Anthony (LS/R)	60.1		\$420.00	\$25,242.00
Nikki Belushko Barrows (LS/R)	24.4		\$405.00	\$9,882.00
Margie Calangian (LS/R)	36.0		\$420.00	\$15,120.00
Anthony Grant (LS/R)	30.5		\$420.00	\$12,810.00
Major Mugrage (LS/R)	15.9		\$420.00	\$6,678.00
Fawad Rahimi (LS/R)	25.9		\$420.00	\$10,878.00
Nabila Siddiqi (LS/R)	12.8	.5	\$390.00	\$5,187.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,924.8</b>	<b>319.6</b>		<b>\$5,387,963.00</b>

(P) = Partner, (A) = Associate, (SA) = Staff Associate, (LS/R) = Litigation Support/Research, (P/C) = Paralegal/Case Clerk, (SU) = Summer Associate

4. Through January 20, 2022, LCHB incurred and disbursed **\$144,224.41** in expenses necessary to the prosecution of the Action. The following table summarizes these expenses:

<b>DISBURSEMENT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Experts/Consultants	\$8,071
Federal Express/Messenger	\$298.99
Mediation Expenses	\$122,872.50
Outside Copy Service	\$4,292.47
Travel	\$8,689.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$144,224.41</b>

5. LCHB's expenses are reflected in the law firm's books and records, which are prepared from invoices, bills, expense vouchers, and check records kept in the normal course of business.



6. Co-Lead Counsel's fee request is consistent with its agreements with Co-Lead Plaintiffs.

7. I respectfully request that the Court award the attorneys' fees and expense reimbursement requested.

Pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 3927 and Delaware Court of Chancery Standing Order No. 8, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Delaware that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 24th day of January, 2022, in New York, New York.

*Nicholas Diamand.*

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DATED: January 24, 2022

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