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One of the Nation's Leading Lawyers for Consumers and Homeowners

The chair of Lieff Cabraser's Economic Injury Product Defect Practice Group and member of the firm's Executive Committee, Jonathan D. Selbin litigates consumer protection and defective products class action lawsuits against many of the nation's most prominent corporations. This work has led to countless victories and numerous accolades, including a 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the American Association for Justice as well as being named a Finalist for The American Lawyer's 2021 Litigator of the Year. He has argued and obtained favorable appellate opinions in multiple Courts of Appeal, including in the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits. In February 2020, Modern Counsel published "Jonathan Selbin Levels the Playing Field," a profile of Jonathan highlighting his long legacy of fighting for equal rights. In May of 2020, Law360 named Jonathan a "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar," and in September 2020, the New York Law Journal selected him as a "2020 Litigation Trailblazer." Jonathan's work on behalf of consumers has been featured in Forbes (September 2014) as well as the National Law Journal (March 2016).

Jonathan argued and obtained a favorable appellate opinion in the Sixth Circuit in *In re Whirlpool Corp. Front-Loading Washer Products Liab. Litig.*, 678 F.3d 409 (6th Cir. 2012), vacated sub nom., *Whirlpool Corp. v. Glazer*, 133 S. Ct. 1722 (2013), reinstated *Glazer v. Whirlpool Corp.* (*In re Whirlpool Corp. Front-Loading Washer Prods. Liab. Litig.*), 722 F.3d 838 (6th Cir. 2013), cert. den., 2014 U.S. LEXIS 1484 (2014), and obtained a favorable opinion as appellate counsel in the Seventh Circuit in *Butler v. Sears*, 702 F.3d 359 (7th Cir. 2012), vacated, *Sears, Roebuck & Co. v. Butler*, 133 S. Ct. 2768 (2013), reinstated, *Butler v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 727 F.3d 796 (7th Cir. 2013), cert. den. 2014 U.S. LEXIS 1507 (2014). He also argued and obtained favorable appellate rulings in the Fifth Circuit in *McManus v. Fleetwood Enters.*, 320 F.3d 545 (5th Cir. 2003), and in the Ninth Circuit in *Omstead v. Dell, Inc.*, 594 F.3d 1081 (9th Cir. 2010) and in the Eleventh Circuit in *Cordoba v. DIRECTV*, 2019 WL 6044305 (11th Cir. 2019) and *Pedro v. Equifax, Inc.*, 868 F.3d 1275 (11th Cir. 2017).

Jonathan spearheaded a series of groundbreaking class actions under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (“TCPA”) which have transformed the debt collection industry. Leading the Lief Cabraser team, Jonathan developed and implemented the legal strategy responsible for the largest settlements in the history of the TCPA. In 2015, Lief Cabraser and co-counsel achieved final approval for two of the largest settlements in the 25-year history of the TCPA: a \$75,455,098.74 settlement with Capital One and several of its vendors (In re Capital One Telephone Consumer Protection Act Litigation, Master Docket No. 1:12-cv-10064 (N.D. Ill.)), and a \$39,975,000 settlement with HSBC (Wilkins v. HSBC Bank Nev., N.A., Case No. 14-cv-190 (N.D. Ill.)). In 2015 alone, Lief Cabraser’s settlements in TCPA cases collectively resulted in the recovery by consumers across America of over \$130 million. By 2021, that number has risen to over \$380 million. More importantly, Jonathan’s work on these cases has put a stop to millions of harassing calls by debt collectors. The practice changes secured by Jonathan, his team, and their co-counsel have ended harassing debt collection calls to tens of millions of customers and non-customers at many of the nation’s largest financial services providers.

Jonathan currently serves as court-appointed Interim Co-Lead Counsel in the Gress v. Commonwealth Edison rate inflation class action alleging that a corrupt scheme within the Illinois state government caused millions of Illinois residents to pay dramatically inflated rates for electricity. He previously served as court-appointed lead counsel in In re: Navistar Maxxforce Engines Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2590 (N.D. Ill.); In re: Whirlpool Corp. Front-Loading Washer Litig., MDL No. 2001 (N.D. Ohio); court-appointed co-lead counsel in In re: Capital One TCPA Litig., MDL No. 2416 (N.D. Ill.); court-appointed co-lead counsel in In re: Imprelis Herbicide Litig., MDL No. 2281 (E.D. Pa.), which resulted in a nationwide settlement of property damage claims in an amount of almost \$575 million; and as court-appointed co-lead counsel in In re: Mercedes-Benz Tele Aid Contract Litig., MDL No. 1914 (D.N.J), where he obtained certification of a nationwide consumer protection litigation class, and twice successfully defended it in the Third Circuit.

Together, cases in which Jonathan has played a lead role have resulted in court-approved class action settlements with a combined total cash paid out to class members exceeding \$3.4 billion, plus other relief such as extended and enhanced warranties.

He is a 1993 magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, and he clerked for Honorable Marilyn Hall Patel in the Northern District of California from 1993-1995 prior to joining Lief Cabraser.

Jonathan serves on the Board of Directors of Equal Justice Works, which is dedicated to creating opportunities for lawyers to transform their passion for equal justice into a lifelong commitment to public service. In 2017, Jonathan and his family founded the Selbin Voting Rights Fellowship at Equal Justice Works, funding a rolling two-year fellow working to ensure fair access to voting in at-risk communities.

Service In the Community

Jonathan is a founder and member of the Board of Directors of NY Silver Sluggers, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that promotes diverse youth baseball teams in New York City, including children of different races, ethnicities, religions, genders, and socio-economic backgrounds, and provides funding to cover fees and expenses related to participation in baseball programs, teams and leagues for those unable to afford it.

Areas of Practice

Consumer Protection, Defective Products

Education

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts
J.D. (Magna Cum Laude) - 1993

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
B.A. (Summa Cum Laude) - 1989

Bar Admissions

California, 1994
District of Columbia, 2000
New York, 2001
U.S. Supreme Court, 2012
U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit, 2016
U.S. Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit, 2009
U.S. Court of Appeals 5th Circuit, 2002
U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit, 2012
U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit, 2007
U.S. Court of Appeals 10th Circuit, 2014
U.S. District Court Northern District of California, 1997
U.S. District Court Central District of California, 1995
U.S. District Court Northern District of Florida, 2009
U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois, 2010
U.S. District Court Southern District of New York, 2001
U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York, 2008
U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan, 2007
U.S. District Court Eastern District of Wisconsin, 2013

Professional Associations and Memberships

Alliance for Justice, New York Advisory Board
American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
Bar of the District of Columbia
Equal Justice Works, Board of Directors
New York State Bar Association
New York State Trial Lawyers Association
State Bar of California

Published Works

Contributing Author, "Ninth Circuit Reshapes California Consumer-Protection Law," American Bar Association, July 2012

On Class Actions, 2009

Contributing Author, California Class Actions Practice and Procedures (Elizabeth J. Cabraser, editor-in-chief), 2003

"Bashers Beware: The Continuing Constitutionality of Hate Crimes Statutes After R.A.V.," 72 Oregon Law Review 157, Spring 1993

Honors and Awards

Selected for inclusion by peers in The Best Lawyers in America in field of Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs, 2013 - 2021

"Litigator of the Year Finalist," The American Lawyer, Industry Awards, 2020

"Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar," Law360, 2020

"New York Trailblazer," New York Law Journal, 2020

"Super Lawyer for New York Metro," *Super Lawyers*, 2006 - 2019

"Distinguished Service Award," American Association for Justice, 2016

"New York Litigation Star," Benchmark Plaintiff, 2013 - 2015

"Lawdragon Finalist," Lawdragon, 2009