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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's successful cases include a shareholder derivative action against Wells Fargo's current and former officers and directors arising from the illicit sales practices scandal. Katherine was a key member of Lieff Cabraser team representing Co-Lead Plaintiff Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado in the action, which settled for a \$240 million cash payment and corporate governance reforms in late 2018. The settlement received final approval in April 2020, and 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 29 states and the District of Columbia in an antitrust 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. Katherine had primary responsibility for the litigation on a day to day basis for the firm as Class Counsel, and oversaw all aspects of case management including pleadings, discovery, class certification, summary judgment, expert work, and pre-trial preparation. The case settled in late 2019, shortly before trial, and received final approval in May 2020. The settlement, totaling \$120 million, is the second largest indirect purchaser antitrust pharmaceutical settlement fund in history.

Katherine received her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Berkeley Law) in 2008, where she was a member of the Berkeley Law Mock Trial Team and won first place for the San Francisco Trial Lawyer's Mock Trial Competition. During law school, she worked as a judicial external for the Honorable Dean D. Pregerson of the U.S. District Court, Central District of California.

Katherine serves as a Northern District of California Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council. She is on the Board of Directors of the Northern District Practice Program, which provides continuing legal education programming for judges and practitioners in the

district. She is also on the Board of Directors of East Community Law Center, a non-profit affiliated with Berkeley Law providing free legal services to low-income communities. Between 2012 and 2017, she coached a Berkeley Law mock trial team competing in the American Bar Association's Labor and Employment Trial Advocacy Competition.

## 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 9th Circuit, 2009

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

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

## Professional Associations and Memberships

American Bar Association

State Bar of California

East Bay Community Law Center (Board Member)

Northern District Court Practice Program (Board Member)

Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council, 2020-2023

## Honors and Awards

"40 and Under Hot List," Benchmark Litigation, 2018-2020

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

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

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

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

"Rising Star for Northern California," Super Lawyers, 2016 - 2020

## Publications and Presentations

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