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2023 | LIEFF CABRASER YEAR IN REVIEW

META/TIKTOK/SNAP/ GOOGLE YOUTH & TEEN SOCIAL MEDIA ADDICTION

Lieff Cabraser serves as co-lead counsel for plaintiffs in multidistrict litigation against Meta, Tiktok, Snap, Google 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. In November of 2023, plaintiffs defeated defendants' attempts to dismiss the case

Attorney General's office to support its litigation against five of the largest oil and gas companies in the world over allegations the companies misled the public about climate change. The lawsuit alleges that Exxon Mobil, Shell, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, BP, and the American Petroleum Institute (API) have known for decades that reliance on fossil fuels would cause catastrophic harm to the country, including California, but suppressed that



litigated on behalf of the government exceeded recoveries in cases where the government litigated for itself. Lieff Cabraser is proud to be working cooperatively and productively with the government in dozens of under seal matters across various industries, and highlights its 2023 "non-intervened" cases as a nod to this development.

on record (the only larger ones coming years after the employees won at trial). It is nearly five times larger than the next-largest gender bias class action settlement involving a Wall Street firm.

DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES SECURITIES CLASS ACTION LITIGATION

Lieff Cabraser has been selected as co-lead counsel for a proposed class of injured investors in securities class litigation against Discover Financial Services ("DFS"), a financial services company that owns and operates Discover Bank. The action, co-led by five New York City pension funds, alleges that DFS made false or misleading statements concealing that the Company's risk management and compliance protocols were inadequate, and that DFS did not meet industry standards for servicing student loans, did not categorize credit card accounts correctly, and failed

GOLDMAN SACHS GENDER DISCRIMINATION

In November 2023, Judge Analisa Torres granted final approval to a \$215M class settlement of the 11+ year old gender discrimination lawsuit brought by women against Goldman Sachs. One of the largest discrimination settlements in U.S. history, it is also the single-largest gender bias settlement that has occurred in advance of employees winning their case at trial, and the third-largest gender bias settlement of any kind



in a significant victory for the families harmed by the dangers of social media. The court is also handling a suit against Meta by more than 35 states alleging that its platforms exploit young people by using features that keep them focused on their screens, and that the social media giant mines their data without their parents' consent.

information while also actively pushing disinformation that caused a delayed societal response to global warming. The State is suffering terrible climate harms as a result. The lawsuit, filed on behalf of the People of the State of California, seeks to hold the companies accountable for the lies they have told and the damage they have caused.

CLIMATE CHANGE LITIGATION

Lieff Cabraser has been retained by the California

FALSE CLAIMS ACT

For the first time, recoveries in False Claims Act cases that whistleblowers



to curb its surging credit card delinquency rate. The court will consider arguments on the sufficiency of plaintiffs' claims in early 2024.

HOTCHKISS STUDENT ABUSE CLASS ACTION

We represent former students in a sexual abuse class action lawsuit against The Hotchkiss School, a private boarding and day school located in Lakeville, Connecticut. The suit alleges that during their time at Hotchkiss, the former students were subjected to grooming, inappropriate touching, assault, and rape by an English teacher and athletic trainer who was known to the School



2023 | CIVIL RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE CASES

HAIR RELAXER INJURY LITIGATION

Lieff Cabraser represents over one hundred women diagnosed with cancer after using hair relaxers. Their lawsuits have been consolidated with thousands of others in federal court in Chicago in front of Judge Mary M. Rowland, allowing plaintiffs to litigate collectively against the companies responsible for these products. Judge Rowland created a Plaintiff's Leadership

Committee to manage the collective litigation, and appointed Lieff Cabraser's Kelly M. Dermody to serve on the Plaintiff's Executive Committee based on her experience and leadership in complex litigation and women's rights cases.

INFANT FORMULA DANGERS & NEC

Lieff Cabraser represents families with infants injured by Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC), the most common, serious gastrointestinal disease affecting newborn infants. The disease has been linked to the use of cow-milk based formula in preterm and low-weight infants, including Similac and Enfamil. Up to 30% of infants who develop this disease will die from it, yet despite strong medical evidence establishing the extreme dangers that cow-based products pose for premature infants, manufacturers continue to market cow-based products as an equally safe alternative to breast milk, and falsely promote their

products as necessary for additional nutrition and growth. According to the National Institutes of Health, the current evidence of the role of race in NEC suggests that Hispanic and non-Hispanic Black populations are associated with higher risk of NEC compared to non-Hispanic White populations.

JACKSON WATER LEAD POISONING

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. Plaintiffs are currently opposing motions from the defendants and are seeking documents and expert testimony to prove their claims.

as a pedophile who had abused numerous other male students at the School. The lawsuit asserts that The Hotchkiss School fostered an environment rife with sexual abuse for decades, and that Hotchkiss not only failed to protect its students from these abuses but also actively protected and enabled the abuser.

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, the court recently denied in part defendants' motion for



summary judgment in the related securities class case.

UBER SEX ASSAULT

Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel have filed lawsuits alleging that Uber misled plaintiff and the public into believing it provided safe rides and that it was addressing safety issues, including sexual assault. In December 2023, Lieff Cabraser partner Sarah London was appointed Plaintiffs' Co-Lead and Liaison Counsel in the aggregate litigation against Uber in federal court in San Francisco arising from

alleged practice of assigning policyholders to insurance premiums based on the customers' relative tolerance or elasticity to premium changes (i.e., their willingness-to-pay). Class certification briefing is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2023, with a hearing scheduled for early 2024.

T-MOBILE / SPRINT MERGER ANTITRUST

In June of 2022, Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel filed a federal class action complaint on behalf of AT&T and Verizon subscribers



sexual harassment, physical attack, sexual assault, and battery committed by Uber drivers. The complaint alleges Uber hires drivers without interviewing them, fingerprinting them, or running them through the FBI databases, and that it knew or should have known it was highly probable that harm would result.

ALLSTATE AUTO INSURANCE

Lieff Cabraser represents a class of Texas Allstate auto insurance customers challenging Allstate's

against Deutsche Telekom, T-Mobile, and Softbank Group challenging the merger of T-Mobile and Sprint as a violation of the antitrust laws. On November 3, 2023, plaintiffs defeated T-Mobile's motion to dismiss and the company was ordered to face the lawsuit from AT&T (T.N) and Verizon (VZ.N) subscribers who claim the mobile communication giant's deal for rival Sprint hurt competition and caused them to pay billions of dollars more for wireless service. In his 41-page ruling, Judge Durkin noted that the



plaintiffs "plausibly" argued that higher prices "flowed directly" from the \$26 billion merger.

THERANOS BLOOD TESTING

In *in re Arizona Theranos Litigation*, our firm represents consumers subject to Theranos blood testing, which was primarily conducted at Walgreens stores in Arizona and California. In 2023, settlements totaling \$45.33 million were reached with Walgreens and one of the individual defendants. If approved, the settlements will provide substantial monetary relief to impacted consumers. The parties will seek final approval of the settlements in early 2024.

AMERICAN AIRLINES BAGGAGE FEES

In *Cleary v. American Airlines*, Lieff Cabraser represented a nationwide class of American Airlines customers who were allegedly charged improper baggage fees in instances where the company had promised free bags. A class settlement was reached in 2023, with full

refunds provided to all class members who submitted timely claims.

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. The litigation is proceeding through discovery.

SAVE MART ERISA CLASS ACTION

We represent workers in a federal class action lawsuit filed in California against Save Mart, the largest regional grocer in the state, operating over two-hundred Save Mart, Lucky, and FoodMaxx stores and employing tens of thousands



of people. The lawsuit alleges Save Mart misled its employees by promising that those who worked long enough to become eligible for retirement would receive medical benefits for life. However, in 2022, in violation of its fiduciary responsibilities, the company made the decision to terminate these benefits, leaving hundreds or possibly thousands of retirees and their spouses without coverage. The lawsuit accuses Save Mart of misrepresentation and of depriving its retired employees of the benefits

Kona farmers more than \$122 million in economic relief, including \$41 million in cash payments to the Kona growers and a host of labeling and business practice changes to ensure accurate and reliable labeling of Kona coffee products. In approving the latest settlement, Judge Lasnik described this litigation as "one of the most impressive class action cases I have dealt with in my time on the federal bench," and the results as "great for justice ... a real result that makes people whole again."



of the lawsuit, a ruling that earned the Lief Cabraser team on the case a spot in Law360's September 1, 2023 "Legal Lions" listing, and the case is expected to greatly impact how franchise systems operate with respect to labor and antitrust laws moving forward.

GOOGLE WORKSPACE

In *Rabin v. Google LLC*, we represent a nationwide class of early adopter consumers who signed up for Google workspace service under a promise that they would receive free service as long as Google offered the service. Plaintiffs allege that in 2022, Google violated that promise, requiring the class members to start paying for the service or to give it up entirely. The case is ongoing.

MERCEDES-BENZ SUBFRAME RUST AND CORROSION

In April 2023, Lief Cabraser was named co-lead counsel representing plaintiffs in the federal class action lawsuit against Mercedes-Benz and Daimler AG alleging breach of warranty and violation of state and federal consumer fraud laws relating to a vehicle defect that can cause rear subframes to rust or corrode, resulting in sudden, unexpected loss of control for the driver. The defect is alleged to affect tens if not hundreds of thousands of 2012-2022 model cars across the Mercedes-Benz vehicle line, including Classes C, E, GLK, G, CLS SLK/SLC, and SL.

DEVEREUX ADVANCED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF SEXUAL ABUSES

Lief 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 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. One of the largest behavioral health organizations in the country, Devereux has more than



they were promised. In April 2023, the Court issued an order denying Save Mart's motion to dismiss the case. The case is now in discovery.

KONA COFFEE ADVERTISING FRAUD CLASS ACTION

In October 2023, U.S. District Judge Robert S. Lasnik granted final approval to the latest settlement in a lawsuit brought by Hawaiian farmers accusing retailers and suppliers of selling regular coffee under the name "Kona." Defendants have agreed to provide

MCDONALD'S "NO-POACH" EMPLOYEE PAY SUPPRESSION

We represent McDonalds' fast-food workers in a "no-poach" employee pay and mobility restriction case alleging the restaurant's practice of restricting employees from being hired at other same-franchise stores violates antitrust laws, suppresses workers' pay, and significantly limits employees' career mobility and advancement. In August 2023, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the lower court's dismissal



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.

In January 2023, the Court denied multiple motions by defendants' seeking to dismiss the class action. In February 2023, the Court ordered Devereux to produce certain records related to alleged abuse at its facilities, noting that its protestations about privacy concerns were

1953 and 1987 to pursue compensation claims. Qualified claimants under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act include Marines, military family members, and civilian workers who spent a minimum of 30 days at the base during the specified period.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAIN DERAILMENT AND TOXIC SPILL

Lieff Cabraser represents plaintiffs in injury litigation against Norfolk Southern Corporation relating to the February 3, 2023 derailment of a Norfolk Southern



JUUL E-CIGARETTE TEEN PREDATION

We secured a historic \$235M comprehensive settlement with Altria in the national JUUL E-Cigarette predatory advertising, addiction and injury cases. Unprecedented in scope, speed, and significance, the global settlement, reached just after plaintiffs concluded their case in the bellwether trial in San Francisco, is the culmination of four years of a vast, unrelenting effort by plaintiffs and their counsel to hold Altria accountable for the 21st century's 'cigarettes redux' youth nicotine plague. The earlier phase of the vast litigation saw similar success in late 2022 when JUUL entered into four substantial coordinated settlements with all plaintiff parties.

female students accusing it of failing to adequately investigate their reports of sexual assault and violating their rights under Title IX and Michigan state law. The complaint highlights several disturbing and inadequate aspects of the college's response to sexual assault allegations on its campus. The lawsuit aims to hold Hillsdale College accountable, seeking to rectify the institutional failures that have allowed such abuse to persist despite long-standing complaints.

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

HILLSDALE COLLEGE SEX ABUSE

In October 2023, Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel filed a federal class action sexual abuse lawsuit in Michigan against Hillsdale College on behalf of two



a non-issue. The lawsuit is ongoing.

CAMP LEJEUNE TOXIC WATER LITIGATION

In July of 2023, Elizabeth Cabraser was named co-lead counsel for plaintiffs in the federal multidistrict Camp Lejeune Toxic Water litigation.

The litigation follows the enactment of the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022, a bipartisan bill signed by President Biden enabling individuals exposed to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune between

train carrying hazardous materials in East Palestine, Ohio, igniting an inferno and casting a toxic cloud of poisonous smoke throughout the surrounding area. Damage from the train wreck caused many of the railcars to breach, discharging more than a million pounds of hazardous chemicals into the local air, soil, and water, and fire from the wreckage raged for days and blanketed the area in billowing smoke dispersing toxic chemicals over miles of inhabited neighborhoods.

world famous Southern California beaches and beachfront communities. In April of 2023, the court granted final approval to a \$50 million settlement of the action, 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. The settlement also permits Class Plaintiffs to continue seeking additional relief from the Shipping Defendants alleged to have dragged their anchors over the pipeline, causing its later rupture.



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

2023 | NATIVE AMERICAN CASES

Lieff Cabraser represents tribes and tribal governments as plaintiffs in many of the firm's cases, including mass tort, environmental harm, and unfair business practices.

In 2018, we filed injury and malicious marketing cases against the country's major opioid pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors on behalf of tribes, Alaskan native villages, and tribal health organizations located in California, Washington, and

where the Committee has obtained over \$1.5 billion in settlements so far for federally-recognized Tribes and Tribal health organizations to address the opioids crisis.

We also serve as Plaintiffs' lead counsel in the McKinsey & Co. National Prescription Opiate Litigation. McKinsey agreed to pay over \$340 million to resolve most of the litigation, including \$39.5 million for participating federally-recognized Native American Tribes.

Lieff Cabraser also represents Tribal interests in the Juul Labs, Inc. Marketing, Sales Practices & Products Liability Litigation, seeking relief from Juul Labs, Altria, and others responsible for targeting Tribes and Tribal youth with addictive vaping products. In the tribal settlement with Juul Labs, Lieff Cabraser's clients will receive over \$10 million.

Additionally, Lieff Cabraser seeks to represent these tribes and other groups in lawsuits against manufacturers, suppliers, contractors, infrastructure vendors, and many others, seeking restitution

Alaska. Lieff Cabraser serves on the Tribal Leadership Committee in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation,

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 May 2023 the court-appointed special master

denied in large part defendants' summary judgment and *Daubert* motions (and denied plaintiffs' motion for partial summary judgment); defendants have appealed the adverse rulings to the district judge. Lieff Cabraser also represents a number of BlackRock entities in related litigation against Valeant in



for business fraud, monopolization and price-fixing, healthcare fraud, injuries, insurance fraud, and securities fraud.

Lieff Cabraser is also pursuing justice for a Tribal Clan that has been living on a federal Superfund site for decades, exposing its members to toxic chemicals that threaten the continued existence of the Clan.

Further, Lieff Cabraser is advising Tribes regarding the proposed class action settlements with 3M Company and the DuPont companies concerning PFAS contamination that could lead to cancer and other harms to Tribes and Tribal citizens. We are also advising Tribes and Tribal organizations regarding testing of water systems, fish and wildlife, and crops for PFAS contamination.

Canada. Fact and expert discovery are complete.

VASSAR GENDER BIAS LAWSUIT

In August 2023, Lieff Cabraser and Equal Rights Advocates filed a federal class action gender discrimination lawsuit in New York on behalf of five female current and former Vassar

College professors, along with 36 additional women full professor supporters, alleging systemic pay disparities and an ongoing pattern of pay discrimination between Vassar's male and female full professors. The professors allege that Vassar has known for years that it unlawfully pays men more than women, and has for years refused to adequately address the discrimination. The lawsuit claims that women professors at Vassar have attempted for over a decade to work discreetly and collaboratively with the College to remedy the gender pay gap, but that the

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



The university and coaches were ordered to face several claims of negligence that also survived.

ALLERGAN QUI TAM MEDICARE DRUG PRICING FRAUD

Lieff Cabraser represented an Allergan employee in his False Claims Act case alleging the company had overcharged the government for therapeutic Botox, a drug with hundreds of millions of dollars a year in reimbursements from Medicare Part B. After Lieff Cabraser prevailed on a motion to dismiss, completed discovery (including 20 depositions of high-level company insiders and others), and submitted reports from renowned experts in drug pricing, econometrics, and consumer surveys, Allergan agreed to a confidential settlement. Lieff Cabraser also prevailed in a published decision regarding attorneys' fees and costs.

FIRSTENERGY CORP. SECURITIES LITIGATION

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

ABBVIE QUI TAM - MARKETING KICKBACKS

Lieff Cabraser represented a former nurse ambassador for an AbbVie contractor in his False Claims Act and Insurance Frauds Prevention Act cases alleging that AbbVie achieved its stratospheric and very costly growth for HUMIRA in part by unlawful kickbacks. Lieff Cabraser achieved \$27 million in settlements. The contested litigation arose in the context of contemporary medical practice, where perks that save medical staff time, money, and burdens can influence decision-making, as well as the trend of pharma company representatives going directly into patients' homes.



College has both ignored the problem and taken steps to decrease the level of pay transparency in recent years, in an apparent attempt to mask the disparity.

USF/NCAA STUDENT- ATHLETE ABUSE

We represent former USF baseball players in a class action filed in March 2022 against their two (now former) baseball coaches, USF, and the NCAA. The lawsuit alleges that USF coaches Anthony Giarratano and

sexualized behavior, with the earliest allegations dating back to 1999 — Giarratano's first year as coach. In June of 2022, nine additional players joined the suit.

In January 2023, the Court denied defendants' motions to dismiss discrimination claims against USF, former coach Giarratano and ex-assistant coach Troy Nakamura, but determined that Indiana-based NCAA's ties to California were too threadbare to keep it as a defendant.

2023 | CASES IN GERMANY & EUROPE

EUROPEAN TRUCK CARTEL LITIGATION

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

as a Polish transportation company that suffered damages from the purchase and lease of 60 trucks during the cartel period.

GERMAN PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS CARTEL LITIGATION

Lieff Cabraser serves as Counsel for more than 3,000 German farmers as well as an SPV that purchased damages claims from hundreds of German farmers seeking compensation for damages suffered in

the cartel was tremendous. As Lead Counsel, we filed the first cartel damages litigation before the Regional Court of Dortmund in August 2022 and increased the lawsuit in August 2023 by claims from further farmers. Overall, farmers represented by Lieff Cabraser could have suffered damages of more than €100 million plus interest.

CAPACITORS CARTEL LITIGATION

Lieff Cabraser is representing purchasers of capacitors, used to store and regulate current in electronic circuits and computers, phones, appliances, and cameras, in pursuing cartel damages claims against the world's largest manufacturers of capacitors following a decision by the European Commission from March 2018 fining the cartelists more than €250 million. Various appeals by the cartelists against the decision of the European Commission were rejected by the European Courts, with the last pending appeal having been rejected by the European Court of Justice in July of 2023.

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. Several legal questions in relation to the reimbursement claims have been brought up to the German Federal Court of Justice.

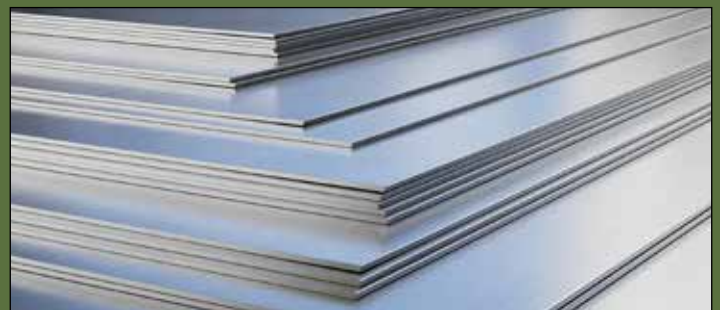
GERMAN QUARTO PLATES CARTEL LITIGATION

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 one of the largest shipbuilders in the world as well as an SPV that acquired cartel damages claims from companies in various industries including construction and the energy sector in obtaining compensation for the damages suffered from cartelized prices for steel.



all over Europe. In what is one of the largest damages cases in Europe, we represent SPVs aggregating nearly 50,000 damages claims amounting to €465 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

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 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



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