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2022 | LIEFF CABRASER YEAR IN REVIEW

META/FACEBOOK/ INSTAGRAM YOUTH & TEEN SOCIAL MEDIA ADDICTION

In November 2022, Lieff Cabraser was named Co-Lead Counsel representing plaintiffs in the class action litigation against Instagram/Meta/Facebook and others alleging their products and platforms cause addiction and mental health problems in young users, including suicidal thoughts, body image issues, anxiety, and depression. The lawsuit accuses the tech giants of detrimental profiteering off teens' deep vulnerabilities



and claims that the Instagram platform in particular is designed to hook young users in a manner that endangers their health and welfare, causing life-threatening injuries.

GOLDMAN SACHS GENDER DISCRIMINATION

We serve as Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs in a gender discrimination class action accusing global investment firm Goldman Sachs of workplace discrimination and gender bias resulting in the systemic denial of equal pay and promotions

for women. In September 2022, a federal judge in New York ordered the unsealing of the class evidentiary record which revealed 133 internal complaints of gender discrimination at Goldman and nine charges filed with the EEOC. After an extraordinary 17 years, the lawsuit is finally scheduled to go to trial in June of 2023.

VALEANT U.S. AND CANADIAN SECURITIES LITIGATION

Lieff Cabraser represents certain funds and accounts

of institutional investor BlackRock in a direct (non-class) action against Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. (n/k/a Bausch Health Companies Inc.) and former senior executives for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 arising from a scheme to generate revenues through massive price increases for Valeant-branded drugs while concealing the truth of the company's business operations, financial results, and other material facts. The court denied defendants' partial motions to dismiss and the parties



have completed discovery. In November 2022 the court-appointed special master held argument on summary judgment and Daubert motions; a ruling is pending. Lieff Cabraser also represents a number of BlackRock entities in related litigation against Valeant in Canada. Those cases are also in discovery, and the parties have begun submitting expert reports.

NATIONAL GRID ABUSIVE DEBT COLLECTION TCPA

We represent consumers in a federal class action against National Grid over abusive debt collection practices that violate the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"). Plaintiffs' allege that National Grid, which owns and operates multiple gas and electric companies in NY, MA, and RI, robo-called the cell phones of millions of individuals without their consent. In June 2022, a New York judge granted final approval to a \$38.5 million settlement, which includes a \$50 cash payment for each class member.



T-MOBILE SPRINT MERGER

In June of 2022, Lieff Cabraser filed a lawsuit on behalf of AT&T and Verizon subscribers challenging the merger of T-Mobile and Sprint as a violation of the antitrust laws. Customers allege the merger, which reduced the number of mobile carriers in the U.S. from four to three, created a far less competitive market, giving the remaining carriers the opportunity to charge more while delivering less. Seen as "one of the most anti-competitive acquisitions in history," the merger reduced the number of U.S. retail mobile carriers, causing customers nationwide to pay inflated prices for cell phone services estimated to be in the billions.

JACKSON WATER CRISIS

In September 2022, Lieff Cabraser filed the first federal class action lawsuit in the U.S. on behalf of the residents of Jackson, Mississippi over the neglect, mismanagement, and maintenance failures that led to an environmental catastrophe leaving over

153,000 Jackson-area residents, most of whom are Black, without access to safe running water. The lawsuit seeks immediate injunctive relief, including the removal and remediation of lead pipes and fixtures, an adequate water supply delivered to each home until the water supply is safe for consumption, and an injunction to stop all residents from paying for the contaminated water, as well as compensatory, punitive, and exemplary damages.

**DR. ROBERT ANDERSON
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
SEXUAL ABUSE**

In May 2020, Lief Cabraser was appointed as Plaintiffs' Interim Co-Class Counsel in



2022 | CALIFORNIA FIRE CASES

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
FIRE CASES (THOMAS
WILDFIRE & MUDSLIDE
LITIGATION)**

Lief Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel for Individual Plaintiffs in JCCP litigation involving thousands of Plaintiffs against Southern California Edison over the role of the utility's equipment in starting the devastating Thomas Fire that destroyed over a thousand homes in Southern California in December 2017, and the resulting mudslides in Montecito that destroyed additional homes and killed 23 people. Plaintiffs

surmounted a demurrer to their inverse condemnation claim. After extensive discovery, including relating to the official investigation, and shortly before multi-plaintiff bellwether trials were to occur, the litigation entered into a settlement protocol, which has resolved over 1,600 cases to date. Together with the individual plaintiffs in the Woolsey Fire, below, these plaintiffs have recovered well over \$1 billion to date.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
FIRE CASES (2017 NORTH
BAY FIRES AND 2018 CAMP
FIRE)**

Lief Cabraser attorneys served as Chairs of the Class Action Committee in the consolidated lawsuits against Pacific Gas & Electric relating to losses from the 2017 North Bay Fires, and also served on the Individual Plaintiffs' Executive Committee.

In January of 2019, in the face of overwhelming liability from pending wildfire litigation, PG&E and its parent filed for bankruptcy. *In re PG&E Corporation*, Case No. 19-30088 and *In re Pacific Gas and Electric Company*, Case No. 19-30089 (N.D. Cal. Bankr. 2019). The bankruptcy trustee appointed a Torts

Claimants' Committee to represent persons with tort claims, largely wildfire victims, in the bankruptcy. Lief Cabraser represents a member of the Committee who lost her father in the Camp Fire, advocating for fire victims to be treated fairly and equitably in the bankruptcy. We helped negotiate a settlement with PG&E of \$13.5 billion to compensate fire victims for their losses. Our firm also served on the Trust Oversight Committee that has monitored and assisted the Trustee in administering the gargantuan and complex claims process.

WOOLSEY FIRE CASES

Lief Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel for Individual Plaintiffs in the coordinated Woolsey Fire Case JCCP litigation against Southern California Edison relating to the devastating 2018 fire that burned more than 1,600 homes and 96,000 acres in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The litigation alleges similar claims and damages to the Thomas Fire litigation. Earlier this year, the litigation entered into a settlement protocol, which has resolved over 2,000 cases to date.

the University of Michigan/ Dr. Robert E. Anderson sexual abuse litigation pending in federal court in Michigan. The suit was filed against the University of Michigan and its Regents for allowing and enabling a University physician, Dr. Robert E. Anderson, to sexually abuse students while employed by the University from 1968 until 2003, and was brought on behalf of former student-patients who alleged Anderson used his position to repeatedly and regularly sexually assault University

students in the guise of providing medical care.

On August 3, 2022, the Court issued an Order granting final approval to a settlement enacting sweeping policy changes to prevent and improve university responses to sexual violence on campus against students, including the creation of a Coordinated Community Response Team, a multidisciplinary standing committee made up of independent

experts such as Title IX and campus sexual misconduct experts and representatives of the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office and

SafeHouse Center, students, survivors, community members, and select members of the administration and faculty.



VOLKSWAGEN/PORSCHE EMISSION & FUEL ECONOMY COMPLAINTS

Lieff Cabraser represents consumers nationwide in a class action against Porsche relating to vehicles that can experience worse fuel economy than promised and advertised. The complaint alleges that Porsche manipulated certain gas-powered vehicles to overstate their advertised fuel economy, and make them seem more eco-friendly than they actually were by securing fraudulent emissions certifications. In June of 2022, Porsche agreed to settle the case for \$80 million, paying class

the bonds sold by retail bond agents—orchestrated a default price of 10% of the bond amount, then worked to eliminate discounting that would otherwise have occurred if the market operated competitively. This first-of-its-kind case challenges the alleged conspiracy among sureties and bail agents to inflate bail bond prices. The defendants include surety companies and certain bail agents operating in California, including Seaview Insurance, American Surety, Allegheny Casualty, International Fidelity, and several others.

In November 2022, the Court denied defendants' motion



members nearly 100% of their damages. In October 2022, the Court indicated it would grant final approval to the settlement.

CALIFORNIA BAIL BONDS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Lieff Cabraser, together with Justice Catalyst, the National Consumer Law Center, Public Counsel, and Towards Justice, represent plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit alleging that the prices of bail bonds in California have been unlawfully inflated by a price-fixing conspiracy. The suit alleged that “sureties”—the companies that back

to dismiss claims from the suit, seeks damages for the hundreds of thousands of Californians who allege they overpaid for unlawfully inflated bail bond premiums, and to prevent such unlawful overcharging from continuing. Lieff Cabraser serves as Lead Interim Counsel in the litigation.

REALPAGE RESIDENTIAL LEASE PRICE-FIXING

Lieff Cabraser represents lessees nationwide who allege they have overpaid for rent as a result of a cartel among the largest owners of multifamily residential real estate. The class action suit, filed in



October 2022, alleges that these lessors used a common third party (RealPage) to collect and fix rent amounts, increasing rents above competitive levels. RealPage touts that it sets pricing for Lessors’ “properties as though we own them ourselves” — in other words, as plaintiffs detail in their complaint, the participating Lessors’ cartel replicates the market outcomes one would observe if they were a monopolist of residential leases (which is the goal of any cartel).

GOOGLE VIRUS-TRACING APP DATA EXPOSURE

Lieff Cabraser represents Android users in a data privacy class action against Google over reports that a COVID-19 contact-tracing app co-created by the search giant improperly exposed users’ private data. The suit alleges that a security flaw in Google’s app gave third parties access to users’ protected personal medical information. In October 2022, the judge overseeing the case signaled that he will likely grant final approval to a proposed settlement that would require Google to fix any related medical privacy intrusions, create a way to find and eliminate any data it may

have improperly obtained/ provided, and confirm that certain security measures are and will remain in place to better protect the privacy of contract tracing app users going forward.

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT FUND FRAUD

Lieff Cabraser represents African Methodist Episcopal Ministerial Retirement Annuity Plan participants and beneficiaries in a federal lawsuit filed against the Church, a former plan executive, and other co-conspirators alleging fraud and embezzlement. The plaintiff clergy and church ministers and their families had long relied on the Church’s annuity plan for their retirement. The case has been consolidated into multidistrict litigation before Judge S. Thomas Anderson of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, and a consolidated complaint was filed in late August 2022.

BOEING SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE CASE

We served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of lead plaintiffs 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 shareholder derivative litigation against the board and senior officers of The Boeing Company relating to their disregard for safety in the flawed design of the Boeing 737 MAX that led to 346 tragic deaths and the grounding of all 737 Max aircraft. Boeing's officers and directors were alleged to have breached their fiduciary duties to the company by dismantling Boeing's lauded safety-engineering corporate culture in favor of what became a "financial-



engineering culture." In March 2022, the Court granted final approval to a \$237.5 million settlement, which includes unparalleled corporate governance reforms. The settlement represents the largest-ever cash settlement of Caremark claims against a board of directors in Delaware court.

DEVEREUX ADVANCED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF SEXUAL ABUSES

Lieff Cabraser represents six individuals and a putative class of thousands of other children across the U.S. in a federal class action sexual abuse lawsuit in Pennsylvania

2022 | CIVIL RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE CASES

LEGAL ALLIANCE FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS (LARR)

In June 2022, after the U.S. Supreme Court reversed 50 years of settled legal precedent in *Dobbs v. Jackson* to hold that there is no right to abortion guaranteed by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, Lieff Cabraser became a founding member of the Legal Alliance for Reproductive Rights (LARR), a project of the San Francisco City Attorney and the Bar Association of San Francisco. As a member of

LARR, our firm has provided pro bono assistance to those adversely impacted by laws restricting and/or criminalizing reproductive access. In December 2022, the Bar Association of San Francisco selected Lieff Cabraser partner Kelly Dermody as a 2022 "Award of Merit" winner for "tireless" work in helping to launch the initiative.

LCHB "FRIEND OF THE COURT" APPELLATE WORK

In 2022, Lieff Cabraser represented numerous pro bono clients in amicus curiae petitions regarding matters of significant public interest, including:

Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College and *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. University of North Carolina, et al.*, in which Lieff Cabraser represented 15 leading organizations specializing in educational access and advocacy for youth arguing that "merits" admissions determinations cannot be divorced from consideration of the life experiences which give rise to an understanding of an applicant's maturity, skills, and aptitude;

Taking Offense v. California, in which Lieff Cabraser represented leading scholars in aging, long-term care, health equity in aging, and related lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender ("LGBTQ+") community impacts, in a case supporting California law prohibiting the willful misgendering of transgender elder residents in long-term care facilities;

National Center for Public Policy Research v. Weber, in which LCHB represented eighteen constitutional law and anti-discrimination law professors to clarify how SB 826, which set minimum gender diversity requirements for the boards of California's publicly traded corporations, satisfies an Equal Protection challenge; and

Worker Health and Safety: LCHB has represented the New York Chapter of the National Employment Lawyers Association as amici in matters involving New York's newly-strengthened anti-retaliation law, and generally in support of workers who raised safety issues in the workplace. *Azari v. Cohen Bros. Realty Corp.* and *State of New York v. Amazon*.

against Devereux Foundation (a/k/a Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health) and QualityHealth Staffing, LLC. The complaint details multiple alleged violations of state and federal law, including assault; battery; failure to report child abuse; creation of a sexually hostile culture/heightened risk of sexual harassment; deliberate indifference to prior sexual harassment; negligence and failure to provide safe environment with adequate protection, supervision, and care; negligent hiring of unsuitable personnel; negligent retention

of unsuitable personnel; negligent supervision; gross negligence; and negligent misrepresentation. One of the largest behavioral health organizations in the country, Devereux has more than 7,500 staff members across 13 states.

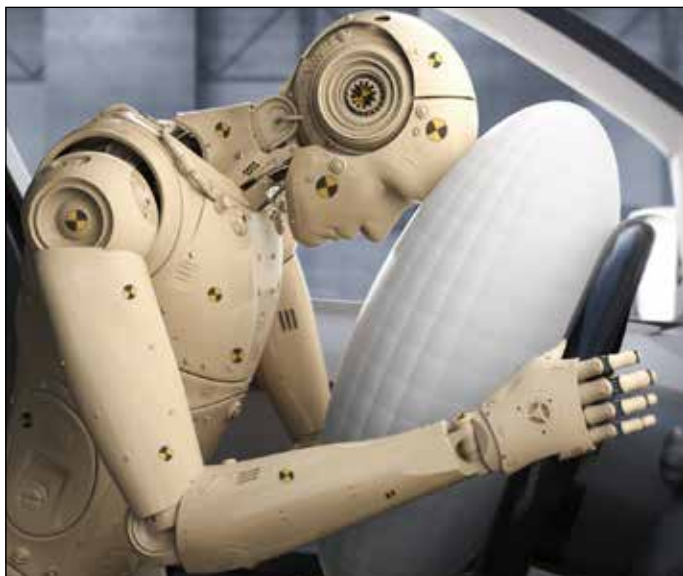
The complaint includes allegations of the rape and sexual abuse of inpatient clients as well as abuses committed by fellow inpatients that were ignored and/or suppressed by Devereux staff and management.



Some patients who raised such allegations claim they were not only disregarded but punished for initiating complaints, including the withholding of food, physical restraint, isolation, and even physical abuse.

ZF-TRW AIRBAG SAFETY DEFECT LAWSUITS

In 2019, Lief Cabraser and co-counsel filed a federal class action lawsuit in California on behalf of consumers across the U.S. against Hyundai Motor America, Kia Motor America, and ZF-TRW Automotive Holding Corp. over defective vehicle airbags that fail to operate during crashes due



to electrical overstress. As detailed in the Complaint, a defect in the application-specific integrated circuit built into the airbags causes a failure in the Airbag Control Unit that prevents the airbags and the seat belt pre-tensioners, both vital to maximizing safety in a vehicle crash, from deploying. As the Complaint further alleges, ZF-TRW, Hyundai, and Kia became aware of the ACU defect as early as 2011, but did nothing to protect consumers or warn of the product dangers until 2018. Further, reports indicate there are no warning signs

of the problem, so owners and lessees have no way of knowing the airbag and belt failures will happen.

SANTA BARBARA PLAINS OIL SPILL

We serve as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of local residents, businesses and fishers whose properties were destroyed due to an oil spill off Refugio State Beach in Santa Barbara County in May 2015. The spill occurred when a 10-mile-long, 24-inch-wide Plains oil pipeline ruptured and discharged over 100,000 gallons of crude oil onto land and beaches along the Santa Barbara coastline. In September 2022, a California

federal judge granted final approval to a \$230 million settlement, which includes \$46 million for the class of property owners and \$184 million for the class of fishers.

GOOGLE GENDER PAY BIAS LAWSUIT

In October 2022, a California Superior Court judge granted final approval to a \$118 million settlement of litigation brought on behalf of over 15,000 female Google workers who allege the tech giant engaged in systemic and pervasive pay and promotion discrimination since 2013 against its female software engineers. Filed by



Lief Cabraser and co-counsel in 2017 under California's then-newly-amended Equal Pay law, the Google Gender Discrimination class action broke new ground in tech employment law as it addressed two pernicious and long-standing practices the under-leveling of women relative to comparable men at hire, and using candidates' past salary information to determine their pay rate, the latter a process that perpetuated inequity as women on average have historically been paid significantly less than men.

PLAID INC. DATA THEFT

We served as Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs in multidistrict litigation against fintech start-up Plaid Inc. over allegations Plaid invaded consumers' privacy by "phishing" Venmo, Stripe, and other app users' personal banking information, stealing their banking data, and monetizing that data in violation of federal and state privacy laws. In July of 2022, a California federal judge issued an order granting final approval to a \$58 million settlement that will implement meaningful business practice changes designed to remediate alleged

privacy violations, improve user control over private login information and financial data, and further safeguard user privacy going forward.

EVENFLO CHILD BOOSTER SEAT FRAUD & INJURY LITIGATION

We serve as Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs in multidistrict litigation accusing Evenflo of improper, fraudulent, and dangerous marketing of child car booster seats. As alleged in the complaint, Evenflo knew, even while it was making representations to consumers about the professed safety of its Big Kid Booster, that the seats were not safe, should not be used by children under forty pounds, and provided little to no side-impact protection. In November 2022, the First Circuit Court of Appeal revived the litigation, ruling that the lower court erred in concluding in January 2022 that consumers in the litigation lacked standing to sue for damages.

FIRSTENERGY CORP. SECURITIES LITIGATION

Lief Cabraser represents certain entities managed by MFS Investment Management or Brighthouse Investment Advisers in direct (non-class)



actions against FirstEnergy Corp. and former senior executives arising from an illegal bribery and money laundering scheme in the state of Ohio. Plaintiffs allege defendants conducted the scheme while concealing the truth about unlawful payments made to former Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives Larry Householder and former Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Samuel Randazzo in exchange for official actions to benefit FirstEnergy. Revelations of the unlawful conduct in July 2020 and thereafter caused the value of plaintiffs' investments in FirstEnergy stock to drop precipitously. The cases were filed in late 2021 and early 2022

2022 | PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS LITIGATION

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS LITIGATION

We represent cities, counties, Native American tribes, and tribal health organizations across the U.S. seeking justice and restitution from opioid makers and distributors for their role in the devastating opioid addiction and overdose crisis that has ravaged the nation for nearly two decades. We were also instrumental as part of the plaintiff team that won a \$26 billion national settlement with opioid distributors and manufacturers that will



settlements with Teva/Allergan and the three major chain pharmacies, bringing the total of opioids litigation settlements to date to nearly \$50 billion.

School Districts, Tribes and tribal health organizations, Third Party Payors, and babies born with neonatal abstinence syndrome. These cases have been assigned to Judge Charles R. Breyer for coordinated discovery and pretrial matters, and the litigation is ongoing.

IN RE MCKINSEY & CO., INC., NAT'L PRESCRIPTION OPIATE CONSULTANT LITIGATION

In August 2021, Lief Cabraser was appointed Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel and Chair of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in multidistrict litigation pending in the Northern District of California. The transferred actions allege that McKinsey & Company, a management consulting firm, played an integral role in creating and deepening the opioid crisis, including working closely with the major opioid manufacturers, such as Purdue Pharma, to promote, market, and sell opioids, despite knowing the risks associated with over-prescribing these controlled substances. The plaintiff subgroups include Political Subdivisions,

SAN FRANCISCO OPIOIDS LITIGATION

We served as Co-Lead Counsel representing the City of San Francisco in a landmark opioid bench trial against Walgreens pharmacy for its role in the City's current drug crisis. In August 2022, the Court found Walgreens liable for substantially contributing to the opioid epidemic in San Francisco, making this the second such trial to decide in a plaintiff's favor in the national opioid litigation, and the first bench trial to find Walgreens liable. Subsequently, Walgreens and the two other major chain pharmacies agreed to settle the national opioids litigation for a combined total of nearly \$14 billion.



in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, have passed the pleading stage, and are in discovery.

THACHER SCHOOL OJAI CALIFORNIA STUDENT SEXUAL ABUSE

Lief Cabraser represents two victims of sexual abuse at Ojai's elite Thacher School after shocking revelations of a 91-page report compiled by an outside firm following a months-long investigation into allegations of sexual abuse, molestation, harassment, groping, and rape of teenage students at the Thacher School over the last forty years. The

provide thousands of U.S. communities with opioid recovery and remediation funds. In 2022, we also served on the negotiating committee responsible for additional national

report includes details about a 16-year-old student who was repeatedly raped by her English teacher at Thacher, and further notes that the former head of the school, who died in 2014, faced accusations of inappropriate touching and making improper comments.

HUNTINGTON BEACH OIL SPILL

We serve as Co-Lead Counsel representing businesses and individuals in the class action litigation against Amplify Energy over the October 2021 pipeline rupture and resulting catastrophic oil spill that dumped tens of thousands of gallons of highly toxic crude

oil off the coast of Huntington Beach. The spill killed fish and wildlife, forced the closure of fishing blocks and harbors, and soiled world famous Southern California beaches and beachfront communities.

In October 2022, Amplify agreed to a \$50 million settlement, which includes

\$34 million for the class of fish industry plaintiffs, \$9 million for the class of property owners, and \$7 million for the waterfront tourism class.

GOLD COAST HEALTH PLAN QUI TAM MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS LITIGATION

Lieff Cabraser represents Relators in a False Claims Act whistleblower lawsuit against Gold Coast Health Plan and certain California medical providers over allegations that the defendants knowingly misused Medi-Cal funds they received from the federal government and California State Government in 2014 and 2015 for newly-enrolled adult Medi-Cal patients under the Affordable Care Act. In August

JUUL, its owners, and Altria for predatory marketing, design defects, intentional misrepresentation, and fraudulent concealment in their marketing of e-cigarettes. This includes a teen-specific marketing onslaught that led to a nationwide teen nicotine addiction health crisis. We serve as Co-Lead Counsel for Plaintiffs in the nationwide litigation against JUUL, represent teens in individual lawsuits against JUUL, and have filed additional similar actions on behalf of the State of Hawai'i, eleven Native American tribes and tribal health organizations, and the Boulder Valley Colorado School District. In early December 2022, four major settlements with Juul labs



materially false or misleading statements about the Company's loan underwriting standards, system of internal controls, and compliance infrastructure. In August 2021, the Court certified the class of investors and appointed Lieff Cabraser as class counsel. In October of 2022, seven years after the case began, and after Lieff Cabraser won reversal on appeal of the Court's prior dismissal of the case, final approval was granted to a \$14.1 million settlement. The settlement compares several times more favorably, on a percentage-of-loss basis, to the typical securities class settlement for a case of its size.

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO AND NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETE ABUSE

In June of 2022, nine former USF baseball players joined the class action lawsuit filed in March 2022 against their two (now former) baseball coaches, USF, and the NCAA. Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represent the plaintiff players who allege that USF coaches Anthony Giarratano and Troy Nakamura created an intolerable sexualized environment on the team over the course of 22 years, that USF knew about their

misconduct and did nothing to stop it, and that the NCAA has inadequate policies in place to protect student-athletes from such abuse or prevent coaches from moving on to another member institution with impunity. The amended complaint includes the claims brought by the original three plaintiffs, and provides vivid and disturbing details of an environment rife with emotional abuse and highly sexualized behavior, with the earliest allegations dating back to 1999 — Giarratano's first year as coach. The original complaint was filed on March 11, 2022, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, San Francisco Division. Since the filing, Giarratano and Nakamura have been fired, and USF athletic director, Joan McDermott, has left her position.

The lawsuit seeks to address the systemic institutional failures at USF that allowed such abuse to continue unabated despite complaints up to and including those made to the Athletic Director and Title IX office, and includes allegations that the NCAA failed to protect the student-athletes from abuse and harassment, and also failed to create and



2022, the defendants' agreed to a \$70.7 million settlement, in which Gold Coast will pay \$17.2 million to state and federal governments, and providers that received allegedly illegal payments – Ventura County Medical Center, Dignity Health, and Clinicas del Camino Real Inc. – will pay an additional \$53.5 million.

JUUL TEEN INJURIES & PREDATORY MARKETING

Lieff Cabraser leads nationwide multidistrict teen injury, fraud, RICO, and class litigation against

were announced to benefit the injured, consumers, government entities, and native tribes in the MDL and California JCCP matters. Litigation continues as to the Altria defendants.

BOFI HOLDING, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION

Lieff Cabraser represented lead plaintiff Houston Municipal Employees Pension System in a securities fraud class action against BofI Holding, Inc. and certain of its senior officers and directors. The action charged defendants with issuing



enforce prohibitions of sexual contact between coaches and student-athletes. The complaint also details multiple attempts made by parents and others to demand the Jesuit university step in to protect the student-athletes from ongoing abuse, only to have the school administration repeatedly ignore calls for assistance.

PERRIGO COMPANY SECURITIES LITIGATION

Lieff Cabraser represents certain funds and accounts of BlackRock in a direct (non-class) action against Perrigo Company plc and former senior executives for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Plaintiffs allege defendants concealed from



investors that (contrary to their public statements) Perrigo was engaged in a price-fixing scheme with respect to generic drugs, was impacted by pricing pressures in the generic pharmaceuticals industry, and had failed to successfully integrate Omega Pharma NV, the company's largest acquisition. The parties have completed fact and expert discovery. Additionally, defendants in the related securities class case moved for summary judgment in 2021, on which the court heard argument in April 2022; a decision is pending.

2022 | CASES IN GERMANY & EUROPE

GERMAN PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS CARTEL LITIGATION

Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel for more than 3,000 German farmers seeking compensation for damages suffered in connection with the German plant protection products cartel. In 2020, the German Federal Cartel Office imposed fines of €155 million on eight wholesalers of plant protection products and their responsible employees for agreeing on anticompetitive price lists, discounts, and individual sales prices to retailers and end customers



members of the European truck cartel in Germany, the Netherlands, and France. In 2016 and 2017, the European Commission sanctioned the truck manufacturers with record fines of almost €4 billion for having engaged in price-fixing and the improper pass-on of emissions compliance costs to the detriment of truck purchasers all over Europe. In what is one of the largest damages cases in Europe, we represent a litigation vehicle aggregating nearly 50,000 damages claims amounting to €450 million (including interest to date) from truck cartel victims that had to pay inflated prices for their trucks over a period of 14 years. We also represent one of the most well-known European dairy producers claiming damages of roughly €50 million from having purchased and leased nearly 4,500 trucks at overcharged prices, as well as a Polish transportation company that suffered damages from the purchase and lease of 60 trucks during the cartel period.

in Germany between 1998 and March 2015. With more than 260,000 farmers in Germany working roughly 17 million acres of agricultural land, the negative impact of the cartel was tremendous. As Lead Counsel, we filed the first antitrust damages litigation before the Regional Court of Dortmund in August 2022.

EUROPEAN TRUCK CARTEL LITIGATION

We serve as Lead Counsel for Plaintiffs in five antitrust damages actions against the

GERMAN QUARTO PLATES CARTEL LITIGATION

At the end of 2019, the German Federal Cartel Office imposed record fines of €646 million on steel manufacturers for improperly exchanging information and agreeing on certain price supplements and surcharges for quarto steel plates in Germany. Lieff Cabraser serves as Lead Counsel representing companies from various industries including construction, shipbuilding, and the energy sector in obtaining compensation for the damages suffered from cartelized prices for steel.

GERMAN BANKING FEE LITIGATION

By an April 2021 judgment, the German Federal Court of Justice found that German banks had for years illegally increased fees without the consent of their customers. We serve as Co-Counsel aiming at obtaining reimbursement of illegal fee increases for tens of thousands of German bank customers together with a German consumer rights and litigation platform.



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SOUTH TRAILBLAZER

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LEGENDS OF THE 500 LIST

13 LEADING PLAINTIFF CONSUMER LAWYERS

9 LEADING PLAINTIFF EMPLOYMENT & CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYERS

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TOP PLAINTIFFS LAWYERS IN CA

TOP LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAWYERS

TOP 40 UNDER 40

TOP 100 LAWYERS IN CALIFORNIA

2022 | ATTORNEY LEADERSHIP

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