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Katherine Lubin Benson is a partner in our San Francisco office specializing in securities and derivative suits and antitrust class actions.

Katherine currently represents co-lead plaintiffs in shareholder derivative litigation against Fox Corporation's directors and officers. She is also involved in shareholder derivative litigation against directors and officers of Emergent Biosolutions.

Her previous successful cases include a shareholder derivative action against The Boeing Company's officers and directors. Katherine represented Co-Lead Plaintiffs the New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, as trustee of the New York State Common Retirement Fund, and the Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado in the action alleging breach of fiduciary duty in connection with the board of directors' oversight of the 737 MAX's design and development. In February 2022, the Delaware Chancery Court approved a settlement comprised of a \$237.5 million cash payment and extensive corporate governance reforms including a new board director, mandated director expertise, and an ombudsperson program.

Katherine was also a key member of the Lieff Cabraser team representing Co-Lead Plaintiff Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado in a shareholder derivative action against Wells Fargo's current and former officers and directors arising from the illicit sales practices scandal. The case settled for a \$240 million cash payment and corporate governance reforms in April 2020. The settlement represents the largest insurer-funded derivative settlement in history.

Katherine is also an experienced antitrust litigator. Her recent antitrust successes include representing a class of hospitals, third-party payors, and uninsured persons in an antitrust class action against defendants Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Sandoz Inc. for their alleged monopolization of enoxaparin, the generic version of the anti-coagulant blood clotting drug Lovenox. The settlement, totaling \$120 million, is the second-largest indirect purchaser antitrust pharmaceutical settlement fund in history. Lieff Cabraser's work on the case was recognized by the American Antitrust Institute, which honored the firm with the 2020 Outstanding Private Practice Antitrust Achievement award. Katherine was awarded AAI's Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement by a Young Lawyer award for her contributions to the case.

Katherine has served as a Co-Chair of the Lawyer Representative Committee to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council, on the Board of Directors of the Bar Association of San Francisco, and on the Northern District Practice Program Board of Directors.

Katherine received her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Berkeley Law) in 2008.

Areas of Practice

Securities & Investor Fraud, Antitrust

Education

University of California at Berkeley, School of Law (Berkeley Law), Berkeley, California, J.D. - 2008

University of California, Los Angeles, California, B.A. (Cum Laude) - 2005

Major: Political Science

Bar Admissions

California, 2008

U.S. Court Of Appeals, 6th Circuit, 2019

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, 2009

U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 2013

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, 2009

U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, 2015

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 2013

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Tennessee, 2015

Professional Associations and Memberships

Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council, 2020-2024; Co-Chair, 2022-23

National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, Securities Litigation Committee Member, 2024-present

Northern District Court Practice Program, Board of Directors, 2016-present

ABA Class Actions National Institute, Planning Committee, 2024-present

Bar Association of San Francisco, Board of Directors, 2021-2023

East Bay Community Law Center, Board of Directors, 2015-2022

State Bar of California

American Bar Association

Honors and Awards

Selected for inclusion by peers in The Best Lawyers in America in the field of "Litigation – Securities," 2023-2025

"Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Antitrust & Competition Lawyers," Lawdragon, 2025

"Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America," Lawdragon, 2025

"Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America," Lawdragon, 2020-2024

"Rising Star for Northern California," Super Lawyers, 2016 - 2023

"500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers," Lawdragon, 2021

"40 and Under Hot List," Benchmark Litigation, 2018-2021

"Outstanding Antitrust Achievement by a Young Lawyer," American Antitrust Institute, 2020

"Outstanding Private Practice Antitrust Achievement," American Antitrust Institute, 2020

"Top 40 Under 40 Lawyer," Daily Journal, 2020

Publications and Presentations

Moderator, “The Federal Judiciary as Gatekeepers,” Institute for Law and Economic Policy 2024

Symposium: Gatekeeping in a Post-Chevron World, November 2024

Moderator, “Hot Topics in Class Action Settlement Approval,” ABA National Institute on Class Actions, October 2024

Speaker, “What Makes a Good Securities Case: Essentials for Public Funds,” National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) Annual Conference, May 2024

Moderator, “Effective Advocacy in Federal Court,” Northern District Practice Program, July 2023

Speaker, “The Power of Collective Action to Address Workplace Sex Discrimination,” National Women’s Law Center, February 2023

Moderator, “Big Tech’s Reckoning With Antitrust Has Arrived,” Bar Association of San Francisco Webinar, February 2021

Speaker, National Consumer Law Center Consumer Rights Litigation Conference & Class Action Symposium, November 2020

Speaker, “Building the Best Firewall. Ethical Issues In Settlement Negotiations and Approval of Class Action Settlements,” ABA Class Actions National (Virtual) Institute, October 2020

Speaker, “Shareholder Derivative Actions as a Tool To Improve Corporate Governance,” Institutional Investors Fall Conference, September 2020

Moderator, “Case Management: Best Practices in the COVID-19 World,” Northern District Court Practice Program, July 2020

Speaker, “Predatory Bail Bonds Litigation,” New Statutes Seminar, California Public Defenders Association, March 2019

Past Employment

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, San Francisco Office, Associate, 2008 – 2013

Hon. Dean D. Pregerson of the Central District of California, Extern