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PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT CASE NO. 8:18-CV-01548

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#### TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

2 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 2, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, 411 West Fourth 3 4 Street, Courtroom 9 D, Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516, Plaintiffs Marcie Le and Karen Dao, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, will and hereby do move 5 this Court for entry of an Order: (1) granting final approval of the February 22, 2021 6 7 Stipulation of Class Action Settlement and Release of Claims (the "Settlement" or 8 "Agreement") and entering judgment pursuant to the terms of the Settlement; (2) fully 9 and finally approving and directing distribution of the Net Settlement Amount pursuant to the terms of the Settlement; (3) fully and finally approving the award of attorneys' 10 fees in the amount of \$2,266,666.67; (4) fully and finally approving the reimbursement 11 of actual litigation costs in the amount of \$254,810.92; (5) fully and finally approving 12 13 Service Awards totaling \$20,000 to named Plaintiffs and Class Representatives Marcie Le and Karen Dao; (6) fully and finally approving Settlement Administration Costs in 14 the amount of \$30,000. 15

This motion is based upon this Notice of Motion and Motion; the Memorandum
of Points and Authorities in Support thereof; the Declarations of Elliot J. Siegel, Daniel
Hutchinson, Marcie Le, Karen Dao, and Bryan Valdez in support thereof; the Agreement; the other records, pleadings, and papers filed in this action; and upon such other
documentary and verbal evidence or argument as may be presented to the Court during
the Final Approval Hearing.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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#### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES **INTRODUCTION**

3 This motion seeks final approval of a wage-and-hour class action settlement between Plaintiffs Marcie Le and Karen Dao and Defendants Walgreen Co., Walgreen 4 5 Pharmacy Services Midwest, LLC, and Walgreens Boots Alliance ("Walgreens") (collectively, the "Parties"). See Dkt. No. 155-3 ("Settlement Agreement"). 6

7 Pursuant to the Court's April 1, 2021 Order Directing Notice (Dkt. No. 159), notice was mailed to all Class Members<sup>1</sup> on May 20, 2021. See July 2, 2021 Declara-8 9 tion of Elliot J. Siegel ("Siegel Decl.") ¶ 31; June 28, 2021 Declaration of Bryan Valdez ("Valdez Decl.") ¶ 6. The reaction of Class Members to the Settlement has been 10 overwhelmingly positive. Of the 4,481 putative Class Members, zero Class Members have objected to the Settlement and only six (6) Class Members have requested exclu-12 sion from the Settlement, representing approximately 0.13% of the Class. Valdez Decl. 13 ¶¶ 9–10. 14

15 This is because the Settlement is a good result for the class: in the face of an order denying certification, Plaintiffs negotiated \$6,800,000 for the Class as a non-16 reversionary, guaranteed fund that will be automatically disbursed to all Class Mem-17 18 bers without the need for making a claim. See Dkt. No. 155 (Mot. to Direct Notice) at 19 4-6; Settlement Agreement § III.N. Given that Walgreens prevailed in their opposition to the Plaintiffs' Motion for Certification before this Court, and Plaintiffs' odds of 20 overturning that result on appeal were slim, this is an excellent result. The alternative 21 for many Class Members would have been a hypothetical, uncertain recovery through 22 scattered individual actions-assuming any Class Members even filed suit. See gen-23 24 erally Dkt. No. 126; Dkt. No. 155 (Mot. to Direct Notice) at 15–16.

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26 <sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise specified, capitalized terms herein refer to and have the same meaning as the terms defined in the Agreement. See Settlement Agreement § I 27 ("Definitions"). 28 1

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Despite an adverse ruling on class certification, following entry of an Order
 granting final approval, Class Members will receive an average individual gross pay ment of \$850.83, with the highest payments equaling \$1,531.23. Siegel Decl. ¶ 29;
 Valdez Decl. ¶ 13.

5 For these reasons, Plaintiffs respectfully request the Court enter an order grant6 ing final approval of the Settlement.

## II. <u>THE PARTIES HAVE GIVEN THE BEST PRACTICABLE NOTICE OF</u> <u>THE SETTLEMENT</u>

9 In approving a class action settlement, "the court must direct to class members the best notice that is practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice 10 11 to all members who can be identified through reasonable effort." Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 23(c)(2)(B); Eisen v. Carlisle & Jacquelin, 417 U.S. 156, 174-75 (1974) (individual 12 notice must be sent to class members who can be identified through reasonable means); 13 Mullane v. Cent. Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 339 U.S. 306, 314 (1950) (best practica-14 ble notice is that which is "reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to ap-15 16 prise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections"). The notice satisfies due process if it contains a description 17 of the litigation and explanation of the right to opt-out of the settlement. Phillips Pe-18 19 troleum Co. v. Shutts, 472 U.S. 797, 811–12 (1985).

The notice procedure approved by the Court was the best notice practicable. 20 Dkt. No. 159, ¶ 11 ("This Notice: provides the best practicable notice . . . ."). Pursuant 21 22 to this Court's April 1, 2021 Order Directing Notice, CPT Group, Inc. ("Administrator") mailed the court-approved notice to all Class Members by first-class mail on May 23 24 20, 2021. See Valdez Decl. ¶ 6 & Ex. A. The deadline to opt out of or object to the Settlement is July 19, 2021. Id. ¶ 8. Class Members were not required to file a claim 25 in order to participate in the settlement; the administration of the Individual Settlement 26 Payments to Class Members is an automatic process. Id. ¶ 13. 27

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A total of 57 notice packets were initially returned as undeliverable to the Ad-1 2 ministrator. Valdez Decl. ¶ 7. The Administrator made reasonable efforts to find a valid mailing addresses for each of these Class Members by using standard skip-tracing 3 procedures. Id. Such efforts resulted in the Administrator locating valid addresses for 4 52 of the 57 undelivered notice packets, and those 52 Class Members had notice pack-5 ets re-mailed to their new addresses. After further diligent efforts to obtain a mailing 6 address, the Administrator was able to locate an address and mail notice to one addi-7 8 tional Class Member. Out of the 4,481 putative Class Members, four notice packets 9 have not yet been delivered. Id.

10 The notice packet was thorough and accurately informed Class Members of their rights. It explained the Settlement; how to object; how to request exclusion; the dead-11 lines for objecting/requesting exclusion; the attorneys' fees sought under the Settle-12 13 ment; the Service Awards sought under the Settlement; and individual Class Members' estimated recovery under the Settlement net of expenses, fees, Service Awards, and 14 15 administration costs, which are all specified in the notice papers. Dkt. No. 159, ¶ 11. The notice packet clearly informed Class Members that those who chose not to opt out 16 would be bound by the Settlement. Id.; see also Valdez Decl. ¶ 15, Ex. A. To date, 17 only six (6) Class Members, representing 0.13% of the Class, have requested exclusion. 18 Valdez Decl. ¶ 9;<sup>2</sup> Siegel Decl. ¶ 35. 19

In addition, Class Counsel provided notice of the Settlement to the Labor &
Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"), as required by PAGA, on February 24,
2021. Siegel Decl. ¶ 59. The LWDA did not object to the Settlement. *Id*.

<sup>25</sup> <sup>2</sup> Mr. Valdez's declaration shows that as of June 28, 2021, five Class Members had opted out of the Settlement. *See* Valdez Decl. ¶ 9. On the morning of July 2, 2021, Class Counsel received an updated report from the Administrator showing one additional opt-out, for a total of six.

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The Court should proceed to consider the fairness and adequacy of the Settle ment and enter an order approving it, secure in the knowledge that Class Members have
 been afforded the right and opportunity to participate fully in the approval process.

## III. THE COURT SHOULD GRANT FINAL APPROVAL OF THE

#### <u>SETTLEMENT</u>

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### A. Legal Standard

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 provides that class actions may only be settled, voluntarily dismissed, or compromised with Court approval. Fed. R. Civ. Proc.
23(e)(1). In evaluating a proposed class action settlement, the Court engages in a twostep analysis:

*First*, the Court must decide whether the Settlement merits preliminary approval
and notice should be provided to Class Members. *Nat'l Rural Telecomms. Coop. v. DirecTV, Inc.*, 221 F.R.D. 523, 525 (C.D. Cal. 2004).

14 Second, after notice is given to Class Members, the Court must determine whether final approval is warranted. Id. A court should approve a class settlement 15 16 under Rule 23(e) if it "is fundamentally fair, adequate and reasonable." Torrisi v. Tuc-17 son Elec. Power Co., 8 F.3d 1370, 1375 (9th Cir. 1993); accord, e.g., In re Mego Fin. Corp. Sec. Litig., 213 F.3d 454, 458 (9th Cir. 2000); Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(2) (court 18 19 should approve settlement "on finding that it is fair, reasonable, and adequate after considering whether: (A) the class representatives and class counsel have adequately 20 represented the class; (B) the proposal was negotiated at arm's length; (C) the relief 21 22 provided for the class is adequate, taking into account: (i) the costs, risks, and delay of trial and appeal; (ii) the effectiveness of any proposed method of distributing relief to 23 24 the class, including the method of processing class-member claims; (iii) the terms of 25 any proposed award of attorney's fees, including timing of payment; and (iv) any agreement required to be identified under Rule 23(e)(3); and (D) the proposal treats 26 class members equitably relative to each other."). 27

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Courts in the Ninth Circuit look to the following eight factors to assess whether 1 2 final approval of a settlement is warranted: "(1) the strength of the plaintiffs' case; (2) 3 the risk, expense, complexity, and likely duration of further litigation; (3) the risk of maintaining class action status throughout the trial; (4) the amount offered in settle-4 ment; (5) the extent of discovery completed and the stage of the proceedings; (6) the 5 6 experience and views of counsel; (7) the presence of a governmental participant; and 7 (8) the reaction of class members to the proposed settlement." Wren v. RGIS Inventory 8 Specialists, No. C-06-05778 JCS, 2011 WL 1230826, at \*6 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 1, 2011); 9 Churchill Village v. Gen. Elec., 361 F.3d 566, 575 (9th Cir. 2004); Hanlon v. Chrysler Corp., 150 F.3d 1011, 1026 (9th Cir. 1998). "Not all of these factors will apply to 10 11 every class action settlement" and "[u]nder certain circumstances, one factor alone may prove determinative in finding sufficient grounds for court approval." Nat'l Rural Tel-12 comms., 221 F.R.D. at 525–26. In addition, Ninth Circuit courts consider the manner 13 14 by which the settlement was reached to ensure that it is not a product of fraud or col-15 lusion. See Rodriguez v. West Publ'g Corp., 563 F.3d 948, 965 (9th Cir. 2009).

In considering these factors, courts recognize a strong judicial policy *favoring*settlements, particularly in the context of complex class litigation. *See, e.g., In re Syn- cor ERISA Litig.*, 516 F.3d 1095, 1101 (9th Cir. 2008). In ruling on final approval, the
Court should not ask whether the settlement is ideal or the best outcome, but "only
whether the settlement is fair, free of collusion, and consistent with Plaintiffs' fiduciary
obligations to the class." *Barnes v. Equinox Grp., Inc.*, No. C 10-3586 LB, 2013 WL
3988804, at \*2 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 2, 2013) (quoting *Hanlon*, 150 F.3d at 1027).

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#### B. <u>Strengths of the Case and Risks of Continued Litigation</u>

The strengths of the case and risks of continued litigation are detailed in the Motion for Preliminary Approval (Dkt. No. 155) and the Motion for Attorneys' Fees filed concurrently herewith. Nonetheless, they are summarized here for reference.

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Plaintiffs brought this action on behalf of the approximately 4,481 retail phar-2 macists who worked for Walgreens in California from July 27, 2014 through March 3 14, 2021. Plaintiffs alleged that Walgreens failed to provide its pharmacists with compliant, off-premises, off-duty meal and rest periods. See generally Dkt. No. 35 (1st 4 5 Am. Compl.). Plaintiffs also alleged certain derivative Labor Code violations arising out of the failure to provide those breaks, such as violations of provisions governing 6 7 recordkeeping and timely payment of wages. Id.

8 Plaintiffs also sought PAGA penalties on behalf of themselves and the Class. 9 Here, Defendants faced discretionary penalties that would have required Plaintiffs to prove that violations were "willful," which would have been challenging and risky. 10

While Plaintiffs believe strongly in their claims and believe that Class Certification is appropriate, the Court did not agree. Specifically, the Court concluded that 12 13 "Plaintiffs' argument that a policy requiring an employee to remain on-premises violates California law is incorrect" and denied certification. See Dkt. No. 126. After the 14 15 Court's ruling, and after denial of reconsideration, Plaintiffs appealed to Ninth Circuit, but were left with an uncertain path forward regarding prevailing on any claims raised 16 in the class complaint. 17

18 While the appeal was pending, the Parties resolved the matter as set forth in the 19 Settlement with the assistance of a well-known neutral, Lynn Frank of Frank & Feder Mediators in Calabasas, California. See, e.g., July 2, 2021 Declaration of Daniel M. 20 Hutchinson ("Hutchinson Decl.") ¶¶ 30–37; Siegel Decl. ¶¶ 22, 25–26. 21

22 The Settlement provides fair and prompt relief to Class Members in lieu of lengthy and expensive continued litigation. Defendants contested liability and suc-23 24 cessfully opposed class certification. But even if Plaintiffs had succeeded in certifying 25 the Class as to all claims, the Parties would have proceeded to trial, with the inherent possibility of a subsequent appeal. An immediate and substantial recovery now, versus 26 a years-long trial and appeal process regarding various potential issues, weighs in favor 27

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of approval. See Nat'l Rural Telecomms., 221 F.R.D. at 526–27 ("Avoiding such a
 trial and the subsequent appeals in this complex case strongly militates in favor of set tlement rather than further protracted and uncertain litigation.").

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#### C. <u>Amount Offered in Settlement</u>

5 The Settlement falls well within the bounds of reasonableness. See Ma v. Covidien Holding, Inc., No. 12-02161, 2014 WL 360196 (C.D. Cal., Jan. 31, 2014) 6 7 (finding a settlement that is 9.1% of the total value of the action is within the range of 8 reasonableness) (citing Linney v. Cellular Alaska P'ship, 151 F.3d 1234, 1242 (9th Cir. 9 1998)). Indeed, a settlement may be fair and reasonable even where it provides only a fraction of what could have been obtained at trial. Linney, 151 F.3d at 1242 (compro-10 mise is essence of settlement); City of Detroit v. Grinnell Corp., 495 F.2d 448, 455 & 11 n.2 (2nd Cir. 1974) ("[T]hat a proposed settlement may only amount to a fraction of 12 13 the potential recovery does not, in and of itself, mean that the proposed settlement is" 14 inadequate and should be disapproved). Here, the Settlement compensates Class Members for a significant portion of their potential damages despite the loss of certification. 15 This is a positive result for the Class. 16

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#### D. Extent of Discovery Completed and Stage of Proceedings

The amount of discovery completed affects approval of a stipulated settlement
because it indicates whether the Parties have had an "adequate opportunity to assess
the pros and cons of settlement and further litigation." *In re Cylink Sec. Litig.*, 274 F.
Supp. 2d 1109, 1112 (N.D. Cal. 2003).

As recounted in more detail in the Motion for Preliminary Approval (*see* Dkt.
No. 155 at 8–10), Plaintiffs' Counsel served numerous discovery requests,<sup>3</sup>

- <sup>26</sup>  $||^{3}$  Plaintiffs propounded six sets of requests for production, two sets of requests for admission, and three sets of interrogatories. Hutchinson Decl. ¶ 7.
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took multiple depositions, reviewed hundreds of thousands of pages of documents,<sup>4</sup>
 and prepared multiple expert reports<sup>5</sup> in advance of the Parties' two mediations.
 Hutchinson Decl. ¶¶ 5–29.

4 Plaintiffs' Counsel analyzed all of the data provided by Walgreens and retained 5 the services of multiple experts, who conducted numerous data analyses, including but not limited to: the number of missed meal periods based on time punch data; the num-6 7 ber of rest periods to which putative Class Members were entitled; and the maximum 8 and realistic exposure for each claim alleged in the First Amended Complaint. Siegel 9 Decl. ¶ 23. Plaintiffs' Counsel's efforts, including discovery-based motion practice, ensured that Walgreen's production was fulsome and allowed Plaintiffs' Counsel to 10 11 develop a sound understanding of the merits of the claims, their value, and the viability of the defenses asserted by Walgreens. Id. ¶¶ 22–24. 12

Moreover, the pleadings in this matter were relatively finalized. Plaintiffs'
Counsel filed a motion for certification, which this Court ruled on as of April 27, 2020.
Following denial of certification, only Plaintiff Le's individual claims—which are not
being compromised as part of this Settlement—and the PAGA claims remained live.
Plaintiffs filed an appeal, but the appeal had not been fully briefed before the Parties
negotiated the Settlement.

Plaintiffs' Counsel was able to reliably assess the merits of the respective Parties' positions and to compromise the issues on a fair and equitable basis. Plaintiffs'
Counsel believes that the Settlement set forth below confers substantial benefits upon
the members of the Class. Based on their own independent investigation and evaluation, Plaintiffs' Counsel has determined that the settlement terms and conditions set

<sup>25</sup>
 <sup>4</sup> On a rolling basis, Walgreens produced more than 300,000 pages of documents and responded to 25 interrogatories propounded by Plaintiffs. Hutchinson Decl. ¶ 11.

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<sup>27</sup> <sup>5</sup> Plaintiffs' counsel engaged four testifying experts at a cost of \$133,948.25. Hutchinson Decl. ¶ 28.

forth below are in the best interests of Plaintiffs and the Class. Dkt. No. 155-1, ¶ 31.

# E. <u>Counsel Believes the Settlement Is in the Best Interest of the Settle-</u> <u>ment Class</u>

Plaintiffs' Counsel's views and experience also weigh in favor of approving the Settlement. *See Isby v. Bayh*, 75 F.3d 1191, 1200 (7th Cir. 1996) (noting that a district court is "entitled to give consideration to the opinion of competent counsel that the settlement [is] fair, reasonable, and adequate"); *Ellis v. Naval Air Rework Facility*, 87 F.R.D. 15, 18 (N.D. Cal. 1980) ("[T]he fact that experienced counsel involved in the case approved the settlement after hard-fought negotiations is entitled to considerable weight.") *aff'd*, 661 F.2d 939 (9th Cir. 1981).

Plaintiffs' Counsel has a significant history of litigating complex cases, includ-11 ing class actions, and has represented classes at settlement, class certification, and trial 12 13 for numerous class actions. Siegel Decl. ¶¶ 4–15; Hutchinson Decl. ¶¶ 57–72. Plaintiffs' Counsel conducted a vigorous investigation of the claims and defenses in this 14 action, including interviewing class members, reviewing policy documents, serving 15 and responding to dozens of discovery requests, taking and defending multiple depo-16 17 sitions (including several 30(b)(6) and expert depositions), reviewing hundreds of thousands of pages of documents, and preparing multiple expert reports in order to 18 fully understand and analyze the expected value of the Class' claims. Siegel Decl. 19 ¶¶ 12–17. This analysis led Plaintiffs' Counsel to develop a thoughtful and informed 20 opinion that the Settlement amount and the terms of the Settlement are fair, adequate, 21 22 and reasonable. Id. ¶ 19.

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#### F. <u>There Are No Objectors and Few Opt-Outs</u>

The Court may appropriately infer that the class action settlement is fair, adequate and reasonable when, among other reasons, few class members object to it. *Class Plaintiffs v. City of Seattle*, 955 F.2d 1268, 1291 (9th Cir. 1992); *see also Hanlon*, 150

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1 F.3d at 1027 ("[T]he fact that the overwhelming majority of the class willingly ap2 proved the offer and stayed in the class presents at least some objective positive com3 mentary as to its fairness.").

Here, the reaction of Class Members to the Settlement has been one of overwhelming approval. Only six (6) Class Members have requested exclusion (representing 0.13% of the Class), and there are zero objections to the Settlement to date. Valdez
Decl. ¶¶ 9–10; Siegel Decl. ¶ 36. *See Bolton v. U.S. Nursing Corp.*, No. C 12-4466
LB, 2013 WL 5700403, at \*2, \*4 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 18, 2013) (approving settlement
where no objections filed and one of 2,765 class members requested exclusion from
settlement).

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## IV. <u>THE REQUESTED FEES, EXPENSES, AND SERVICE AWARDS ARE</u> <u>REASONABLE</u>

As explained in Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Service Awards filed concurrently herewith, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel respectfully request that the Court approve Class Counsel's application for attorneys' fees in the amount of \$2,266,666.67 (1/3 of the Gross Settlement Amount), reimbursement of actual litigation costs of \$254,810.92 (below the \$300,000 allotted by the Settlement), Administrator's costs of \$30,000, and Service Awards totaling \$20,000.

These awards and reimbursements are all warranted in light of the work performed on behalf of the Class, particularly given the Class Members' overwhelming
approval of the Settlement. *Id*.

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## CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court enter an order granting final approval to the Settlement, approving distribution of the Settlement funds to Class Members pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, approving Plaintiffs' request for service awards, approving Plaintiffs' request for an award of

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attorneys' fees and litigation costs pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, and entering
 final judgment as to all members of the Class in this action.

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		PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL
		OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT CASE NO. 8:18-CV-01548

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	17	7 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
	18	Marcie Le and Karen Dao,	Case No. 8:18-cv-01548-DOC (ADSx)	
	19 20	individually and on behalf of all other similarly situated,	<sup>'S</sup> Hon. David O. Carter Special Master Hon. Jay C. Gandhi (Ret.)	
	21	Plaintiffs, v.	DECLARATION OF ELLIOT .	
	22	Walgreen Co., an Illinois corporation	SIEGEL IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTIONS FOR	
	23	Walgreen Pharmacy Services Midwest, LLC, an Illinois limited	ATTORNEYS' FEES AND FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT	
	24	liability company; and <b>Walgreens</b> <b>Boots Alliance</b> , a Delaware		
	25	corporation,	Date: August 2, 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m.	
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#### **DECLARATION OF ELLIOT** . SIEGEL

I, Elliot J. Siegel, declare as follows:

1. I am a founding and managing shareholder in the firm of King & Siegel LLP, attorney of record ("Class Counsel" or "Plaintiffs' Counsel") for Plaintiffs Marcie Le and Karen Dao ("Plaintiffs" or "Class Representatives") and the proposed Settlement Class (the "Class") in the above-captioned matter. I have been one of the lawyers primarily responsible for the prosecution of Plaintiffs' claims on behalf of the proposed Class.

9 2. I am admitted to practice before this Court and am a member in good
10 standing of the bar of the State of California; the United States District Court for the
11 Central, Northern, and Eastern Districts of California; and the U.S. Court of Appeals
12 for the Ninth Circuit.

3. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for
Final Approval of Class Action Settlement. I have personal knowledge of the facts set
forth in this declaration and if called upon to testify, could and would testify
competently thereto.

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#### **Class Counsel's Academic and Professional Background**

In 2007, I received a B.A. from University of California, Los Angeles, 4. 18 in 2007, while graduating summa cum laude. In 2012, I received a J.D. from New 19 York University School of Law in New York, New York and graduated with cum 20 laude honors. I became a member of the Bar of the State of California in June 2012. 21 I first practiced with the firm of uinn Emanuel Urquhart and Sullivan, an AmLaw 22 100 firm, for approximately three years. My practice covered a wide range of matters 23 running from high-value commercial litigation, to white-collar defense, to patent 24 matters (including the Apple v. Samsung litigation), to class actions (including a wage 25 26 and hour class action against Barnes & Noble). Some representative complex civil litigation matters include United States ex rel. Bilotta v. Novartis Pharm. Corp., No. 27

11-civ-0071 (PGG) (S.D.N.Y. 2011) (False Claims Act case relating to alleged 1 2 kickbacks); In re Countrywide Financial Corporation Mortgage-Backed Securities Litig., Case Nos. 2:11-ml-02265-MRP and 2:11-cv-10549-MRP (C.D. Cal. 2011) 3 4 (fraud and securities case alleging false representations regarding RMBS); In re RFC and RESCAP Liquidating Trust Litig., No. 13-3451 (D. Minn. 2013) (breach of 5 contract case involving RMBS); Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc. v. Cannery 6 7 Casino Resorts LLC, No. 1:14-cv-08571 (S.D.N.Y. 2014) (breach of contract case 8 involving \$465 million casino purchase); Apple Inc. v. Samsung Elecs. Co., Ltd., No. 11-civ-1846 (N.D. Cal. 2011) (multi-billion-dollar patent case involving smart 9 phones); and HCT Group Holdings, Ltd., et al. v. Nicholas Gardner, et al., No. 10 BC645615 (Los Angeles Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2017) (fraud and breach of fiduciary duty 11 case against former executive). 12

During my employment at uinn Emanuel and Elkins Kalt, I played a 13 5. significant role on the employment law and class action matters I was staffed on and 14 received an array of experience, including drafting demurrers and motions to dismiss, 15 drafting and responding to discovery, drafting and opposing discovery-related 16 motions, arguing discovery-related motions, interviewing and deposing class 17 members and obtaining declarations in connection with class certification motions, 18 drafting mediation briefs, and opposing a writ of prejudgment attachment against a 19 highly compensated employee by a former employer. I also supervised the work of 20 more junior attorneys. 21

6. Throughout my career, I have gained significant experience regarding
the obligations and burdens of representing a class. This knowledge has allowed me
and my firm, King & Siegel LLP, to successfully represent employees in class actions.
Our practice is devoted to representing employees in individual and class action
litigation in California State and federal courts, as well as in arbitration hearings.
Though our firm was only founded in 2018, we have been appointed class counsel in

multiple wage and hour class actions, including *Martinez v. Arvato Digital Servs.*, 1 2 LLC, No. CIVDS1823989 (San Bernardino Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2018) (final approval uintero v. Miller Milling Company, LLC, No. 2:19-cv-3 granted March 2, 2020); 4 07459 DMG (JCx) (C.D. Cal. 2019) (final approval granted July 31, 2020); Ayala, et al. v. Four Seasons Heating & Cooling, Inc., et al., No. 56-2019-00529287-CU-OE-5 VTA (Ventura Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2018) (final approval granted on September 3, 2020); 6 7 Martin, et al., v. Break the Floor Productions (San Diego Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2019) (final approval granted October 23, 2020); Talkington v. Sanrose Home Health, Case No. 8 RIC1902475 (Riverside Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2019) (final approval granted December 7, 9 2020); Shaquille Oliver, et al., v. The J. Paul Getty Trust, Case No. 19STCV40123 10 (Los Angeles Ctny. Sup. Ct. 2019) (final approval granted October 22, 2020); 11 Lachman, et al. v. Berlitz Languages, Inc., et al., Case No. 19STCV01533 (Los 12 Angeles Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2019) (final approval granted April 1, 2021); Ramirez v. Mid-13 West Fabricating Co., No. 30-2019-01102221-CU-OE-CXC (Orange Ctny. Sup. Ct. 14 15 2019) (final approval granted June 4, 2021).

7. We are also currently prosecuting claims on behalf of numerous putative 16 class members in multiple pending class actions, including: Torres v. D T Carson, 17 Case No. RIC1821431 (Riverside Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2018) (wage and hour case relating 18 to failure to authorize and permit off-duty, off-premises rest periods); Cohen v. Living 19 Spaces Furniture LLC, Case No. 30-2020-01140662-CU-OE-CXC (Orange Cnty. 20 21 Sup. Ct. 2020) (wage and hour relating to failure to provide suitable seating and compliant rest periods); Leon v. Matrix Environmental Inc., Case No. 21STCV01416 22 (Los Angeles Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2021) (wage and hour case relating to unpaid wages and 23 failure to authorize and permit off-duty, off-premises rest periods); Romero v. 24 , Inc, Case No. 56-2020-00546674 (Ventura Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2020) Retrofitting 25 26 (wage and hour case relating to failure to authorize and permit off-duty, off-premises rest periods); Awwad, et al. v. Splitsville, Case No. 30-2018-01026248-CU-OE-CXC 27

(Orange Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2019) (wage and hour case relating to failure to authorize and
 permit off-duty rest periods); *Ale andra v. olo Federal Credit Union*, Case No. CV 2021-1000 (Yolo Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2021) (wage and hour case relating to failure to
 authorize and permit off-duty rest periods and pay all wages).

8. In addition to myself, the attorneys at my law firm who seek to be
appointed Class Counsel also have significant experience in employment litigation,
wage and hour class actions, and other complex litigation.

8 9. My partner, Julian Burns, is a 2012 *cum laude* graduate of Harvard Law School, where she was an editor and a member of the submissions committee of the 9 Harvard Journal of Law & Gender and an editor of the Harvard International Law 10 Journal. After graduating from law school, she spent five years as an Associate at 11 Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison, LLP (2012 to 2013); 12 uinn Emanuel Urguhart & Sullivan LLP (2013 to 2015); and Bird Marella Boxer Wolpert Nessim 13 Drooks Lincenberg & Rhow, PC (2015 to 2017), before starting her own practice at 14 King & Siegel LLP. 15

10. At her prior firms, Ms. King worked on a variety of class actions on both 16 the plaintiff and defense side, including Precht v. ia Motors America, Inc., No. 8:14-17 cv-01148-DOC-MAN (C.D. Cal. 2014) (consumer class action alleging violations of 18 CLRA relating to allegedly defective brake switches); In re Hyundai Fuel Economy 19 Litig., No. 2:13-ml-02424-GW-FFM (C.D. Cal. 2013) (consumer class action alleging 20 violations of CLRA and other consumer protection laws relating to allegedly 21 misleading fuel economy advertising); In re Polyurethane Foam Antitrust Litig., No. 22 1:10-md-02196 (N.D. Oh. 2010) (antitrust class action alleging horizontal price-23 fixing in violation of the Sherman Act); Mendoza v. Hyundai Motor Company, Ltd., 24 No. 5:15-cv-01685-BLF (N.D. Cal. 2015) (consumer class action alleging violations 25 26 of CLRA and other consumer protection laws relating to alleged engine defects in certain models of Hyundai vehicles); and Brady, et al. v. Air Line Pilots Association, 27

No. 02-2917 (JEI) (D.N.J. 2002) (labor law class action alleging breach of duty of fair
 representation).

3 11. Ms. King has also worked on complex, high-stakes civil and criminal 4 matters including In re Countrywide Financial Corporation Mortgage-Backed 5 Securities Litig., Case Nos. 2:11-ml-02265-MRP and 2:11-cv-10549-MRP (C.D. Cal. 2011) (fraud and securities case alleging false representations regarding residential 6 7 mortgage-backed securities ("RMBS")); Asian Am. Entertainment Corp., Ltd. v. Las Vegas Sands Corp., et. al., No. 2:14-cv-01124-RFB-GWF (D. Nev. 2014) 8 (intellectual property case involving failed joint venture to develop a casino in 9 Macao); Westlake Services LLC v. Credit Acceptance Corporation, No. 2:15-cv-10 07490 (C.D. Cal. 2015) (antitrust case alleging anticompetitive conduct in market for 11 certain used vehicles); People v. Plains All American Pipeline LP, No. 1495091 12 (Santa Barbara Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2016) (criminal case arising from 2015 Refugio oil 13 spill ; United States v. Agility Pub. Warehousing Co. KSC, No. 1:05-CV-2968-TWT 14 15 (N.D. Ga. 2005) (False Claims Act case involving contracts for provisions to troops in the Middle East); and Dadey, et al. v. City of Costa Mesa, No. 30-2016-00832585-16 CU-WM-CJC (Orange Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2016) (civil rights case on behalf of low-income 17 long-term residents of extended-stay motel in Costa Mesa). 18

19 12. During her employment at Paul, Weiss, uinn Emanuel, and Bird Marella, she played a significant role on the employment law and class action matters 20she was staffed on and received an array of experience, including drafting demurrers 21 and motions to dismiss, removing actions from state court to federal court, drafting 22 and responding to discovery, drafting and opposing discovery-related motions, 23 arguing discovery-related motions, interviewing and deposing settlement class 24 members and obtaining declarations in connection with class certification and 25 26 decertification motions, drafting and opposing motions for class certification, conducting exposure analysis to determine the strength of the claims and the 27

likelihood of prevailing on class certification or the merits, drafting mediation briefs,
 deposing plaintiffs, defendants, and lay witnesses, and defending depositions of
 corporate witnesses. She also supervised the work of more junior attorneys.

13. Ms. King and I have been named "Rising Stars" by *Super Lawyers* magazine in each year from 2018 to the present. This is an honor awarded to no more than two and a half percent of attorneys under the age of 40 in California.

7 14. Our former associate Paula Tobler, who worked on this case 8 interviewing Class Members to obtain declarations for settlement and the motion for 9 certification, graduated from Brigham Young University School of Law in 1990, and also obtained a Master of Science in Clinical Psychology from Fielding Graduate 10 University. She previously worked for four years as Deputy County Counsel for the 11 County of San Bernardino and has worked in private practice since 2017 focusing on 12 employment law and disability rights law. She currently is employed as a Supervising 13 Attorney at Disability Rights California, a non-profit dedicated to advancing the rights 14 of Californian's with disabilities. 15

15. I have no knowledge of the existence of any conflicting interests between 16 my firm and any of its attorneys, on the one hand, and Plaintiff or any other Class 17 Member, on the other. Other than the Settlement Agreement, no agreements were 18 made in connection with any settlement proposal in this case. There are no "side 19 agreements" between Plaintiff, Class Counsel, and/or any party affiliated with 20 Defendant. Neither Plaintiff nor Class Counsel will receive any payments relating to 21 this case, other than those approved by this Court as part of this Settlement. There are 22 no referral fees owed by Class Counsel to any other law firm or vice-versa. 23

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#### II. <u>Procedural History of This Case</u>

16. On July 27, 2018, Marcie Le filed this action in the Superior Court of
California, Orange County. Defendants answered the Complaint and removed the
case to this Court on August 30, 2018. On April 9, 2019, Plaintiffs filed their First

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Amended Complaint ("FAC"). The FAC added Karen Dao as an additional plaintiff 1 2 and asserted six claims on behalf of the putative class for violations of various provisions of the California Labor Code; the California Private Attorney Generals Act 3 4 ("PAGA"), Labor Code § 2698 et seq.; and California's Unfair Competition Law ("UCL"), Business & Professions Code § 17200 et seq. Plaintiffs alleged their class 5 claims individually and on behalf of all current and former hourly, non-exempt 6 7 pharmacy interns, pharmacy intern graduates, pharmacists, staff pharmacists, multi-8 location pharmacists (both assigned and unassigned), and/or pharmacy managers who worked for Walgreens in California at any time from July 27, 2014 through the 9 present. The FAC also asserted three claims against Walgreens on behalf of plaintiff 10 Marcie Le. Walgreens answered the FAC on April 23, 2019. 11

On February 13, 2020, after extensive written and oral discovery, 12 17. Plaintiffs moved for certification of a class comprised of "all persons who are and/or 13 were employed as non-exempt pharmacists by Walgreens in any Walgreens' 14 15 California retail store or express pharmacy between July 27, 2014 and the date of trial." On March 12, 2020, Walgreens opposed the motion. Walgreens argued, inter 16 alia, that Plaintiffs' claims were not typical of the putative class given their positions 17 and other circumstances of their employment; Plaintiffs' interpretation of California 18 law governing rest breaks was incorrect; and individual pharmacies' practices and 19 individual pharmacists' interpretations of Walgreens' policies predominated over 20 21 common issues.

18. On April 27, 2020, the Court denied Plaintiffs' motion for class
certification. In so doing, the Court held that Plaintiffs satisfied Rule 23's numerosity,
typicality, adequacy, and commonality requirements. With respect to predominance,
however, the Court concluded that common issues did not predominate because
although Walgreens' policies applied class-wide, Plaintiffs had not adduced sufficient
evidence showing that the policies themselves—as opposed to, for example,

individual pharmacies' applications of those policies-caused pharmacists to miss 1 rest breaks in violation of California law. 2

19. Plaintiffs moved for reconsideration on May 11, 2020. The Court denied 3 the motion on June 5, 2020. 4

5 20. On June 22, 2020, Plaintiffs filed a Petition for Permission to Appeal pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(f). The Ninth Circuit granted the 6 Petition on July 22, 2020. On October 26, 2020, Plaintiffs filed their opening brief on appeal, as well as nine volumes of excerpts of record.

21. However, before Walgreens' brief in opposition was due, on December 9 14, 2020 the parties reached a class settlement pursuant to a mediator's proposal. 10

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#### A. **Prior Mediation History**

The Parties scheduled a mediation with mediator Lynn Frank, a well-22. 12 known wage-and-hour class action mediator, to take place on November 19, 2019. 13 The Parties engaged in both informal and formal discovery in advance of-and 14 subsequent to-the mediation. Such information included an anonymized class list 15 stating each Class Member's rate of pay, classification, and start and end dates of 16 employment, and over 300,000 pages of documents, including, payroll, timecard, 17 employment, and medical records for Plaintiffs; company policies; training materials; 18 internal investigation files; pharmacy locations; payrate spreadsheets; business 19 planning and strategy documents; case filings from related litigation; Storewalk 20 Summaries; job descriptions; competency and performance goals documents; reports 21 on missed meal premiums; employee complaint hotline reports; custodial e-mails 22 regarding meal and rest breaks, pharmacist job duties, and performance guidelines; 23 meeting agendas; and others. Plaintiffs also took nine depositions, five of which were 24 Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(6) depositions. 25

26 23. Counsel reviewed the information provided by Defendants in advance of mediation. Counsel further retained the services of numerous experts. Two of these 27

experts, Dr. Jon Krosnick and Dr. David Breshears, submitted expert reports in
 support of Plaintiffs' motion for class certification. A third expert, Jarret Gorlick,
 analyzed the vast amount of time and pay rate data provided by Defendants to
 determine, among other things, the number of rest periods to which putative class
 members were entitled and the maximum and realistic exposure for each class claim
 alleged in the Complaint for use at mediation.

7 24. Defendants' production in response to Plaintiffs' Counsel's served
8 discovery was fulsome and allowed Plaintiffs' Counsel to develop a sound
9 understanding of the merits of the claims; their value; and the viability of the defenses
10 asserted by Defendants.

11 25. The mediation took place on November 19, 2019; the negotiations were
12 non-collusive, conducted at arm's-length, and went on well into the night. The parties
13 did not resolve the matter but continued to litigate the action. On August 17, 2020,
14 the parties attended a second day-long mediation session with Ms. Frank, but failed
15 to resolve the action at that mediation and Plaintiffs continued to litigate the action.

16 26. Ms. Frank, however, remained engaged with the parties and, after 17 numerous subsequent communications with both parties regarding potential 18 settlement, submitted a final mediator's proposal—over 13 months after the parties' 19 first in-person mediation—based on the parties' respective risks on appeal. On 20 December 14, 2020, the parties accepted the mediator's proposal and agreed to the 21 settlement which is now before the Court.

22 27. February 22, 2021, the Parties fully executed the Settlement Agreement
23 before the Court for approval.

24 28. The comprehensive discussions between counsel at the mediation, the
25 comprehensive and expansive discovery conducted in this matter, and the briefing
26 submitted in support of and in opposition to Plaintiffs' motion for certification have
27 been adequate to give Plaintiffs' Counsel a sound understanding of the merits of their

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position and to evaluate the worth of the claims of the Class. Plaintiffs' Counsel was able to reliably assess the merits of the respective Parties' positions and to compromise the issues on a fair and equitable basis. Plaintiffs' Counsel believes that the Settlement set forth below confers substantial benefits upon the members of the Class. Based on their own independent investigation and evaluation, Plaintiffs' Counsel has determined that the settlement terms and conditions set forth below are in the best interests of Plaintiff and the members of the Settlement Class.

8 29. With a monetary component of \$6,800,000, the Settlement confers substantial benefits upon the 4,481 Class Members, with a per-Class Member average 9 net settlement value of approximately \$3,808,333.33, with an estimated average 10 11 payment of \$850.83. Based on thorough examination and investigation of the facts and law relating to Plaintiffs' claims on behalf of the Settlement Class, including the 12 voluminous discovery exchanged and multiple depositions taken, as well as the 13 rulings made by this Court, Plaintiffs' Counsel believe the Settlement is in the best 14 15 interest of the Class. Our investigation informed us about the strengths and weaknesses of Plaintiffs' claims, as well as Defendants' defenses, and allowed us to 16 conduct an informed, fair, and objective evaluation of the value and risks of continued 17 litigation. 18

30. The Court previously granted preliminary approval of the Settlement
Agreement on April 1, 2021 (the "Preliminary Approval Order"). Attached herein as
Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Preliminary Approval Order.

31. After preliminary approval was granted, CPT Group, Inc. ("CPT
Group") received data files from defense counsel, which contained the full names,
last known mailing addresses, workweeks, and dates of employment for the 4,481
Class Members. CPT then mailed the approved notice packets on May 20, 2021. The
deadline to opt out of or object to the settlement was 35 days thereafter, on July 19,
2021. Class Members were not required to file a claim in order to participate in the

settlement; the administration of the settlement payments to Class Members is an
 automatic process.

32. 3 The notice packet was thorough and accurately informed Class Members 4 of their rights. It explained the Settlement; how to object; how to request exclusion; 5 the deadlines for objecting/requesting exclusion; the attorneys' fees to be paid under the Settlement; the service awards to be sought under the Settlement; and individual 6 Class Members' estimated recovery under the Settlement net of expenses, fees, 7 service awards, and costs, which are all specified in the notice papers. It clearly 8 informed Class Members that those who chose not to opt out would be bound by the 9 Settlement. Only 6 Class Members, representing 0.13% of the Class have requested 10 exclusion. 11

#### III. Analysis of the Settlement

33. The Settlement confers substantial benefits upon Class Members, with a
per-Class Member average settlement value of \$850.83. *See generally* Valdez Decl.,
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34. Based on thorough examination and investigation of the facts and law
relating to Plaintiff's claims on behalf of the Settlement Class, I believe the Settlement
is in the best interest of the Class. Our investigation informed us about the strengths
and weaknesses of Plaintiff's claims, as well as Defendant's defenses, and allowed us
to conduct an informed, fair, and objective evaluation of the value and risks of
continued litigation.

35. The reaction of Class Members to the Settlement has been
overwhelmingly positive: *zero* Class Members have objected to the Settlement thus
far, and only 6 Class Members, or approximately 0.13% of the Class, has requested
exclusion.

36. If the Court finally approves this Settlement, Defendant will pay a nonreversionary, Maximum Settlement Amount ("MSA") of \$<u>6,800,000.00</u>, that will be

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automatically disbursed, without the need for making a claim, to all participating
 Class Members after payment of all approved costs.

3 37. The Net Settlement Amount ("NSA") is the balance of the Maximum
4 Settlement Amount after the following amounts are deducted:

Maximum Settlement Amount:	,	,
Minus Court-approved attorneys' fees:	,	,
Minus Court-approved litigation costs (approx.)		,
Minus Court-approved incentive payments:		,
Minus PAGA allocation to LWDA:		,
Minus approved settlement administration costs:		,
Net Settlement Amount	.,	,

12 38. Any amounts requested for attorneys' fees, litigation costs, incentive 13 payment, and settlement administration costs that are not approved by the Court will 14 revert to the NSA and be distributed to participating Class Members. All settlement 15 checks will be negotiable for one-hundred and eighty (180) calendar days from issuance. Settlement Agmt., ¶ N(1)(d). All uncashed checks will escheat to the 16 17 Controller of the State of California to be held pursuant to the Unclaimed Property 18 Law, California Civil Code § 1500, et seq., for the benefit of those Settlement Class 19 members who did not cash their checks until such time that they claim their property. 20 Id.

#### 21 IV. <u>The Settlement is Fair, Ade uate, and Reasonable</u>

39. With the help of Plaintiffs' experts, and using class size, rate of pay, and
workweek data produced by Walgreens, Class Counsel calculated Defendant's
maximum potential exposure, assuming (1) Plaintiff fully prevailed on class
certification and the merits as to all claims involving violation of meal and rest breaks
and (2) the Court fully awarded all possible penalties—an unrealistic assumption
addressed in greater depth below, at approximately \$223 million.

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The Court's subsequent rulings on certification, however, doomed that 40. 1 analysis. Specifically, the Court concluded that "Plaintiffs' argument that a policy 2 requiring an employee to remain on-premises violates California law is incorrect." 3 Dkt. No. 126 (emphasis added). As such, Plaintiffs could only recover for rest and 4 5 meal break periods where Walgreens actually constrained or pressured employees to forgo their breaks entirely. While Plaintiffs' survey expert, Dr. Krosnick, did not 6 7 complete a survey analyzing the percentage of eligible rest periods that met these criteria, it is certainly far, far less than 100%. Therefore, Walgreens' payment of 8 \$6,800,000 to the class represents a significant share of the present value of the case 9 given the litigation posture. 10

41. In contrast, the Settlement ensures that Class Members obtain a recovery that is "certain and immediate, eliminating the risk that class members would be left without any recovery . . . at all." *Graves v. United Indus. Corp.*, No. 17-CV-06983, 2020 WL 953210, at \*7 (C.D. Cal. Feb. 24, 2020). As such, the instant Settlement, which provides for a MSA of \$<u>6,800,000</u>, and which is a certain recovery to be paid without additional delay, is an excellent result for the Class and well within the zone of reasonableness.

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#### V. <u>The Attorneys' Fees Re</u> uests is Reasonable

19 42. Plaintiffs also request that the Court finally approve an award of reasonable attorneys' fees equal to 1/3 of the MSA, or \$2,266,666.64. This award is 20 reasonable considering the experience Class Counsel has in employment actions, the 21 legal expertise required to litigate this case and negotiate this Settlement, and the 22 significant amount of actual lodestar time that Class Counsel has dedicated to this 23 case. The attorneys' fees sought are comparable to attorneys' fee awards granted in 24 similar cases and represent the fair market value of services rendered by Class 25 Counsel on behalf of the Class to date. 26

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Since undertaking representation of Plaintiff, my firm and my co-43. 1 counsel's firm have borne all the costs of litigation without receiving any 2 compensation to date. During this time, my firm has reasonably expended \$8,827.80 3 in costs reasonably incurred in connection with this litigation. My firm expended these 4 fees with no guarantee that they would ever be reimbursed and have carried these 5 costs for the entirety of the litigation. Appendix provides an explanation of these 6 costs by category, which includes but is not limited to: filing fees, mailing fees, 7 8 deposition reporter costs, service fees, mediation costs, and hearing attendance costs. 9 True and correct copies of invoices for these costs are attached as Exhibit B.

44. In my experience litigating wage and hour class action matters similar to
this one, fee awards generally average around one-third of the gross recovery. My
experience in matters similar to this one was integral in evaluating the strengths and
weaknesses of this case and the reasonableness of the Settlement. Practice in the field
of wage and hour litigation requires skill and knowledge concerning the rapidly
evolving fields of substantive state and federal law, as well as the procedural law of
class action litigation.

45. My law firm maintained contemporaneous records of all its hours
worked on this case by billing our attorneys' time in increments of one-tenth (1/10)
of an hour into an electronic timekeeping system. I access the timekeeping system
regularly to assess the number of attorney and legal assistant hours worked for each
case that my law firm handles. I relied on these timekeeping records for this case to
prepare this declaration.

46. The below chart presents a general summary showing the number of
hours of the Firm performed in this case:

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1	Name	Rate	Hours	Pre-Multiplier
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3	Elliot J. Siegel	\$550 / hr	290.3	\$159,665.00
4	Julian Burns King	\$550 / hr	355.1	\$195,305.00
5	Paula Tobler	\$450 / hr	74.5	\$33,525.00
6	Marisol Contreras	\$175 / hr	9	\$1,575.00
7	Alice Jung	\$175 / hr	16.4	\$2,870.00
8	Total Lodestar		•	,

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9 47. My firm's efforts in this case have included, but are not limited to: 10 conducting pre-filing investigation, interviewing Plaintiffs, reviewing Plaintiffs' 11 personnel file, analyzing Plaintiffs' claims and Walgreens' potential defenses to the 12 same, conducting legal research, preparing the class action Complaint and PAGA 13 Notices, meeting and conferring with Walgreens' counsel regarding formal discovery, 14 preparing and serving formal discovery requests, reviewing over 300,000 pages of 15 responsive documents, responding to Walgreens' requests for production and 16 interrogatories, defending Plaintiffs' depositions and preparing for same, sending 17 numerous meet and confer letters regarding discovery disputes, conducting and/or 18 participating in meet and confer conferences regarding the same, filing motions and 19 attending hearings regarding same, taking offensive depositions of a number of 20 30(b)(6) and fact witnesses, reviewing hundreds of thousands of pages of documents 21 produced by Walgreens, performing substantial data analyses of Class Member data 22 and itemized wage statements for Plaintiffs and the Class, telephone conferences and 23 email exchanges with experts regarding damages, preparing expert reports, drafting, 24 reviewing, and revising the Motion for Certification and Motion for Reconsideration 25 of the Court's Order re Certification, drafting and filing an appeal as to the Order re 26

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Certification,<sup>1</sup> preparing two settlement briefs, attending mediation, drafting,
 negotiating, and revising the Settlement Agreement and notice packet, preparing for
 and appearing at hearings (both as to discovery and substantive issues), preparing and
 filing the Motions for to Direct Notice and for Final Approval, monitoring the notice
 and settlement administration process, attempting to locate all Class Members, and
 otherwise litigating the case.

#### 48. These hours can be generally categorized as follows:

#### a. Case investigation and pleadings:

My firm spent approximately 106.1 hours on the initial case investigation and initiation, including drafting, revising, and filing the Complaint and First Amended Complaint, investigating the Class' claims, conducting research regarding the adequacy of the claims, interviewing Plaintiffs regarding the factual allegations behind the Class' claims, and drafting and filing the PAGA Notices.

#### b. Discovery and Discovery-based Motion Practice:

My firm spent approximately 273.7 hours preparing and serving formal discovery requests, responding to Defendants' discovery requests, defending Named Plaintiffs' deposition and preparing for same, preparing for and taking the depositions of Defendants' 30(b)(6), fact, and expert witnesses, reviewing the approximately

22 <sup>1</sup> With regard to Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification, the parties submitted 109 pages of briefing, 52 pages of attorney declarations, and 158 exhibits (comprising 23 5,187 pages). After the Court's initial denial of that motion, Plaintiffs continued to 24 zealously advocate for the class by filing a motion for reconsideration, on which the parties submitted 93 pages of briefing, 48 pages of attorney declarations, and 150 25 exhibits (comprising 2,423 pages). Plaintiffs then petitioned for a discretionary appeal 26 before the Ninth Circuit. After that petition was granted, Plaintiffs filed a 66-page opening merits brief and more than 1,700 pages of excerpts of record. This matter was 27 settled only after Plaintiffs' appellate filings. 28 16

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300,000 pages of Defendants' production and voluminous written discovery responses, participating in meet and confer efforts with opposing counsel and co-counsel, preparing motion practice to compel further responses and production, and appearing before the Discovery Referee for hearings on those motions to compel.

#### c. Expert Discovery:

My firm spent approximately 12.2 hours reviewing and revising four separate expert reports as part of the motion for certification, reviewing Defendants' production of expert discovery, including reviewing Defendants' expert's report, as well as repeated telephone conferences and e-mail exchanges with our expert regarding calculation of damages and liability issues.

d. Non-Discovery Motion Practice, Including Certification:

My firm spent approximately 154.2 hours preparing, researching, reviewing, and revising Plaintiffs' motion for leave to amend, motion for certification, motion for reconsideration (and all supporting documents and papers, such as declarations, and reply briefing for these motions), and various incidental motions, including motions to seal and to modify the briefing and/or case management schedule. My firm also spent a portion of this time interviewing class members and obtaining their declarations for use in the motion for certification.

#### e. <u>Appeal</u>:

My firm spent approximately 12.6 hours preparing, researching, reviewing, and revising Plaintiffs' appeal before the Ninth Circuit.

#### f. Mediations and Settlement:

My firm spent approximately 128.3 hours preparing two separate mediation briefs, reviewing the Party's damages expert's

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calculations, participating in telephonic conferences with the expert and co-counsel, reviewing and performing substantial data analyses of the formal discovery, attending two all-day mediations, negotiating, drafting, and revising the Memorandum of Understanding followed by the Settlement Agreement and draft Notice Packet, and incidentally related work necessary to settle this Action, including corresponding with opposing counsel.

#### g. Motions for Approval and Settlement Administration:

My firm has spent or will have spent approximately 58.2 hours drafting and revising the Motion to Direct Notice (including supporting documents and declarations), preparing for a hearing on the Motion to Direct Notice, communicating with the Settlement Administrator regarding the notice and settlement administration process, communicating with Class Members regarding questions about the notice and settlement process; communicating with the Class Administrator and Defense Counsel regarding the Class Member data, reviewing calculations regarding Class settlement distribution, and drafting and revising the Motion for Final Approval (including supporting documents and declarations).

49. These hours do not include an estimated 10–20 additional hours to be
spent preparing for and attending the hearing for final approval, as well as time for
oversight of post-approval settlement administration, including distribution of funds,
filing a final status report, and attending the final compliance hearing.

50. The Firm's proposed hourly rates, ranging from \$450 to \$550 for attorney time, are reasonable in light of our respective skills, wage and hour class action experience, reputation, and fee awards to other attorneys of similar experience in Southern California, which can range anywhere from \$250 per hour to over \$1,000

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per hour. Our hourly rate is in line with the Laffey Matrix, a true and correct copy of 1 which is attached hereto as Exhibit C and the 2015 National Law Journal Survey of 2 3 Billing Rates in California, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D; see also Pazandeh v. amaha Corp. of Am., No. 16-cv-01849, 2018 WL 4 1406706, at \*1 (C.D. Cal. Feb. 12, 2018) ("Thus, the Court finds that the rates of \$595 5 to \$455 per hour for partner work, \$325 per hour for associate work, and \$235 to \$200 6 7 per hour for paralegal work are reasonable."); In re High- Tech Employee Antitrust Litig., 2015 WL 5158730, at \*9 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 2, 2015) (finding reasonable "billing 8 rates for partners [that] range from about \$490 to \$975 ... billing rates for non-partner 9 attorneys, including senior counsel, counsel, senior associates, associates, and staff 10 11 attorneys, [that] range from about \$310 to \$800, with most under \$500 ... [and] billing rates for paralegals, law clerks, and litigation support staff [that] range from about 12 \$190 to \$430, with most in the \$300 range."). 13

14 51. Moreover, the Firm's rates have been approved in granting approval to
15 our proposed fee awards in *Lachman, et al. v. Berlitz Languages, Inc., et al.*, Case No.
16 19STCV01533 (Los Angeles Cnty. Sup. Ct. 2019) (final approval granted April 1,
17 2021); *Ramirez v. Mid-West Fabricating Co.*, No. 30-2019-01102221-CU-OE-CXC
18 (Orange Ctny. Sup. Ct. 2019) (final approval granted June 4, 2021).

19 52. The reasonableness of our rates is also supported by fee awards granted in other class actions, including wage and hour class actions, in this and other 2021 California district courts. See, e.g., Martin v. FedEx Ground Package System, Inc., 2008 WL 5478576, at \*8 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 31, 2008) (federal district court approved 22 attorneys' fees of 1/3 of common fund); Stuart v. RadioShack Corp., No. C-07-4499 23 EMC, 2010 WL 3155645 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 9, 2010) (approving fee award of 1/3 of the 24 total maximum settlement and noting that the fee award of 1/3 of the total settlement 25 was "well within the range of percentages which courts have upheld as reasonable in 26 other class action lawsuits"); Wilson v. iewit Pacific Co., No. 09-cv-03630, ECF No. 27

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119 (N.D. Cal. 2012) (approving fee award of 1/3 of the common fund and noting that 1 2 such award is fair, reasonable and appropriate); Romero v. Producers Dairy Foods, Inc., No. 1:05cv0484 DLB, 2007 WL 3492841, at \*4 (E.D. Cal. Nov. 14, 2007) 3 (awarding fees of 1/3 of common fund in a wage and hour class action, noting: "[f]ee 4 awards in class actions average around one-third of the recovery."); Singer v. Becton 5 Dickinson & Co., 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 53416 at \*22–23 (S.D. Cal. June 1, 2010) 6 7 (awarding 33 1/3% in wage and hour class action); Ingalls v. Hallmark Retail, Inc., 8 CV08-04342, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 131078 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 16, 2009) (33.33% fee in \$5.6 million wage and hour class action); Birch v. Office Depot, Inc., 2007 U.S. 9 Dist. LEXIS 102747 (S.D. Cal. Sept. 28, 2007) (40% fee in \$16 million wage and 10 hour class action); Rippee v. Boston Mkt. Corp., Case No. 05cv1359, 2006 U.S. Dist. 11 LEXIS 101136 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 10, 2006) (40% fee in \$3.75 million wage and hour 12 class action); Smith v. CRST Van Expedited, Inc., 2013 U.S. Dist. Lexis 6049 \*14 13 (S.D. Cal. Jan. 14, 2013) (33.33% fee in \$2,625,000 wage and hour class action); 14 15 Barbosa v. Cargill Meat Sols. Corp., 297 F.R.D. 431, 449 (E.D. Cal. 2013).

16 53. The amount of time spent on this matter was also reasonable and 17 necessary to diligently represent the class and to thoroughly evaluate the total 18 potential value of the case, the litigation risks (at class certification and on the merits), 19 and the desirability and terms of any proposed settlement. There was very little, if 20 any, duplication of effort, and we efficiently divide work to ensure our clients are 21 vigorously represented and that tasks are allocated to the attorneys and staff best 22 suited for them.

54. Given the considerable potential for adverse outcomes in this case,
including the Court's Order denying class certification, the contingent risk taken on
by Class Counsel was substantial. In addition to the legal and procedural challenges
this lawsuit presented, there were numerous other practical challenges. There was a
real risk that I and my firm would not be compensated for our work because we

handled this matter on a purely contingent basis. Thus, Plaintiffs were not responsible 1 2 for paying our attorneys' fees and we could only recover attorneys' fees if Plaintiffs were successful. By the time I attend the final approval hearing in this matter, we will 3 have litigated this case for over three years without payment, all the while bearing the 4 risk of non-payment if Plaintiffs were unsuccessful. Moreover, as discussed above, 5 my law firm has advanced thousands in litigation costs on a contingency basis, which 6 7 also carried risk because my law firm would not recoup these costs in the event that Plaintiffs did not prevail in this lawsuit. 8

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## VI. <u>The Class Representative Incentive Award is Fair and Appropriate</u>

55. Named Plaintiffs request payment of an Incentive Awards from the nonreversionary Maximum Settlement Amount to themselves as Class Representative in
addition to whatever payment they are otherwise entitled to receive as a Class
Member. The proposed Incentive Award is reasonable compensation given the time
and effort that Named Plaintiffs devoted to this case; the valuable assistance they
provided to Class Counsel; and the fact that they entered into releases of claims that
are broader than the release of the Class.

Named Plaintiffs have been actively involved in this litigation and have 56. 17 provided dozens of hours of invaluable support to Class Counsel's prosecution of this 18 case, including providing factual background for the Class Complaint and allegations, 19 participating in phone calls with Class Counsel to discuss litigation and settlement 20 21 strategy, reviewing relevant documents, including formal discovery provided by Defendant, sitting for deposition, including travel and preparation, preparing for and 22 participating in mediation, reviewing the Settlement documents, and preparing 23 declarations in support of the Motions for Preliminary Approval and Final Approval. 24 The requested Incentive Payment to Named Plaintiffs fall within the 57. 25 26 range of incentive payments typically awarded to Class Representatives in similar class actions. See e.g. Bond v. Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., No. 1:09-cv-1662 OWW 27

MJS, 2011 WL 2648879 (E.D. Cal. June 30, 2011) (approving \$11,250 service award 1 2 to each of the two class representatives in a trucker meal break class action; Ross v. US Bank National Association, No. C 07-02951 SI, 2010 WL 3833922, at \*2 (N.D. 3 Cal. Sept. 29, 2010) (approving \$20,000 enhancement award to Class Representative 4 5 in California wage-and-hour class action settlement); Vasquez v. Coast Valley Roofing, Inc., 266 F.R.D. 482, 493 (E.D. Cal. 2010) (approving service awards in the 6 7 amount of \$10,000 each from a \$300,000 settlement fund in a wage/hour class action); 8 West v. Circle Stores, Inc., NO. CIV. S-04-0438 WBS GGH, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 76558, at \*28 (E.D. Cal. Oct. 19, 2006) ("the court finds plaintiffs" 9 enhancement payments of \$ 15,000 each to be reasonable."); Glass v. UBS Fin. Servs., 10 11 No. C-06-4068 MMC, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 8476, at \*52 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 26, 2007) (finding "requested payment of \$ 25,000 to each of the named plaintiffs is 12 appropriate" in wage and hour settlement); Louie v. aiser Found. Health Plan, Inc., 13 CASE NO. 08cv0795 IEG RBB, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 78314, at \*18 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 14 6, 2008) (approving "\$25,000 incentive award for each Class Representative" in wage 15 an hour settlement); Garner v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., No. CV 08 1365 CW 16 (EMC), 2010 WL 1687832, at \*17 n.8 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 22, 2010) ("Numerous courts 17 in the Ninth Circuit and elsewhere have approved incentive awards of \$20,000 or 18 more where, as here, the class representative has demonstrated a strong commitment 19 to the class"). 20

#### 21 VII. Notice of Settlement of PAGA Claim

58. On or about February 24, 2021, I provided notice of the proposed
Settlement in this case to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA").
The LWDA did not object to the Settlement.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. 

Executed on July 2, 2021, in Los Angeles, California.

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	1			<u>Appendix</u>	
	2	DATE	<b>EXPENSE</b>	DESCRIPTION	Amount
	3	6/1/2018	Mailing	Certified mailing for Plaintiff's	
	4	7/20/2010		records.	\$6.50
	-	7/30/2018	Filing Costs	Filing fee re complaint.	\$1,435.0
	5	7/30/2018	Filing Costs	Filing fee re PAGA notice.	\$75.00
	6	7/31/2018	Service of Process	Service of Complaint on Walgreens Boots	\$318.75
	7	7/31/2018	Service of	Service of Complaint on Walgreen Co.	\$139.85
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1	1	8/31/2018	Filing	Filing of Proofs of Service	\$27.25
1	2	10/1/2018	Mailing	First class mail re discovery.	\$18.50
		11/17/2018	Mailing	First class mail re discovery.	\$8.00
1	3	12/4/2018	Hearing Costs	Transport to/from status conference.	\$40.80
1	4	12/4/2018	Hearing Costs	Status conference per diem	\$12.45
1	5	12/19/2018	Research Costs	Pacer fees re related cases.	\$9.70
1		12/19/2018	Research Costs	Download complaint from LASC.	\$11.42
1		10/29/2019	Deposition Costs	Parking at Le and Dao depositions.	\$22.00
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1	9	10/27/2019	Deposition Costs	Parking at prep for depositions of name plaintiffs.	\$14.00
2		10/29/2019	Deposition Costs	Dao deposition (client meeting)	\$16.70
2 2		11/8/2019	Mediation	JBK Flight for Mediation (11/18/2019-11/19/2019)	\$215.92
		11/12/2019	Research Costs	Purchase data set of Walgreens stores.	\$50.00
2	3	11/12/2019	Mediation	EJS flight ticket for Mediation	\$475.96
2	4	11/13/2019	Mediation	Ground transport for EJS for	\$45.50
2	5			mediation	
2	6	11/19/2019	Mediation	Ground transport for JBK for mediation	\$47.17
2	7	11/19/2019	Mediation	Counsel meeting post-mediation.	\$23.74

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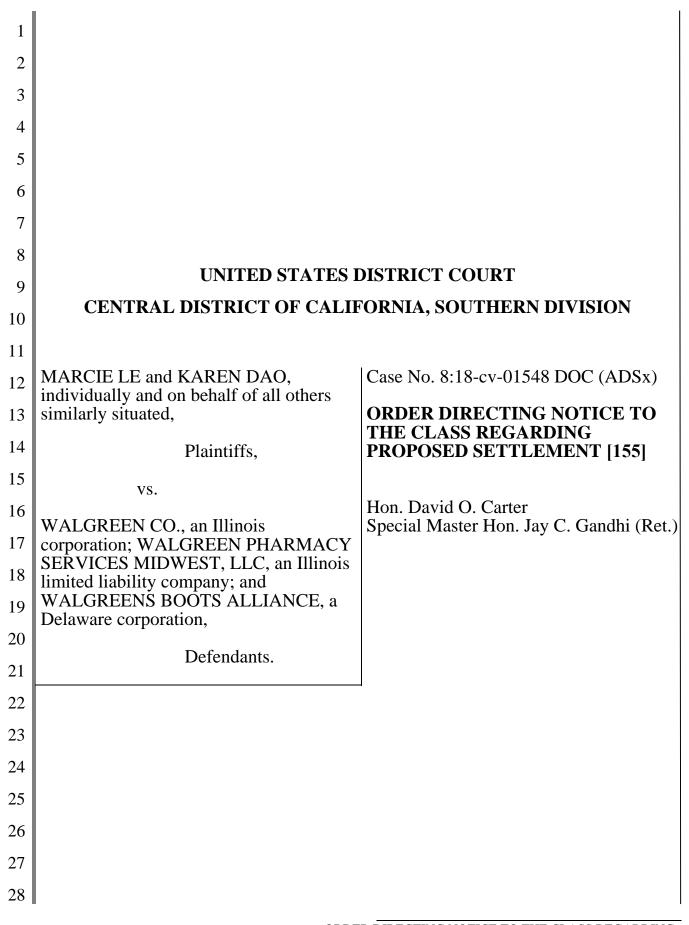
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1	11/19/2019	Mediation	Ground transport for EJS post mediation	\$54.83
2	12/5/2019	Mediation	Ground transport for JBK post mediation	\$51.03
3	12/4/2019	Deposition Costs	Printing costs for Depo Exhibits	\$178.80
5	12/5/2019	Deposition	Ground transport Deposition	\$61.38
6	12/17/2019	Costs Deposition	Ground transport deposition.	\$58.33
7 8	12/17/2019	Costs Deposition	Copies of deposition exhibits.	\$75.12
8 9	4/6/2020	Costs Deposition	Tiffany Huynh Depo Transcript	\$1,559.80
10	8/3/2020	Costs Misc.	(12/20/2019) King Admission to 9th Circuit Bar	\$230.00
11	8/4/2020	Misc.	Siegel Admission to 9th Circuit Bar	\$230.00
12	8/13/2020	Mediation	Overnight Mailing re Mediation Brief and Supporting Exhibit Set	\$89.85
13	5/12/2021	Deposition Costs	Depo Transcript of Hrach Garanian	\$1,445.85
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# Exhibit A



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Plaintiffs Marcie Le and Karen Dao ("Plaintiffs") moved this Court for an 1 2 Order under Rule 23(e)(1) regarding the Stipulation of Class Action Settlement and Release of Claims ("Settlement Agreement") between Plaintiffs and Defendants 3 Walgreen Co.; Walgreen Pharmacy Services Midwest, LLC; and Walgreens Boots 4 Alliance, Inc. ("Defendants") (together with Plaintiffs, the "Parties"), setting a 5 hearing on the final approval of the settlement and certification of a settlement class, 6 and directing notice to the class (the "Motion"). Upon considering the Motion, the 7 Parties' Settlement Agreement and all exhibits thereto (collectively, the "Settlement 8 Agreement" or "Settlement"), the materials previously submitted in this case, the 9 10 arguments of counsel, and other materials relevant to this matter, it is hereby **ORDERED** that: 11

12 1. This Court has both subject matter jurisdiction and personal jurisdiction
 13 as to this action and all Parties before it.

14 2. The parties have shown that the Court will likely be able to approve the
15 Settlement Agreement under Rule 23(e)(2). Specifically, the parties have made a
16 showing that:

- a. The class representatives and counsel have vigorously represented the interests of the proposed Settlement class;
- b. The Settlement arose out of arm's-length, informed, and noncollusive negotiations between counsel for Plaintiffs and Defendants, who convened multiple times to discuss settlement under the supervision of a mediator;

c. The relief provided for the proposed Settlement class is fair, adequate, and reasonable, considering: (i) the costs, risks and delay of appeal and further proceedings in the trial court; (ii) the effectiveness and straightforwardness of the proposed Settlement distribution process, which does not require proposed Settlement

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class members to affirmatively make claims; (iii) the reasonableness of the anticipated request for an award of attorneys' fees; and (iv) the absence of any agreement required to be identified under Rule 23(e)(3).

3. The terms of the Settlement Agreement are sufficiently fair, reasonable,
and adequate to allow dissemination of the Notice to the Class Members.<sup>1</sup> This
determination is not a final finding that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable,
and adequate, but instead is a determination that there is good cause to submit the
proposed Settlement Agreement to Class Members and to hold a hearing concerning
final approval of the proposed Settlement, and ultimately approve the Settlement.

4. The Court has reviewed the monetary recovery that is being granted in
 connection with the Settlement, recognizes its significant value to the Class, and
 finds that the Settlement treats proposed Settlement class members equitably relative
 to each other.

5. 15 The Court is likely to certify the proposed Settlement class for purposes of judgment on the proposed Settlement. Plaintiffs have made a sufficient showing, 16 under the provisions of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as 17 18 applicable in the context of settlement classes, to establish reasonable cause, 19 following Notice to Class Members, to hold a hearing to determine if a Class should be certified for settlement purposes only, consisting of persons who meet the 2021 following criteria: "All persons who are and/or were employed by Defendants in California at any time during the Class Period as hourly, non-exempt pharmacy 22 23 interns, pharmacy intern graduates, pharmacists, staff pharmacists, multi-location pharmacists (both assigned and unassigned), and/or pharmacy managers (classified 24 25

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PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

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To the extent capitalized terms are not defined in this Order, they shall have the meaning set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

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1	under job code	RXH; RXMHC; RXHSF; RXHCA; RXHLS; PHI5; PHIG; PHI3;
2	PHI6; PHI4; S	PHI4; or SPHI5) and who do not submit a timely and valid Request
3	for Exclusion,	as provided in the Settlement Agreement.
4	6. Tł	ne parties have made a showing that:
5	a.	The proposed Settlement class is sufficiently numerous, as there are
6		thousands of class members, making joinder of all members
7		impracticable.
8	b.	There are questions of law and fact common to the proposed
9		Settlement class.
10	с.	The claims of Plaintiffs Dao and Le are typical of the claims of the
11		proposed Settlement class.
12	d.	Plaintiffs Dao and Le will fairly and adequately protect the interests
13		of the proposed Settlement class, and Plaintiffs Dao and Le have no
14		interests in conflict with those of the proposed Settlement class.
15		Moreover, Plaintiffs Dao and Le have retained counsel experienced
16		in employment class action litigation who have, and will continue
17		to, vigorously represent the proposed Settlement class.
18	e.	Common questions of law and fact predominate over any questions
19		affecting only individual members.
20	f.	Resolving these claims through a class settlement is superior to
21		other available methods for a fair and efficient adjudication.
22	7. If,	for any reason, the proposed Settlement is not approved, any order
23	certifying a Cla	ass for settlement purposes shall be vacated nunc pro tunc and the
24	litigation shall	proceed as though the Class had never been certified.
25	8. Th	ne Court hereby designates named Plaintiffs Marcie Le and Karen
26	Dao as the Clas	ss Representatives.
27	9. Tł	ne Court hereby appoints the following attorneys as counsel for the
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Class: Elliot Siegel and Julian Burns King of King & Siegel LLP and Daniel
 Hutchinson and Lin Chan of Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP
 (collectively, "Class Counsel"). For purposes of these settlement proceedings, the
 Court finds that Class Counsel have extensive class action experience and are
 capable of serving as Class Counsel.

10. The Settlement Agreement is for settlement purposes only. Neither the 6 7 fact of, any provision contained in, nor any action taken under the Settlement Agreement shall be construed as an admission of the validity of any claim or any 8 factual allegation that was or could have been made by Plaintiffs and Class 9 10 Members in the Action, or of any wrongdoing, fault, violation of law, or liability of any kind on the part of Defendants or the Released Persons. The Settlement 11 Agreement shall not be offered or be admissible in evidence by or against 12 13 Defendants or the Released Persons or cited or referred to in any other action or proceeding, except one: (1) brought by or against the Parties to enforce or otherwise 14 15 implement the terms of the Settlement Agreement; (2) involving Plaintiffs or any Settlement Class Member to support a defense of res judicata, collateral estoppel, 16 release, or other theory of claim preclusion, issue preclusion, or similar defense; or 17 18 (3) involving an attempt to enforce a stay of other litigation pursuant to the terms set 19 forth in the Settlement Agreement and the Court's Order preliminarily approving the 20Settlement Agreement.

11. The Notice and provisions for disseminating notice substantially as
described in and attached to the Settlement Agreement are hereby approved. The
Court approves the Notice attached as Exhibit 1 to the Settlement Agreement. This
Notice: (a) provides the best practicable notice; (b) is reasonably calculated, under
the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of the pendency of the Action, the
terms of the proposed Settlement, and of their right to appear, object to, or exclude
themselves from the proposed Settlement; (c) are reasonable and constitute due,

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ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE TO THE CLASS REGARDING PROPOSED SETTLEMENT adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice; and (d) fully
 comply with federal law, the United States Constitution, and all other applicable
 laws.

4 12. CPT Group, Inc. (herein referred to as "Settlement Administrator"),
5 selected pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, shall be responsible for
6 providing notice of the proposed Settlement to the Class Members in accordance
7 with the provisions of the Settlement Agreement.

8 13. Defendants shall provide the Settlement Administrator with the Class
9 Data within twenty-five (25) business days of the entry of this Order. The Class
10 Data, its contents, and any files containing Class Data shall remain strictly
11 confidential for the Settlement Administrator, not to be disclosed to Plaintiffs, Class
12 Counsel, any Class Member, or their attorneys.

14. The Settlement Administrator shall mail the Notice Packet to the
identified Class Members per the Notice Program within fourteen (14) calendar days
of its receipt of the Class Data from Defendants. On the same date, the Claims
Administrator will make an informational settlement website available to the public,
which website will include a copy of this Order, the Notice, the Settlement
Agreement, and other important documents as set forth in the Notice.

19 15. Anyone who wishes to be excluded from the Class must submit a written request for exclusion (as described in the Notice and Settlement Agreement) 2021 by sending it to the Settlement Administrator, by First-Class U.S. mail to the address provided in the Notice or by fax. Requests for exclusion must contain all 22 information described in the Settlement Agreement. The envelope containing the 23 Request for Exclusion must be postmarked, or the fax must be fax stamped, on or 24 25before 60 days from date that the Settlement Administrator mails the Notice Packets. The Court shall rule on the validity of exclusions at the Final Approval 26Hearing. 27

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1 16. Anyone who falls within the Class definition and does not submit a
 2 Request for Exclusion in complete accordance with the deadlines and other
 3 specifications set forth in this Order and the Settlement Agreement shall remain a
 4 Settlement Class Member and shall be bound by all proceedings, orders, and
 5 judgments of this Court pertaining to the Settlement Class.

6 17. Any Class Member who wishes to object to the proposed Settlement
7 must serve a Notice of Objection on the Settlement Administrator in compliance
8 with the deadlines and other specifications set forth in this Order and the Settlement
9 Agreement. The envelope containing the Notice of Objection must be postmarked,
10 or the fax must be fax stamped, on or before 60 days from date that the Settlement
11 Administrator mails the Notice Packets. The Court shall rule on objections at the
12 Final Approval Hearing.

13 18. Any Class Member who does not submit a timely Objection to the
14 Settlement in complete accordance with this Order and the applicable provisions of
15 the Settlement Agreement shall not be permitted to object to the Settlement.

19. No less than fifteen (15) days after the Response Deadline, the Claims 16 Administrator will provide to the Parties a declaration attesting that Class Notice 17 was disseminated in a manner consistent with the terms of the Settlement 18 Agreement and setting forth: (a) the number of Notice Packets mailed and re-mailed 19 20to Class Members; (b) the number of undeliverable Notice Packets; (c) the number 21 of timely Requests for Exclusion; (d) the number of timely objections received; (e) the amount of the average Individual Settlement Payment, as well as the highest and 22 lowest Individual Settlement Payment; (f) the Settlement Administration Costs; and 23 (g) any other information as the Parties mutually agree or the Court orders the 24 25Settlement Administrator to provide.

26 20. The Claims Administrator shall also have the obligations otherwise27 enumerated in the Settlement Agreement.

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21. At least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the date set for the Final 1 Approval Hearing, Plaintiffs shall file a motion for judgment and final approval of 2 the Settlement and a motion for payment of attorneys' fees, reimbursement of 3 litigation costs and expenses, and class representative enhancements. The briefing 4 shall include the Parties' responses to any Objections. Such briefing shall be served 5 on any other attorneys who have entered an appearance in this proceeding, and on 6 any member of the Settlement Class to whose Objection to the Settlement the 7 briefing responds. 8

9 22. The Court finds that Defendants have provided notice to the
10 appropriate state and federal officials pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act (<u>28</u>
11 U.S.C. § 1715).

23. On AUGUST 2, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., the Court will hold the Final 12 Approval Hearing, which shall be held either via telephone or videoconference 13 pursuant to the Order of the Chief Judge 21-002 and the United States District Court 14 for the Central District of California's Continuity of Operations Plan ("COOP"), if 15 still in effect, or in the United States District Court for the Central District of 16 California, 411 West Fourth Street, Courtroom 9 D, Santa Ana, CA, 92701-4516. 17 The Final Approval Hearing may be continued or rescheduled by the Court with 18 notice to Class Counsel and counsel for Defendants and to any objecting Settlement 19 Class Member. At the Final Approval Hearing, or as soon thereafter as practicable, 20 the Court will determine whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and 21 adequate and should be approved by the Court. At the Final Approval Hearing, the 22 Court will also consider the amount of attorneys' fees and expenses that should be 23 awarded to Class Counsel and the amount to be awarded to Plaintiffs as Class 24 Representative Enhancements. 25

26 24. Pending further orders by this Court, all proceedings in this case shall
27 be stayed, except for proceedings pursuant to this Order. A stay is warranted

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because it will conserve the parties' and various courts' resources, minimize
interference with this Court's ability to rule on the proposed Settlement, and
preserve the Settlement for a short period of time while Class Members receive
notice and evaluate their options. A standstill of litigation will be efficient,
promotes the public policy favoring settlement, and aids resolution of claims on a
statewide basis, which is in the public interest.

7 25. All members of the Class under the jurisdiction of this Court are
8 enjoined from commencing and thereafter prosecuting any action, suit, proceeding,
9 claim, or cause of action, in any jurisdiction or court against Defendants or the
10 Released Parties relating to or arising out of the subject matter of this Action until a
11 further Order of this Court following the Final Approval Hearing.

26. The Court expressly reserves its right to change the date of the Final
Approval Hearing or any further adjournment thereof, and to approve the Settlement
Agreement, including any modifications thereto which are acceptable to the Parties,
without further notice to Class Members. Any new date shall be posted on the
settlement website. The Parties shall be permitted to make any non-substantive
corrections or changes to the Notice to the Class and other Settlement documents
without seeking further approval of the Court.

19 27. Class Counsel and Counsel for Defendants are authorized to establish20 other means necessary to effectuate the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

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23 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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25 Dated: <u>April 1</u>, 2021
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THE HONORABLE DAVID O. CARTER UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

8 ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE TO THE CLASS REGARDING PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

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# Exhibit B

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**COUNTY OF ORANGE** 

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA** 

#### Superior Court of California, County of Orange

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### CREDIT CARD (...2094)

\$40.80

Sale

Oct 19, 2019 Transaction date Lyft

Oct 20, 2019 Posted date

Description LYFT \*RIDE FRI 5PM Also known as Lyft Merchant type Taxicabs and limousines Method Online, mail or phone Card number (...2367) Category Travel

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## CREDIT CARD (...2094)

\$22.00 <sub>Sale</sub>

Oct 28, 2019 Transaction date LAZ PARKING IRVINE, CA 92612

Oct 30, 2019 Posted date

Description LAZ PARKING 640498 Also known as LAZ PARKING Merchant type Parking lots and garages Method In person Card number (...2367) Category Travel

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### CREDIT CARD (...2094)

\$22.00 Sale

Oct 29, 2019 Transaction date

Oct 31, 2019 Posted date LAZ PARKING IRVINE, CA 92612

Description LAZ PARKING 640498 Also known as LAZ PARKING Merchant type Parking lots and garages Method In person Card number (...2367) Category Travel

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#### CREDIT CARD (...2094)

\$16.70 Sale

Oct 29, 2019 Transaction date

Oct 31, 2019 Posted date LEMONADE IRVINE IRVINE, CA 92612

Description	LEMONADE IRVINE
Also known as	LEMONADE IRVINE
Merchant type	Restaurants
Method	In person
Card number	(2367)
Category	Food & drink

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From: <u>Southwest Airlines</u>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 6:02 PM
To: <u>esiegel1@ucla.edu</u>
Subject: Elliot J Siegel's 08/13 San Francisco trip (PZMJIW): Your reservationis confirmed.

Here's your itinerary and other important travel information. <u>View our mobile site | View in browser</u>

Manage Flight | Flight Status | My Account

#### Hello friends,

We're looking forward to flying together! It can't come soon enough. Below you'll find your itinerary, important travel information, and trip receipt. See you onboard soon!

AUGUST 13 - AUGUST 14

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Los Angeles to San Francisco

Confirmation # <b>PZM</b>	JIW	Confirmation date: 07/10/2019
PASSENGER	Elliot J Siegel	
RAPID REWARDS #	127693440	
TICKET #	5262496686681	
EXPIRATION <sup>1</sup>	July 10, 2020	
EST. POINTS EARNED	444	
PASSENGER	Julian Burns King	
RAPID REWARDS #	Join or Log in	
TICKET #	5262496686680	
EXPIRATION <sup>1</sup>	July 10, 2020	
EST. POINTS EARNED	444	

Rapid Rewards® points are only estimations.

# Your itinerary

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	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	
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Flight 2: V	Vednesday, 08/14/2019	Est. Travel Time: 1h 30m	Wanna Get Away®
	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	
FLIGHT <b># 1132</b>	SFO 08:25PM San Francisco	LAX 09:5	<b>5</b> РМ

## Payment information

Total cost	Payment	
Air - PZMJIW Base Fare	\$ 147.64	Amer Express ending in 1009 Date: July 10, 2019
U.S. Transportation Tax	\$ 11.08	Barran the sumt \$107.00
U.S. 9/11 Security Fee	\$ 22.40	Payment Amount: \$107.96
U.S. Flight Segment Tax	\$ 16.80	Amer Express ending in 1009

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U.S. Passenger Facility Chg	\$ 18.00	Date: July 10, 2019
Total	\$ 215.92	Payment Amount: \$107.96

Fare Rules: If you decide to make a change to your current itinerary it may result in a fare increase. In the case you're left with travel funds from this confirmation number, you're in luck! We're happy to let you use them towards a future flight for the individual named on the ticket, as long as the new travel is completed by the expiration date.

Your ticket numbers: 5262496686681, 5262496686680

## Prepare for takeoff

24 hours before your departure:

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### CREDIT CARD (...2094)

\$50.00 <sub>Sale</sub>

Nov 12, 2019 Transaction date SCRAPEHERO DIGITAL DOW

Nov 13, 2019 Posted date

DescriptionSCRAPEHERO DIGITAL DOWAlso known asSCRAPEHERO DIGITAL DOWMerchant typeComputer programming and design servicesMethodOnline, mail or phoneCard number(...2367)CategoryProfessional services

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From: Southwest Airlines
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 3:57 PM
To: esiegel1@ucla.edu
Subject: Elliot J Siegel's 11/18 San Francisco trip (SDKDDQ): Your reservation is confirmed.

Here's your itinerary and other important travel information. View our mobile site | View in browser

Manage Flight | Flight Status | My Account

#### Hi Elliot J,

We're looking forward to flying together! It can't come soon enough. Below you'll find your itinerary, important travel information, and trip receipt. See you onboard soon!

**NOVEMBER 18 - NOVEMBER 19** 



Burbank to San Francisco

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#### Confirmation # SDKDDQ

PASSENGER	Elliot J Siegel
RAPID REWARDS #	127693440
TICKET #	5262139527455
EXPIRATION <sup>1</sup>	November 8, 2020
EST. POINTS EARNED	4,162

Rapid Rewards® points are only estimations.

Confirmation date: 11/08/2019

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Your itinerary							
Flight 1:	Monday, 11/18/20	19	Est. Trave	l Time: <b>1h 15m</b> Anytime			
	DEPARTS			ARRIVES			
FLIGHT <b># 2062</b>	BUR 08:45	PM	?	SFO 10:00PM San Francisco			
Flight 2:	Tuesday, 11/19/20	)19	Est. Trave	el Time: <b>1h 10m</b> <u>Anytime</u>			
	DEPARTS			ARRIVES			
FLIGHT <b># 1932</b>	SFO 08:45 San Francisco	РМ	?	BUR 09:55PM Burbank			
Payme	nt informat	ioi	n				
Total cost				Payment			
Air - SDKI	DDQ	\$		Visa ending in 2094 Date: November 8, 2019			
	Base Fare U.S. Transportation Tax		416.14 31.22				
	U.S. Transportation Tax \$ U.S. 9/11 Security Fee \$		11.20	Payment Amount: \$475.96			
-	Segment Tax	\$ \$	8.40 9.00				
U.S. Passenger Facility Chg			475.96				

Fare Rules: If you decide to make a change to your current itinerary it may result in a fare increase. In the case you're left with travel funds from this confirmation number, you're in luck! We're happy to let you use them towards a future flight for the individual named on the ticket, as long as the new travel is completed by the expiration date.

Your ticket number: 5262139527455

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## CREDIT CARD (...2094)

\$45.50 <sub>Sale</sub>

Nov 19, 2019 Transaction date Nov 20, 2019 Posted date Uber (800) 592-8996

Description UBER \*TRIP Also known as Uber Merchant type Taxicabs and limousines Method Online, mail or phone Card number (...2094) Category Travel

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## CREDIT CARD (...2094)

\$47.17

Sale

Nov 20, 2019 Transaction date Nov 21, 2019 Posted date

Uber (800) 592-8996

Description UBER \*TRIP Also known as Uber Merchant type Taxicabs and limousines Method Online, mail or phone Card number (...2094) Category Travel

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#### CREDIT CARD (...2094)

\$54.83 <sub>Sale</sub>

Nov 20, 2019 Transaction date Nov 21, 2019 Posted date Uber (800) 592-8996

Description UBER \*TRIP Also known as Uber Merchant type Taxicabs and limousines Method Online, mail or phone Card number (...2094) Category Travel

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From: <b>Uber Receipts</b> < <u>uber.us@uber.com</u> > Date: Thu, Dec 5, 2019, 8:31 AM Subject: [Business] Your Thursday morning trip with Uber	
To: < <u>elliot.siegel@gmail.com</u> >	
× · · ·	Total: \$51.03 Thu, Dec 05, 2019
Thanks for riding,	, Elliot
We're glad to have you as an Rewards Platinum Member.	Uber
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Total	\$51.03
	You earned 102 points on this trip

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Discount will be applied to up to 20 rides	
Trip fare	\$56.53
Subtotal	\$56.53
Wait Time 🛱	\$0.15
Promotion	-\$5.65
A temporary hold of \$50.88 was placed on your payment method •••• 2094 This is not a charge and has or will be removed. It should disappear from y	
shortiy. <u>Learn More</u>	
Uber Rewards	
Base points 2 points per eligible \$ on UberX	102

You rode with Myriam

#:20288



December 04, 2019 14:33 Receipt #: 1010799527 VISA #: XXXXXXXXXX7060 2019/12/04 14:13		Page: 1
Qty	Description	Amount
4	PNG B&W S/S 8.5x11 & 8.5x14	0.52
356	PNG B&W S/S 8.5x11 & 8.5x14	46.28
600 PNG B&W S/S 8.5x11 & 8.5x14		78.00
	SubTotal	124.80
	Taxes	11.86
Total		136.66

The Cardholder agrees to pay the Issuer of the charge card in accordance with the agreement between the Issuer and the Cardholder.

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December 04, 2019 14:33 Receipt #: 1010799529 VISA #: XXXXXXXXXX7060 2019/12/04 14:27		Page: 1	
Qty	Description	Amount	
108	PNG B&W S/S 8.5x11 & 8.5x14	14.04	
188 PNG B&W S/S 8.5x11 & 8.5x14		24.44	
	SubTotal	38.48	
	Taxes	3.66	
Total		42.14	

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From: Uber Receipts <<u>uber.us@uber.com</u>> Date: Thu, Dec 5, 2019, 6:40 PM Subject: [Business] Your Thursday afternoon trip with Uber To: <<u>elliot.siegel@gmail.com</u>>



Total: \$61.38 Thu, Dec 05, 2019

# Thanks for riding, Elliot

We're glad to have you as an Uber Rewards Platinum Member.

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Total

# \$61.38

You earned 122 points on this trip

Discount will be applied to up to 20 rides

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Trip Fare	\$65.20
Subtotal	\$65.20
Promotions	-\$6.82
Tolls, Surcharges, and Fees 🗔	\$3.00

× •••• 2094 Switch

A temporary hold of \$61.38 was placed on your payment method •••• 2094 at the start of the trip. This is not a charge and has or will be removed. It should disappear from your bank statement shortly. Learn More

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Uber Rewards

Base points 2 points per eligible \$ on UberX 122

\$61.38

#### You rode with Simon

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Has passed a multi-step safety screen

4.87 Rating

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#### CREDIT CARD (...2094)

\$58.33 <sub>Sale</sub>

Dec 17, 2019 Transaction date Lyft

Dec 18, 2019 Posted date

Description LYFT \*RIDE TUE 9AM Also known as Lyft Merchant type Taxicabs and limousines Method In person Card number (...2367) Category Travel

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#### CREDIT CARD (...2094)

\$75.12 <sub>Sale</sub>

Dec 17, 2019 Transaction date Dec 19, 2019

Posted date

Fedex (800) 463-3339

Description FEDEX OFFIC10400010454 Also known as Fedex Merchant type Quick-copy and reproduction services Method Online, mail or phone Card number (...2367) Category Office & shipping

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#### **INVOICE #52223**

Steno PO Box 876 Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (888) 707-8366

Bill To	Info	
ATTN: Elliot Siegel	Invoice Date:	Dec 20, 2019
King and Siegel LLP	Due Date:	Jan 19, 2020
724 S. Spring Street	Invoice ID:	52223
Ste. 201	Amount Due:	\$1,559.80
Los Angeles, CA 90014	Terms:	Net 30
	Status:	PAID

#### In Reference To

Case Name Le, et al. v Walgreen Co., et al. Case Number 8:18-cv-01548 Job Info DEPOSITION of Tiffany Huynh on Dec 5, 2019 Job Id 50010

Item	Description	Amount	Qty	Total
Page Rate		\$5.95	209	\$1,243.55
Exhibit Page Rate		\$0.65	125	\$81.25
Appearance Fee		\$150.00	1	\$150.00
Transcript Production & Processing		\$50.00	1	\$50.00
Shipping and Handling		\$35.00	1	\$35.00
		То	tal	\$1,559.80
		Paymer	nts	(\$1,559.80)
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From:	do not reply@psc.uscourts.gov
To:	Marisol Contreras
Subject:	Pay.gov Payment Confirmation: U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, NINTH CIRCUIT
Date:	Monday, August 3, 2020 5:31:40 PM

Your payment has been successfully processed and the details are below. If you have any questions or you wish to cancel this payment, please contact: U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit at 415-355-8000.

Account Number: 5521762 Court: U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, NINTH CIRCUIT Amount: \$230.00 Tracking Id: A09-103866-690 Approval Code: 03989G Card Number: \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*2367 Date/Time: 08/03/2020 08:31:32 ET

Attorney Name: Julian Burns King Contact Telephone Number: 2134654802 Person Completing Transaction: Julian Burns King

NOTE: This is an automated message. Please do not reply

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From:	do not reply@psc.uscourts.gov
То:	Elliot Siegel
Subject:	Pay.gov Payment Confirmation: U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, NINTH CIRCUIT
Date:	Tuesday, August 4, 2020 8:59:36 AM

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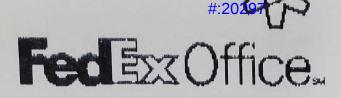
Account Number: 6293314 Court: U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, NINTH CIRCUIT Amount: \$230.00 Tracking Id: A09-103835-304 Approval Code: 113959 Card Number: \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*1009 Date/Time: 08/04/2020 11:59:26 ET

Attorney Name: Elliot Siegel Contact Telephone Number: 2134654802 Person Completing Transaction: Elliot Siegel

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Address:

Location: Device ID: Transaction: 110 E 9TH ST LOS ANGELES CA 90079 EMTKN -BTC01 940272101224

FedEx First Overnight

395803181680 2.90 lb (S) 89.85 SDR Delivery Declared Value 100 Recipient Address: MS. LYNN FRANK 20445 FORTUNA DEL SUR ESCONDIDO, CA 92029-4505 000000000

Scheduled Delivery Date 8/15/2020

Pricing option: STANDARD RATE

Package Information: FedEx Medium Box

Shipment subtotal: \$89.85

Total Due: \$89.85

(S) CreditCard: \$89.85 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*1009

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#### INVOICE #85152

Steno PO Box 876 Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (888) 707-8366

Bill To	Info	
ATTN: Julian King	Invoice Date:	Aug 16, 2020
King and Siegel LLP	Due Date:	DelayPay*
724 S. Spring Street	Invoice ID:	85152
Ste. 201	Amount Due:	\$1,445.85
Los Angeles, CA 90014	Terms:	DelayPay*
	Status:	PAID

#### In Reference To

Case Name Le, et al. v Walgreen Co., et al. Case Number 8:18-cv-01548 Job Info DEPOSITION of HRACH GARANIAN on Jun 9, 2020 Job Id 79536

Item	Description	Amount	Qty	Total
Legal Support Services (transcripts)		\$1,445.85	1	\$1,445.85
		Tota	I	\$1,445.85
		Payments	s (	\$1,445.85)
	AMOUN	t remaining Due		\$0.00

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#### INVOICE #87374

Steno PO Box 876 Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (888) 707-8366

Bill To	Info	
ATTN: Julian King	Invoice Date:	Aug 05, 2020
King and Siegel LLP	Due Date:	DelayPay*
724 S. Spring Street	Invoice ID:	87374
Ste. 201	Amount Due:	\$1,366.05
Los Angeles, CA 90014	Terms:	DelayPay*
	Status:	PAID

#### In Reference To

Case Name Le, et al. v Walgreen Co., et al. Case Number 8:18-cv-01548 Job Info DEPOSITION of CLAIRE MARSHALL on Jul 7, 2020 Job Id 83366

Item	Description	Amount	Qty	Total
Legal Support Services (videography, transcripts)		\$1,366.05	1	\$1,366.05
		Tota	I	\$1,366.05
		Payments	; (	\$1,366.05)
	AMOUN	r Remaining Due		\$0.00

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6/01/18- 5/31/19	1.0350	\$202	\$371	\$455	\$658	\$742	\$894
6/01/17- 5/31/18	1.0463	\$196	\$359	\$440	\$636	\$717	\$864
6/01/16- 5/31/17	1.0369	\$187	\$343	\$421	\$608	\$685	\$826
6/01/15- 5/31/16	1.0089	\$180	\$331	\$406	\$586	\$661	\$796
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6/01/12- 5/31/13	1.0258	\$170	\$312	\$383	\$554	\$625	\$753
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6/01/07-5/31/08	1.0516	\$146	\$268	\$329	\$475	\$536	\$645
6/01/06-5/31/07	1.0256	\$139	\$255	\$313	\$452	\$509	\$614
6/1/05-5/31/06	1.0427	\$136	\$249	\$305	\$441	\$497	\$598
6/1/04-5/31/05	1.0455	\$130	\$239	\$293	\$423	\$476	\$574
6/1/03-6/1/04	1.0507	\$124	\$228	\$280	\$405	\$456	\$549
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6/1/01-5/31/02	1.0407	\$110	\$203	\$249	\$359	\$404	\$487
6/1/00-5/31/01	1.0529	\$106	\$195	\$239	\$345	\$388	\$468
6/1/99-5/31/00	1.0491	\$101	\$185	\$227	\$328	\$369	\$444
6/1/98-5/31/99	1.0439	\$96	\$176	\$216	\$312	\$352	\$424
6/1/97-5/31/98	1.0419	\$92	\$169	\$207	\$299	\$337	\$406

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	6/1/96-5/31/97	1#0396302	\$88 \$162	\$198 \$287	\$323 \$389
	6/1/95-5/31/96	1.032	\$85 \$155	\$191 \$276	\$311 \$375
	6/1/94-5/31/95	1.0237	\$82 \$151	\$185 \$267	\$301 \$363

The methodology of calculation and benchmarking for this Updated Laffey Matrix has been approved in a number of cases. See, e.g., McDowell v. District of Columbia, Civ. A. No. 00-594 (RCL), LEXSEE 2001 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 8114 (D.D.C. June 4, 2001); Salazar v. Dist. of Col., 123 F.Supp.2d 8 (D.D.C. 2000).

\* "Years Out of Law School" is calculated from June 1 of each year, when most law students graduate. "1-3" includes an attorney in his 1st, 2nd and 3rd years of practice, measured from date of graduation (June 1). "4-7" applies to attorneys in their 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th years of practice. An attorney who graduated in May 1996 would be in tier "1-3" from June 1, 1996 until May 31, 1999, would move into tier "4-7" on June 1, 1999, and tier "8-10" on June 1, 2003.

\*\* The Adjustment Factor refers to the nation-wide Legal Services Component of the Consumer Price Index produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

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# 2015 NLJ Billing Survey

# Source: National Law Journal

Category: National Law Journal

ALM Legal Intelligence, in association with The National Law Journal, reached out to law firms to provide a range of hourly billing rates for partners, associates, of counsel, and paralegals. For firms that did not report their rates to ALI directly, in many cases we were able to supplement rate data derived from public records. This year, we have anonyomized the rates and broken the data out by firm size and region.

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Hourly Billing	

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	Median	\$125
	Low	\$25
	High	\$325
	Median	\$350
	Low	\$125
	High	\$1,120
	Median	\$350
	Low	\$50
	High	\$950
	Median	\$395
	Low	\$90
	High	\$1,295
		Overall Hourly Rates

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Rates by Firm Size 1 - 25 lawyers 26 - 150 lawyers 151 or more lawyers

n/a	\$125	\$150	\$158	\$100	n/a	\$235	\$123	\$120	\$120	\$100	\$105	\$83	n/a	\$125	\$103	\$110	\$120	n/a	\$152	\$130	\$100	\$185	\$105	\$75	\$90	\$100	\$95	0.14
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1 I, Daniel M. Hutchinson, declare as follows: 2 1. I am a partner in the law firm of Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP ("LCHB"), counsel of record for Plaintiffs and the Class in this matter. 3 4 2. I am admitted to practice before this Court and am a member in good 5 standing of the bar of the State of California; the United States District Court for 6 the Central, Northern, and Southern Districts of California; the United States 7 District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin; and the U.S. Courts of Appeals 8 for the First, Second, Fourth, Seventh, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits. 9 3. Along with lawyers from King & Siegel LLP, I have been one of the 10 lawyers primarily responsible for the prosecution of Plaintiffs' claims on behalf of 11 the Class. 12 4. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion 13 for Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Service Awards; and Plaintiffs' Motion for 14 Final Approval of Class Action Settlement. I make these statements based on 15 personal knowledge and would so testify if called as a witness at trial. **Class-Wide Discovery** 16 17 5. The parties have engaged in significant discovery regarding Plaintiffs' allegations. 18 From the outset of this case, both parties vigorously contested their 19 6. 20 respective discovery obligations. 21 7. Plaintiffs propounded six sets of requests for production, two sets of 22 requests for admission, and three sets of interrogatories. 8. 23 The parties negotiated a Stipulated Protective Order, which the Court 24 approved. See Dkt. No. 48. 25 9. Over the course of the case, the parties met and conferred regularly 26 regarding Plaintiffs' discovery requests. Specifically, the parties conducted 27 extensive negotiations regarding the production of documents and data, the 28

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1 identification of custodians and document repositories, the use of search terms, the 2 completeness of discovery responses, and deposition scheduling.

3 Although the parties met and conferred on numerous occasions to 10. 4 resolve discovery disputes amicably, they twice required the assistance of the 5 Court-appointed special master, the Hon. Jay C. Gandhi (Ret.). Judge Gandhi held 6 telephonic status conferences on October 7, 2019 and January 7, 2020 and issued 7 two opinions, including a recommendation to the Court regarding disputes over 8 multiple sets of document requests propounded by Plaintiffs.

9 11. On a rolling basis, Walgreens produced more than 300,000 pages of 10 documents and responded to 25 interrogatories propounded by Plaintiffs.

11 12. Walgreens' productions included: documents concerning Plaintiffs Le 12 and Dao, such as payroll, timecard, employment, and medical records; company 13 policies; training materials; internal investigation files; pharmacy locations; payrate 14 spreadsheets; business planning and strategy documents; case filings from related 15 litigation; Storewalk Summaries; job descriptions; competency and performance 16 goals documents; reports on missed meal premiums; employee complaint hotline 17 reports; custodial e-mails regarding meal and rest breaks, pharmacist job duties, and 18 performance guidelines; meeting agendas; and other documents and data.

19 13. Class Counsel expeditionally reviewed and analyzed these documents 20 to prepare to move for class certification on February 13, 2020.

21 14. On August 30, 2019, Plaintiffs deposed Walgreens 30(b)(6) designee 22 Cheryl Creek, Director of Pharmacy Systems.

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15. On November 5, 2019 and December 17, 2019, Plaintiffs deposed 24 Walgreens 30(b)(6) designee Michelle Miller, Director of Pharmacy and Retail 25 Operations.

16. On December 5, 2019, Plaintiffs deposed Tiffany Huynh, Health Care 26 Supervisor. 27

1	17.	On February 6, 2020, Plaintiffs deposed Walgreens 30(b)(6) designee
2	Adam Rou	se, IT Analyst III for Global Digital Forensics and Incident Response.
3	18.	On February 6, 2020, Plaintiffs deposed Walgreens 30(b)(6) designee
4	Michael Ai	ntonio, Vice President of HR Information Systems and HR Shared
5	Services.	
6	19.	On February 10, 2020, Plaintiffs deposed Walgreens 30(b)(6) designee
7	Kenneth W	Vayne Orvis, Vice President of Pharmacy and Retail Operations.
8	20.	On March 31, 2020, Plaintiffs deposed Walgreens' expert, Emil
9	Czechowsk	ci.
10	21.	On June 6, 2020, Plaintiffs deposed Hrach Garanian, District Manager.
11	22.	On June 12, 2020, Plaintiffs deposed Jason Cunningham, Regional
12	Vice Presic	lent.
13	<b>Discovery</b>	of Plaintiffs
14	23.	Defendants engaged in extensive discovery of Plaintiff Le.
15	24.	Defendants served (and Class Counsel responded to) 60 document
16	requests, 2'	7 interrogatories, and 28 requests for admission on Plaintiff Le.
17	25.	On October 28, 2019, Defendants deposed Plaintiff Le.
18	26.	On October 28, 2019, Defendants deposed Plaintiff Dao.
19	Expert Dis	scovery
20	27.	Expert discovery in this case was thorough and extensive.
21	28.	Class Counsel engaged four experts at a cost of \$133,948.25.
22	29.	Dr. Jon Krosnick prepared a 90-page opening report and a 13-page
23	rebuttal rep	port in response to the report of Walgreens' expert, Emil Czechowski.
24	Dr. David	Breshears likewise produced a rebuttal report in response to Walgreens'
25	expert. On	July 15, 2020, Elizabeth Akhparyan Park, Pharm.D. APh, submitted an
26	18-page rej	port addressing California Board of Pharmacy Laws and Regulations.
27	Joseph C. S	Sremack, the director in the Data Analytics & Automation practice at
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BDO USA, LLP, submitted a series of sealed declarations regarding Walgreens'
 prescription fulfillment system.

3 Mediation

4 30. Beginning November 2019, the parties began a series of discussions
5 regarding the possibility of mediation.

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31. During these discussions, the parties set forth their relative views of the law and the facts and, in particular, their respective views on whether the proposed class could be certified.

9 32. On November 19, 2019, the parties participated in an all-day
10 mediation before Lynn Frank of Frank & Feder Mediators in Carlsbad, California.
11 Prior to the mediation, the parties submitted detailed mediation briefs to Ms. Frank,
12 setting forth their respective views on the strengths of their cases. The parties
13 discussed their relative views of the law and the facts and potential relief for the
14 proposed class.

33. On August 17, 2020, the parties participated in a second all-day
mediation before Lynn Frank. Again, the parties submitted pre-mediation briefs
setting forth their respective views on the strengths of their cases in light of the
Court's denial of Plaintiffs' February 13, 2020 Motion for Class Certification and
Plaintiffs' subsequent appeal.

34. Ms. Frank remained engaged with the parties and, after numerous
communications with both parties regarding potential settlement, submitted a final
mediator's proposal in light of the parties' respective risks on appeal. On
December 14, 2020, the parties accepted the mediator's proposal and agreed to
settle.

25 35. Thereafter, the parties spent several months negotiating the final
26 settlement terms and drafting the Settlement Agreement.

27 36. At all times, the settlement negotiations were highly adversarial, non28 collusive, and at arm's length. The settlement negotiations also were prolonged and

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hard-fought, spanning many months. Negotiations stalled several times as Class
 Counsel continually advocated for a larger fund for the Class, while Walgreens
 wanted a smaller fund.

#### 4 Settlement Administration

5 37. Plaintiffs negotiated with multiple settlement notice and claims
6 administrators and agreed that CPT Group, Inc. ("CPT") will administer the
7 Settlement.

8 38. CPT agreed to a hard cap of \$30,000 on settlement notice and
9 administration costs. The amounts paid from the Gross Settlement Fund therefore
10 will not exceed \$30,000 unless there is a significant change in the scope of work
11 being performed.

12 39. I previously engaged CPT to serve as the settlement administrator in
13 another wage-and-hour class settlement, *Martin v. Bohemian Club*, Case No. SCV14 258731 (Sonoma Super. Ct.).

#### 15 Class Representatives' Service Awards

40. Plaintiffs seek two \$10,000 Service Awards in recognition of, and to
compensate Ms. Le and Ms. Dao (together, "Class Representatives") for, their
service and efforts in prosecuting the case on behalf of the Class, subject to
approval by the Court. The awards are intended to recognize and compensate Class
Representatives for their commitment to, and active participation in, this litigation.
The Settlement is *not* conditioned on approval of any Service Award.

41. The Class Representatives assisted Class Counsel with the initial case
investigation, providing Class Counsel with pertinent documents and information,
reviewing pertinent pleadings including the operative complaints, and keeping
abreast of, reviewing, and signing off on the Settlement. Since becoming involved
in this case, Class Counsel informed Ms. Le and Ms. Dao of the status of the case
through telephone calls, letters, and e-mails. Ms. Le and Ms. Dao had in-person

1 meetings with counsel to prepare for deposition and submitted to a full day of 2 deposition questions. 3 Ms. Le's service and efforts in prosecuting the case on behalf of the 42. 4 Class are further described in the Declaration of Marcie Le, attached hereto as 5 Exhibit A. 6 43. Ms. Dao's service and efforts in prosecuting the case on behalf of the 7 Class are further described in the Declaration of Karen Dao, attached hereto as 8 Exhibit B. 9 44. In my view, the Class Representative service awards are modest and 10 fair compensation for the services rendered. 11 **Cooperation with Co-Counsel** 12 45. LCHB has worked cooperatively and effectively to litigate this case with the law firm of King & Siegel LLP, including by: (i) investigating the 13 14 underlying facts, researching and evaluating legal claims, and filing the initial and 15 subsequent First Amended Complaints; (ii) propounding multiple sets of document 16 requests and interrogatories; (iii) reviewing over 300,000 pages of responsive 17 documents; (iv) responding to Walgreens' requests for production and 18 interrogatories; (v) conducting extensive meet and confer sessions regarding discovery issues; (vi) working with experts and preparing expert reports; (vii) 19 20 taking depositions of Walgreens' witnesses and expert; (viii) defending Plaintiffs' 21 depositions; (ix) moving for class certification and reconsideration; (x) briefing the 22 pending appeal; (xi) participating in multiple mediation sessions; (xii) negotiating 23 the proposed Settlement and settlement papers; (xiii) drafting the Motion to Direct 24 Notice; (xiv) overseeing administration of the notice program consistent with the 25 Court's order; and (xv) drafting the Motion for Final Approval. **Class Counsel's Attorneys' Fees and Expenses** 26

46. Working with co-counsel, LCHB continues to oversee administration
of the notice program consistent with the Court's orders, in order to ensure a just

and efficient outcome for Class members. I expect that LCHB will contribute
 additional lawyer hours to that effort.

47. My firm and our fellow Class Counsel litigated this case on a purely
contingent basis, foregoing other work in order to handle this complex matter with
no guarantee of recovery. While Class Counsel request attorneys' fees as a
percentage of the common fund, for the Court's reference, I report LCHB's
summary time, lodestar, and costs incurred in and attributable to this litigation. All
LCHB time-keepers are required to record their time in 6-minute increments,
regularly and contemporaneously.

10 The hourly rates charged by LCHB fall within the range of market 48. 11 rates charged by attorneys of equivalent experience, skill, and expertise. LCHB's 12 rates reflect the market rates in the markets within which LCHB's primary offices 13 are located and from which this matter has been handled—namely, San Francisco. 14 LCHB's hourly rates are negotiated with and are paid on an hourly basis by 15 sophisticated commercial entities, including BlackRock (f/k/a Merrill Lynch 16 Mutual Funds) and Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Except in rare circumstances, 17 LCHB does not bill at different rates for different clients or different types of cases. 18 These rates are regularly approved by Courts throughout the United States, as 19 summarized in the accompanying Motion for Attorneys' Fees.

49. According to the firm's time records, LCHB had invested 6,051 hours
on behalf of the Class through June 30, 2021, including 4,466.2 hours of attorney
time, and 1,584.8 hours of paralegal and other professional support staff time. At
LCHB's customary and Court-approved rates, the resulting lodestar is
\$2,940,693.50. A summary of my firm's lodestar is attached as Exhibit C.

50. In addition to attorney time, LCHB spent \$245,983.12 in connection
with the investigation, prosecution and settlement of this case, including for expert
witness fees, the Special Master's fees, mediation, depositions, electronic discovery
and document databases, legal research, filing and fees, photocopies, faxes, mail,

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telephone calls, and paying other court fees. The expenses are presented in
 summary form in Exhibit D. All of these expenses were reasonably and
 necessarily incurred in Class Counsel's efforts to prosecute the Plaintiffs' claims on
 behalf of the Class. The expenses here are in line with expenses LCHB has incurred
 in the countless other complex class action lawsuits it has successfully prosecuted,
 and are the type typically billed by attorneys to clients.

51. Combined, LCHB and King & Siegel LLP have invested in this
litigation as follows: 6,796.3 hours, \$3,333,633.50 in lodestar, and \$254,810.92 in
costs. As noted previously, I expect each of these numbers will increase over
through final settlement approval and settlement administration, meaning that the
negative multiplier that Class Counsel receive on their lodestar will continue to
decrease over time.

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#### **LCHB's Experience and Recognition**

14 52. LCHB is a national law firm with offices in San Francisco, New York,15 Nashville, and Munich, Germany.

16 53. LCHB's practice focuses on complex and class action litigation
17 involving employment, consumer, financial fraud, securities, product liability,
18 environmental, and personal injury matters. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true
19 and correct copy of LCHB's current firm résumé, showing some of the firm's
20 experience in complex and class action litigation. This résumé is not a complete
21 listing of all cases in which LCHB has been class counsel or otherwise counsel of
22 record.

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#### **Personal Qualifications and Experience**

54. I graduated from Brown University in 1999. I served as a judicial
extern to the Honorable Martin J. Jenkins, U.S. District Court, Northern District of
California, in 2004. I graduated from the University of California, Berkeley,
School of Law (Berkeley Law) in 2005.

1	55. Since 2005, I have practiced with LCHB, where I became a partner in
2	January 2011. At LCHB, I have focused on representing plaintiffs in employment
3	litigation (including discrimination and ERISA disputes), and financial and
4	consumer fraud cases.
5	56. In January 2021, I became the Chair of LCHB's Employment Practice
6	Group.
7	Employment Class Actions
8	57. As an LCHB partner, I have gained extensive experience in the
9	litigation, trial, and settlement of complex employment class actions as Class
10	Counsel in several cases.
11	a. I served as co-lead counsel in <i>Vedachalam v. Tata Am. Int'l</i>
12	Corp., Case No. 3:06-cv-00963-CW (N.D. Cal.), a case on behalf of a certified
13	class of over 13,000 foreign nationals working in the United States who were
14	denied promised wages and benefits. In July 2013, the court approved a \$29.75
15	million nationwide class settlement.
16	b. I served as co-lead counsel in <i>Strauch v. Computer Sciences</i>
17	Corporation, Case No. 2:14-cv-00956 (D. Conn.), a collective and class action
18	lawsuit alleging that CSC misclassified information technology support workers as
19	exempt from overtime pay in violation of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act
20	("FLSA"), and California and Connecticut law. On December 20, 2017, following
21	a three-week trial, a jury found that CSC wrongly and willfully denied overtime
22	pay. On August 12, 2019, the court entered judgment in favor of the plaintiffs in
23	the amount of \$18,755,016.46. Following appeals to the Second Circuit, the parties
24	reached a settlement for a total payment of \$17,600,000.
25	c. I served as co-lead counsel in <i>Ellis v. Costco Wholesale Corp.</i> ,
26	No. 04-03341-EMC (N.D. Cal.), a case on behalf of two certified classes of female
27	employees charging that Costco discriminates against women in promotions to
28	management positions. In May 2014, the Court approved a class settlement

requiring changes to Costco's promotion process and establishing an \$8 million
 settlement fund.

d. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,
represented plaintiffs who contracted with MHN Government Services, Inc., to
provide counseling services through the Department of Defense to military
members and their families. The case was venued in the United States District
Court for the Northern District of California. In April 2016, an arbitrator approved
a class settlement in the matter, which resulted in payment of \$7,433,109.19 to
class members.

e. I served as co-lead counsel in *Martin v. Bohemian Club*, Case
No. SCV-258731 (Sonoma Super. Ct.), a wage-and-hour case on behalf of
approximately 664 individuals who worked as seasonal camp valets. On September
28, 2016, the court approved a \$7 million class settlement.

14 f. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel, 15 served as co-lead counsel in *Holloway v. Best Buy*, No. C05-5056-PJH (N.D. Cal.), 16 representing a class of current employees of Best Buy that alleged Best Buy stores 17 nationwide discriminated against women, African Americans, and Latinos. In 18 November 2011, the court approved a settlement of the class action in which Best 19 Buy agreed to changes to its personnel policies and procedures that have enhanced 20 the equal employment opportunities of the tens of thousands of women, African 21 Americans, and Latinos employed by Best Buy nationwide.

58. In addition to the foregoing, prior to my elevation to partner I
participated in successful litigation of a wide variety of other complex federal and
state employment class actions during my professional career.

a. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,
served as co-lead counsel in *Cruz v. U.S., Estados Unidos Mexicanos, Wells Fargo Bank, et al.*, No. 01-0892-CRB (N.D. Cal.), representing Mexican workers and
laborers, known as Braceros ("strong arms"), who came from Mexico to the United

1 States pursuant to bilateral agreements from 1942 through 1946 to aid American 2 farms and industries hurt by employee shortages during World War II in the 3 agricultural, railroad, and other industries. A settlement required the Mexican 4 government to provide a payment of approximately \$3,500 to Braceros, or their 5 surviving spouses or children. In approving the settlement in February 2009, U.S. 6 District Court Judge Charles Breyer stated: 7 I've never seen such litigation in eleven years on the bench that was more difficult than this one Notwithstanding all of these issues that kept surfacing . . . 8 over the years, the plaintiffs persisted .... And, in fact, they achieved a settlement of the case, which I find 9 remarkable under all of these circumstances. 10 11 b. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel, 12 served as co-lead counsel in *Barnett v. Wal-mart Stores*, *Inc.*, Case No. 13 01-2-24553-8 SEA (Sup. Ct. Wash.), a certified statewide wage-and-hour class 14 action filed on behalf of hourly employees challenging the company's failure to 15 compensate its hourly employees for missed rest and meal breaks and off-the-clock 16 work in stores throughout Washington state. This case settled for \$35 million, as 17 well as injunctive relief governing company policies. 18 I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel, c. 19 served as one of plaintiffs' lead counsel in Amochaev v. Citigroup d/b/a Smith 20 *Barney*, Civ. No. 05-1298-PJH (N.D. Cal.), a gender discrimination class action on 21 behalf of female Financial Advisors employed by Smith Barney that resulted in a 22 settlement involving comprehensive injunctive relief and over \$33 million in 23 monetary relief. 24 **Antitrust and Securities Actions** 25 I have also served as Class Counsel in several antitrust and other 59. financial fraud actions. 26 27 I served, with my co-counsel, as Lead Counsel in *Haley Paint* a. 28 Co. v. E.I. Dupont De Nemours and Co. et al., No. 10-cv-00318-RDB (D. Md.), HUTCHINSON DECL. ISO PLTFS' MOTIONS FOR - 12 -FINAL APPROVAL AND FEES & COSTS

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a certified nationwide class action lawsuit on behalf of direct purchasers of titanium
 dioxide charging that defendants conspired to fix, raise, and maintain the price of
 titanium dioxide in the United States. In November 2013, the court approved class
 settlements with four defendants totaling \$163.5 million.

5 60. As an LCHB associate, I played a significant role in several antitrust
6 and securities actions, including:

a. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,
served as Plaintiffs' counsel in *Quantegy Recording Solutions, LLC, et al. v. Toda Kogyo Corp., et al.*, No. C-02-1611 (PJH), antitrust litigation against
manufacturers, producers, and distributors of magnetic iron oxide ("MIO"). In
August 2006 and January 2009, the Court approved settlements totaling
\$6.35 million.

b. I have also successfully litigated complex individual actions,
including *Alaska State Department of Revenue v. America Online*, No. 1JU-04-503
(Alaska Supr. Ct.) (co-counsel in securities fraud action brought by the Alaska State
Department of Revenue, Alaska State Pension Investment Board and Alaska
Permanent Fund Corporation that settled for \$50 million in December 2006).

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#### **Consumer Protection Class Actions**

19 61. As an LCHB partner, my practice has focused on a number of20 nationwide consumer protection class actions.

a. I, along with other attorneys from my firm, served as chair of
the Plaintiffs Executive Committee in *In re: Bank of Am. Credit Protection Mktg.* & *Sales Practices Litig.*, 3:11-md-02269-TEH (N.D. Cal.), multi-district litigation
("MDL") against Bank of America and FIA Card Services, challenging the
imposition of charges for so-called "payment protection" or "credit protection"
programs. In January 2013, the Court approved a \$20 million settlement including
required practice changes.

1	b. I, along with other attorneys from my firm, served as co-lead
2	counsel in a series of groundbreaking nationwide class actions under the Telephone
3	Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"). In September 2012, the court approved a
4	\$24.15 million class settlement against Sallie Mae, the then-largest monetary
5	settlement in the history of the TCPA. See Arthur v. Sallie Mae, Inc., No. C10-
6	0198 JLR, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 132413 (W.D. Wash. Sept. 17, 2012).
7	c. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,
8	served as counsel in Rose v. Bank of Am. Corp., 5:11-cv-02390-EJD (N.D. Cal.),
9	and Duke v. Bank of Am., N.A., 5:12-cv-04009-EJD (N.D. Cal.). On August 29,
10	2014, the court approved a \$32,083,905 class settlement, which surpassed the Sallie
11	Mae settlement as the largest monetary settlement in the history of the TCPA.
12	d. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,
13	served as counsel in In re Capital One Telephone Consumer Protection Act
14	Litigation, Master Docket No. 1:12-cv-10064 (N.D. Ill.). On February 12, 2015,
15	the court approved a \$75,455,098.74 class settlement.
16	e. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,
17	served as counsel in a series of TCPA class action lawsuits against Wells Fargo.
18	Court-approved nationwide class settlements in six actions total over \$95 million.
19	Cross v. Wells Fargo Bank N.A., Case No. 1:15-cv-01270-RWS (N.D. Ga. Feb. 13,
20	2017) (\$30,446,022.75); Markos v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Case No. 1:15-cv-
21	01156 (N.D. Ga. Jan. 30, 2017) (\$16,417,496.70); Luster v. Wells Fargo Bank,
22	N.A., Case No. 1:15-cv-01058 (N.D. Ga. Nov. 8, 2017) (\$14,834,058); Franklin v.
23	Wells Fargo Bank N.A., Case No. 14-cv-2349 (S.D. Cal. Jan. 29, 2016)
24	(\$13,859,103.80); Prather v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Case No. 1:15-cv-04231
25	(N.D. Ga. Aug. 31, 2017) (\$2,075,071.80); Dunn v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Case
26	1:17-cv-00481 (N.D. Ill. Dec. 10, 2019) (\$17,850,000).
27	f. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,
28	served as counsel in Wilkins v. HSBC Bank Nev., N.A., Case No. 14-cv-190 (N.D.
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Ill.). On February 27, 2015, the court approved a \$39,975,000 class settlement. In
 approving the settlement, Judge James F. Holderman commented on "the excellent
 work" and "professionalism" of LCHB and its co-counsel in securing a \$39.975
 million non-reversionary cash settlement in that TCPA class action.

g. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,
served as counsel in *Buchanan v. Sirius XM Radio, Inc.*, Case 3:17-cv-00728-D
(N.D. Tex.). On January 28, 2020, the court approved a class settlement comprised
of a \$25 million common fund and non-monetary relief worth approximately \$6.5
million.

h. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,
served as counsel in *Connor v. JPMorgan Chase Bank*, Case No. 10 CV 1284 DMS
BGS (S.D. Cal. Mar. 12, 2012), a nationwide TCPA class action. On February 5,
2015, the court approved a \$11,665,592.09 cash settlement.

i. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,
served as counsel in *Thomas v. Dun & Bradstreet Credibility Corp.*, Case No. 2:15cv-03194-BRO-GJS (C.D. Cal.). On March 22, 2017, the court approved a \$10.5
million cash settlement for a class of small business owners who received
telemarketing calls.

j. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,
 served as counsel in the nationwide TCPA class actions *Bradley v. Discover Financial Services*, Case No. 4:11-cv-5746-YGR (N.D. Cal.), and *Steinfeld v. Discover Financial Services*, Case No. 3:12-cv-01118-JSW (N.D. Cal.). In March
 2014, the court approved an \$8.7 million class settlement.
 k. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,

k. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,
served as counsel in *Ossola v. American Express Co., et al.*, Case No. 1:13-CV4836 (N.D. Ill.). On December 2, 2016, the court approved two separate class
settlements of \$8.25 million and \$1 million each.

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1	1. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel, serve				
2	as counsel in Smith v. State Farm Mutual Auto. Ins. Co., et al., Case No. 1:13-cv-				
3	02018 (N.D. Ill.). On December 8, 2016, the court approved a \$7 million				
4	settlement.				
5	m. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel, serve				
6	as counsel in Karpilovsky v. All Web Leads, Inc., Case No. 17 C 1307, 2018 WL				
7	3108884 (N.D. Ill. June 25, 2018) (certifying nationwide class). On August 8,				
8	2019, the court approved a \$6.5 million settlement.				
9	n. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel, serve				
10	as counsel in Pine v. A Place For Mom, Inc., Case No. 2:17-cv-01826-TSZ (W.D.				
11	Wash.). On January 11, 2021, the court approved a \$6 million settlement.				
12	o. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,				
13	served as counsel in Rice-Redding v. Nationwide Mutual Automobile Ins. Co., Case				
14	No. 1:16-cv-03634 (N.D. Ga.). On August 1, 2019, the court approved a \$5 million				
15	settlement.				
16	p. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,				
17	served as counsel in Bayat v. Bank of the West, Case No. 3:13-cv-02376-EMC				
18	(N.D. Cal.). On April 15, 2015, the court approved a \$3,354,745.98 settlement.				
19	q. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,				
20	served as counsel in Grogan v. Aaron's Inc., Case No. 1:18-cv-02821-AT (N.D.				
21	Ga.). On October 8, 2020, the court approved a \$2.175 million settlement.				
22	r. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,				
23	served as counsel in Woodrow v. Sagent Auto LLC, Case No. 2:18-cv-01054-JPS				
24	(E.D. Wis.). On November 19, 2019, the court approved a \$1.75 million				
25	settlement.				
26	s. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,				
27	served as counsel in Wannemacher v. Carrington Mortgage Services LLC, Case				
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No. 8:12-cv-02016-FMO-AN (C.D. Cal.). On December 22, 2014, the court
 approved a \$1.035 million settlement.

t. I, along with other attorneys from my firm and co-counsel,
served as additional class counsel in *Garcia v. Target Corp.*, Case No. 16-CV02574-MJD-BRT (D. Minn.). On January 27, 2020, the court approved a \$7.05
million class settlement.

u. In addition to the foregoing, I currently serve as co-lead counsel
in *Brown v. DirecTV, LLC*, Case No. CV 13-1170 DMG (EX), 2019 WL 1434669
(C.D. Cal. Mar. 29, 2019) (certifying two nationwide classes), and *Cordoba v. DirecTV, LLC*, 320 F.R.D. 582 (N.D. Ga. 2017) (certifying a nationwide TCPA
DNC Registry class and a nationwide TCPA internal DNC list class), among other
cases under the TCPA.

v. I was co-lead counsel in *Yarger v. ING Bank, fsb*, Civil Action
No. 1:11-cv-00154-LPS (D. Del.), representing consumers who charged that ING
Direct breached its promise to allow them to refinance their home mortgages for a
fixed flat fee of \$500 or \$750, and instead charged a higher fee of one monthly
mortgage payment for refinancing. In 2012, the court certified a class of consumers
in ten states who purchased or retained an ING mortgage during the class period.
On October 7, 2014, the court approved a \$20,350,000 class settlement.

20 62. Prior to my elevation to partner, I participated in successful litigation 21 of a wide variety of other complex federal and state consumer class actions during 22 my professional career. Class action cases I have successfully prosecuted to 23 judgment or settlement, in addition to the foregoing, include: Sutter Health 24 Uninsured Pricing Cases, Case No. J.C.C.P. 4388 (Sacramento Super. Ct.) (lead 25 class counsel in consumer class action that resulted in over \$275 million settlement 26 and comprehensive pricing and collections policy changes for uninsured patients 27 across all Sutter hospitals); Catholic Healthcare West Cases, Case No. J.C.C.P. 28 4453 (San Francisco County Super. Ct.) (lead class counsel in consumer class

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1 action that resulted in over \$423 million settlement and pricing and collections 2 policy changes for uninsured patients across all CHW hospitals); Scripps Health 3 Cases, Case No. IC859468 (S.D. Super. Ct.) (lead class counsel in consumer class 4 action that resulted in over \$73 million settlement and pricing and collections 5 policy changes for uninsured patients at Scripps hospitals); John Muir Uninsured 6 Healthcare Cases, Case No. J.C.C.P. 4494 (Contra Costa County Super. Ct.) (lead 7 class counsel in consumer class action that resulted in over \$113 million settlement 8 and pricing and collections policy changes for uninsured patients at John Muir 9 hospitals); *Cincotta v. California Emergency Physicians Medical Group*, No. 10 07359096 (Cal. Supr. Ct.) (lead class counsel in consumer class action that resulted 11 in over \$27 million settlement and pricing and collections policy changes, including 12 complete debt elimination—100% cancellation of the bill—for nearly 100,000 13 uninsured patients who alleged they were charged excessive and unfair rates for 14 emergency room service across 55 hospitals throughout California).

15 63. Together, the cases described above have resulted in court-approved
16 class action settlements, with a combined total recovery for class members
17 exceeding \$800 million in cash, plus other relief. LCHB's experience in these
18 cases, and my experience in particular, has provided LCHB and me with expertise
19 in the legal, factual, and case management issues that characterize these types of
20 complex class actions.

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- Other Experience and Awards

64. I have received several awards and honors for my litigation efforts.

23 65. In 2016, I was named as one of the Daily Journal's Top 40 Under 40
24 leading lawyers in California.

25 66. In 2014, Law360 recognized me as one of six of the nation's top
26 employment lawyers under 40. *See* Daniel Siegal, *Rising Star: Lieff Cabraser's*27 *Daniel Hutchinson* (Apr. 22, 2014), *available at* http://www.law360.com/

1 employment/articles/530612; *Law360 Names Top Attorneys Under 40* (Apr. 11,

2 2014), *available at* http://www.law360.com/employment/articles/525943.

3 67. In 2012, The Recorder named me as one of "50 Lawyers on the Fast
4 Track."

5 68. In 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, I was
6 recognized as a Northern California Super Lawyer and, from 2009 to 2012, was
7 named as a Northern California Super Lawyer Rising Star.

8 69. In addition to being an active litigator, I have long been involved in 9 many educational and legal groups, including the Lawyers' Committee for Civil 10 Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area (Board Chair, 2015; Board Chair-elect, 2014; 11 Board Secretary, 2011-2013; Member of the Board of Directors, 2009-2018); Bar 12 Association of San Francisco Cybersecurity and Privacy Law Section (vice chair, 13 2015-2018); American Bar Association (Section of Labor & Employment Law 14 Leadership Development Program); Association of Business Trial Lawyers 15 (Leadership Development Committee, 2008-2010); National Employment Lawyers 16 Association; Bar Association of San Francisco; Consumer Attorneys of California; 17 and National Bar Association.

18 70. I am a frequent speaker on class action and employment law topics, 19 including at events sponsored by the American Bar Association's Section of Labor 20 and Employment Law, the Consumer Attorneys of California, the Mason Judicial 21 Education Program, the Impact Fund, the National Employment Lawyers 22 Association, the Practising Law Institute, and the UCLA School of Law. In March 23 2014, I provided a CLE presentation on arbitration and class actions to 24 approximately 75 California state and federal court judges through the Judicial 25 Education Program provided by the Law & Economics Center at George Mason 26 University School of Law.

27 71. I have published and presented papers on race and gender class actions
28 under Title VII, including "Ten Points from Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.," 20(3)

CADS Report 1 (Spring 2010); "Pleading an Employment Discrimination Class 1 2 Action" and "EEO Litigation: From Complaint to the Courthouse Steps," ABA 3 Section of Labor and Employment Law Second Annual CLE Conference (2008); 4 and "Rule 23 Basics in Employment Cases," Strategic Conference on Employment 5 Discrimination Class Actions (2008).

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## **Qualifications of Other LCHB Attorneys**

7 72. Other LCHB attorneys who have expended a substantial amount of 8 time on this case include the following:

9 Lin Y. Chan, a partner at LCHB, has 13 years of experience as a. 10 an attorney. She is a 2007 graduate of Stanford Law School and received her 11 undergraduate degree and master's degree from Wellesley College. Following law 12 school, Ms. Chan completed a clerkship for Judge Damon J. Keith on the Sixth 13 Circuit Court of Appeals. She then worked on primarily employment law matters 14 at Goldstein, Borgen, Dardarian & Ho (formerly Goldstein Demchak Baller Borgen 15 & Dardarian). Since 2013, Ms. Chan has practiced with LCHB, where she became 16 a partner in 2016. At LCHB, she has focused on class actions in the areas of 17 employment and antitrust.

18 b. Facundo Bouzat was an associate at LCHB. Mr. Bouzat is a 19 member in good standing of the bar of the State of California and the United States 20 District Court for the Central and Northern Districts of California. He is a 2017 21 graduate of University of Michigan Law School and graduated from Bowling Green 22 State University in 2013. In 2020, Mr. Bouzat left LCHB to begin a term clerkship 23 with the Honorable R. Guy Cole, Jr., Chief Judge of the United States Court of 24 Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

25 Nicholas R. Hartmann is an associate at LCHB. Mr. Hartmann C. 26 is a member in good standing of the bars of the State of California and the State of 27 New York, and the United States District Courts for the Central District of 28 California, Southern District of New York, and Eastern District of New York. He

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1	is a 2014 graduate of University of California, Irvine School of Law and graduated					
2	from California State University, Fullerton in 2011. Following law school, Mr.					
3	Hartmann completed clerkships with Judge Eric Clay on the Sixth Circuit Court of					
4	Appeals and Magistrate Judge Andrew J. Peck in the Southern District of New					
5	York. He then worked on complex civil litigation matters at Patterson Belknap					
6	Webb & Tyler LLP in New York City. Since October 2020, Mr. Hartmann has					
7	practiced with LCHB.					
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9	I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States that the					
10	foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed at Oakland,					
11	California on July 2, 2021.					
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# Exhibit A

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18	Marcie Le and Karen Dao, individually	Case No. 8:18-cv-01548-DOC (ADSx)
19	and on behalf of all others similarly situ- ated,	Hon. David O. Carter
20	Plaintiffs,	Special Master Hon. Jay C. Gandhi (Ret.)
21	v.	DECLARATION OF MARCIE LE IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR FINAL
22	Walgreen Co., an Illinois corporation; Walgreen Pharmacy Services Midwest,	APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
23	LLC, an Illinois limited liability company;	SETTLEMENT AND PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
24	and <b>Walgreens Boots Alliance</b> , a Dela- ware corporation,	SERVICE AWARDS
25	Defendants.	
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		CONFORFINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION

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### I, Marcie Le, declare as follows:

I am one of the two named Plaintiffs in this action. The facts set forth herein are
 true based on my own personal knowledge. If called to testify, I could and would testify com petently to the matters addressed in this Declaration.

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## My Employment With Walgreens

7 2. I worked at Walgreens for about 26 years. I was hired as a Pharmacy Technician
8 on or around May 20, 1992. Beginning in 1999, I was hired as a staff pharmacist. I was pro9 moted to pharmacy manager at a Walgreens in Orange County, California in the early 2000s.I
10 was classified as a non-exempt, hourly employee during the above periods of time.

11 3. As alleged in the First Amended Complaint, I was denied rest breaks during my
12 entire employment as a pharmacist.

As a Pharmacy Manager, my job responsibilities included filling, validating for
 accuracy and proper dosage, and processing prescriptions according to Walgreens' policies
 and procedures, counseling customers, performing immunizations, managing inventory, su pervising technicians, and helping open or close the pharmacy. These are responsibilities
 generally held by all pharmacists. As a Pharmacy Manager, I was also responsible for setting
 the pharmacist and pharmacy technicians' schedules. I did this using the "payroll hours" that
 were budgeted to my store by corporate and by relying on corporate scheduling policies.

5. Whenever I was on duty, I was required to remain logged into Intercom Plus.
Intercom Plus did not work for either pharmacists or pharmacy technicians without a pharmacist logged in as "pharmacist of record."

6. Walgreens maintained high performance requirements that made pharmacists
unable to take rest breaks. Walgreens also imposed penalties or discipline if my pharmacy
went over its allotted number of payroll hours.

7. For example, Walgreens has a policy of filling prescriptions immediately, within
15 minutes, when customers are waiting in the store for their prescriptions to be filled. These

customers are called "waiters," and how fast we fill "waiter" prescriptions is a metric by
 which performance is measured. Walgreens discouraged us from putting patients into the
 computer as non-waiters because if the patient left the pharmacy, they might not come back
 to buy their prescription, which would make Walgreens less money. At managers' meetings
 Claire Marshall would tell us that we should put as many patients as possible into the system
 as "waiters."

8. Walgreens also has performance targets including prescription quotas, which
are relayed to pharmacists via instructions from district-level management to increase the volume of prescriptions that are filled at each pharmacy. Over my time at Walgreens these targets
were always increasing, while the "payroll hours" we were allotted for the pharmacy staff
decreased over the past five years.

9. The performance requirements for pharmacists, and the low number of pharmacists staffed at any given time (in my case, I was the only pharmacist on staff for approximately six hours of my regular eight-hour shifts) made it impossible to take rest breaks.

15 10. During my employment as a pharmacist at Walgreens in California, I do not
16 recall ever taking an uninterrupted, off-duty 10-minute rest break.

My understanding from speaking with other pharmacists is that rest breaks were
 commonly denied. Even when I tried to encourage pharmacists on my team to take rest breaks,
 they would say that they could not take breaks, or they would fall behind on performance tar gets. Walgreens knew pharmacists did not take rest breaks. I complained about this issue to
 district-level management on multiple occasions between 2014 and 2018. My complaints were
 never addressed.

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## My Work on this Case

12. As one of the named Plaintiffs in this action, I did my best to assist Class Counsel and the Class throughout the case. I have invested significant personal time and effort in
the investigation into this case, both before and after the action was filed. To date, I have spent
approximately 136 hours on the following tasks: (1) discussing the facts of the case with my

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1 attorneys before filing the case (25 hours); (2) reviewing the complaint and amended com-2 plaint and other documents prepared by counsel at the beginning of the case (5 hours); (3) 3 reviewing my own records, providing them to my attorneys and reviewing discovery responses served on my behalf (25 hours); (4) participating in phone calls with my lawyers to 4 5 discuss litigation and settlement strategy (10 hours); (5) talking to my former co-workers at Walgreens and obtaining additional information in advance of mediation and class certifica-6 tion (20 hours); (7) preparing for and having my deposition taken (14.5 hours); (8) assisting 7 8 my attorneys with the drafting of motion practice, including the Motion for Certification and 9 my declaration in support of that motion (15.5 hours); (9) reviewing settlement documents and providing additional information to my attorneys for purposes of settlement (5 hours); 10 (10) handling questions from my former coworkers regarding the Settlement and Notice of 11 12 Class Action Settlement (16 hours).

13 13. I agreed to help with this case with no guarantee of personal benefit, because I
14 believe it was the right thing to do. To date, I have not received any personal benefit from my
15 participation in this case, but I chose to serve as a named plaintiff because I believe strongly
16 that it is necessary to stand up for other employees besides myself.

17 14. This case also involved risks to me personally, such as the potential risk of hav18 ing to pay costs in the case if we lost and the risk of negative publicity by or to anyone who
19 opposed this case, including potential future employers who may choose not to hire me based
20 on my participation in this case.

15. Even in the face of these risks, I pursued this case on behalf of the Class because
I believe in it, and we reached a successful resolution and settlement. Further, as part of the
Settlement, I agreed to a broader release than other Class Members, who are releasing only
the claims at issue in this lawsuit.

I understand that, as a Class Representative, I have a duty to look out for and
protect the interest of the Class as a whole. I do not believe, nor do I have any reason to believe,

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that my interests in this lawsuit are in conflict or in any way antagonistic to the interests of
 those of my fellow Class Members.

3 17. Given the various defenses asserted by Defendant, the loss of our Class Certifi4 cation motion, and the risk of losing claims on the merits, and the fact that Class Members
5 have a need for payment sooner rather than later, I believe, along with my attorneys, that the
6 settlement obtained is fair and reasonable to the members of the Class.

7 18. I understand that class representatives are eligible for compensation for their
8 efforts as the named plaintiff in the action. I respectfully request that the Court grant this
9 award to me in the amount of \$10,000 in addition to my pro rata share of the settlement fund.
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Marcie Le

Executed on <sup>6/3/2021</sup> in <sup>Huntington Beach</sup>, California.

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# Exhibit B

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_0		ON FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION

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# **DECLARATION OF KAREN DAO** I, Karen Dao, declare as follows:

I am one of the two named Plaintiffs in this action. The facts set forth herein are 3 1. true based on my own personal knowledge. If called to testify, I could and would testify com-4 5 petently to the matters addressed in this Declaration.

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### My Employment With Walgreens

7 I was employed in California by Walgreens as a pharmacist from approximately 2. 8 late 2015 through early 2017 as a floater pharmacist and as a graveyard-shift staff pharmacist. I held the floater position in San Diego County from approximately late 2015 to early 2016, and the graveyard-shift staff pharmacist position at Huntington Beach from approximately February 2016 through February 2017.

12 3. Both from my own experience as a pharmacist and based on my knowledge 13 through working with other pharmacists, performance scores, which were based on metrics, such as meeting prescription and immunization count goals, keeping promise time (cus-14 15 tomer wait times) to 15 minutes or less, affected pay decisions, including pay increases and bonuses, as well as the ability to receive promotions. 16

Whenever I or my pharmacist colleagues were on Walgreens store premises, 17 4. Walgreens could and would contact me, even when I was not in the pharmacy itself. 18 19 Walgreens was able to call a pharmacist through the store s intercom system or sent a technician to find you if there was a problem or need for a licensed pharmacist and I (and my phar-20 macist colleagues) were required to return to the pharmacy immediately. I knew several phar-21 macists who would often complain that they were interrupted on their rest periods to respond 22 23 to customer issues but were not given an additional rest break to make up for their interrupted rest breaks or premium pay. 24

25 5. Additionally, when working graveyard shifts, you cannot leave the pharmacy at all because you are the only one on duty. Leaving the pharmacy unattended for ten minutes 26 was a serious safety concern as anyone could jump the counter and steal medication. And, 27

from a customer service standpoint, leaving the pharmacy unattended could result in upset
 customers and a failure to meet performance goals, so Walgreens did not want us to do it.

6. Even when you are not working alone in the pharmacy, Walgreens instructed
staff pharmacists that we were not allowed to leave a pharmacy technician in sole supervision
for any length of time because of the many tasks that required a pharmacy license.

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#### My Work on this Case

7 As one of the named Plaintiffs in this action, I did my best to assist Class Coun-7. 8 sel and the Class throughout the case. I have invested significant personal time and effort in 9 the investigation into this case, both before and after the action was filed. To date, I have spent over 85 hours on the following tasks: (1) discussing the facts of the case with my attorneys 10 before filing the case (20 hours); (2) reviewing the complaint and amended complaint and 11 other documents prepared by counsel at the beginning of the case (10 hours); (3) reviewing 12 13 my own records and providing them to my attorneys (10 hours); (4) participating in phone calls with my lawyers to discuss litigation and settlement strategy (5 hours); (5) talking to my 14 15 former co-workers at Walgreens and obtaining additional information in advance of mediation (10 hours); (7) preparing for and having my deposition taken (10 hours); (8) assisting my at-16 torneys with the drafting of motion practice, including the Motion for Certification and my 17 declaration in support of that motion (5 hours); (9) reviewing settlement documents and 18 19 providing additional information to my attorneys for purposes of settlement (5 hours); (10) 20 confirming that my workweek calculation was accurate as counsel reviewed the class list provided to the settlement administrator (5 hours); (11) handling questions from my former 21 coworkers regarding the Settlement and Notice of Class Action Settlement (5 hours). 22

8. I agreed to help with this case with no guarantee of personal benefit, because I
believe it was the right thing to do. To date, I have not received any personal benefit from my
participation in this case, but I chose to serve as a named plaintiff because I believe strongly
that it is necessary to stand up for other employees besides myself.

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9. This case also involved risks to me personally, such as the potential risk of

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having to pay costs in the case if we lost and the risk of negative publicity by or to anyone who 1 2 opposed this case, including potential future employers who may choose not to hire me based 3 on my participation in this case.

10. Even in the face of these risks, I pursued this case on behalf of the Class because I believe in it, and we reached a successful resolution and settlement. Further, as part of the Settlement, I agreed to release all my claims against Defendant, even though other Class Members are releasing only the claims at issue in this lawsuit.

8 11. I understand that, as a Class Representative, I have a duty to look out for and protect the interest of the Class as a whole. I do not believe, nor do I have any reason to believe, 9 that my interests in this lawsuit are in conflict or in any way antagonistic to the interests of 10 those of my fellow Class Members. 11

12 Given the various defenses asserted by Defendant, the loss of our Class Certifi-12. 13 cation motion, and the risk of losing claims on the merits, and the fact that Class Members have a need for payment sooner rather than later, I believe, along with my attorneys, that the 14 15 settlement obtained is fair and reasonable to the members of the Class.

13. I understand that class representatives are eligible for compensation for their 16 efforts as the named plaintiff in the action. I respectfully request that the Court grant this 17 award to me in the amount of \$10,000 in addition to my pro rata share of the settlement fund. 18

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. 21

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#### Matter Number: 3998-0001 LE V. WALGREEN CO., ET AL. - General Matter

#### PARTNER

NAME	HOURS	RATE	TOTAL
LIN CHAN	991.60	640.00	634,624.00
DANIEL HUTCHINSON	642.40	725.00	465,740.00
	1,634.00		1,100,364.00

#### ASSOCIATE

NAME	HOURS	RATE	TOTAL
FACUNDO BOUZAT	1,328.10	420.00	557,802.00
NICHOLAS HARTMANN	245.90	505.00	124,179.50
MICHAEL LEVIN-GESUNDHEIT	0.50	505.00	252.50
JOHN NICOLAOU	1.00	510.00	510.00
ABBY WOLF	31.40	445.00	13,973.00
	1,606.90		696,717.00

#### STAFF ATTORNEY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	TOTAL
LINDSAY CARR	406.30	415.00	168,614.50
KAREN JONES	58.20	415.00	24,153.00
COLEEN LIEBMANN	259.90	415.00	107,858.50
LEAH NUTTING	366.70	415.00	152,180.50
ROSE WALLER	134.20	415.00	55,693.00
	1,225.30		508,499.50

#### LAW CLERK

NAME	HOURS	RATE	TOTAL
HOPE BRINN	67.80	370.00	25,086.00
MARGARET MATTES	30.50	370.00	11,285.00
CAITLIN NELSON	42.60	370.00	15,762.00
SARAH PIKE	34.60	370.00	12,802.00
	175.50		64,935.00

#### PARALEGAL/CLERK

NAME	HOURS	RATE	TOTAL

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ARIANA DELUCCHI	0.10	385.00	38.50
TAYLOR EVANS	25.00	395.00	9,875.00
ELIZABETH KEENLEY	1,068.30	405.00	432,661.50
JENNIFER RUDNICK	8.80	405.00	3,564.00
MADELYNE TRIONE	112.20	395.00	44,319.00
BRIAN TROXEL	6.60	405.00	2,673.00
MITCHELL WILLIN	32.80	385.00	12,628.00
	1,253.80		505,759.00

#### LITIGATION SUPPORT / RESEARCH

NAME	HOURS	RATE	TOTAL
RICHARD ANTHONY	28.70	420.00	12,054.00
NIKKI BELUSHKO BARROWS	38.60	405.00	15,633.00
MARGIE CALANGIAN	27.30	420.00	11,466.00
KIRTI DUGAR	1.50	510.00	765.00
ANTHONY GRANT	18.20	420.00	7,644.00
MAJOR MUGRAGE	2.10	420.00	882.00
RENEE MUKHERJI	10.30	420.00	4,326.00
FAWAD RAHIMI	13.90	420.00	5,838.00
NABILA SIDDIQI	14.90	390.00	5,811.00
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### LIEFF CABRASER HEIMANN & BERNSTEIN, LLP

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#### LE V. WALGREEN CO., ET AL. - General Matter (3998-0001)

Soft Costs Incurred		
	Current	Matter-to-Date
In-House Copies	\$0.00	\$78.20
Postage	\$0.00	\$88.85
Print	\$0.00	\$15,453.20
Telephone	\$0.00	\$1,339.28
Total Soft Costs:	\$0.00	\$16,959.53

### **Hard Costs Incurred**

	Current	Matter-to-Date
Computer Research	\$0.00	\$10,243.45
Deposition/Transcripts	\$0.00	\$27,117.51
Electronic Database	\$0.00	\$8,760.00
Experts/Consultants	\$0.00	\$133,948.25
Federal Express/Messenger	\$0.00	\$793.33
Filing Fees	\$0.00	\$1,565.60
Medical Records	\$0.00	\$122.39
Other Charges	\$0.00	\$336.72
Outside Copy Service	\$0.00	\$5,359.90
Process Service	\$0.00	\$313.75
Special Master and Mediation Expenses	\$0.00	\$28,600.00
Travel	\$0.00	\$11,862.69
Total Hard Costs:	\$0.00	\$229,023.59
Total Matter Costs:	\$0.00	\$245,983.12
Total Cost Receipts:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Costs:	\$0.00	\$245,983.12

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#### FIRM PROFILE:

Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, is a 110-plus attorney AV-rated law firm founded in 1972 with offices in San Francisco, New York, Nashville, and Munich. We have a diversified practice, successfully representing plaintiffs in the fields of personal injury and mass torts, securities and financial fraud, employment discrimination and unlawful employment practices, product defect, consumer protection, antitrust, environmental and toxic exposures, False Claims Act, digital privacy and data security, and human rights. Our clients include individuals, classes and groups of people, businesses, and public and private entities.

Lieff Cabraser has served as Court-appointed Plaintiffs' Lead or Class Counsel in state and federal coordinated, multi-district, and complex litigation throughout the United States. With co-counsel, we have represented clients across the globe in cases filed in American courts. Lieff Cabraser is among the largest firms in the United States that only represent plaintiffs.

Described by The American Lawyer as "one of the nation's premier plaintiffs' firms," Lieff Cabraser enjoys a national reputation for professional integrity and the successful prosecution of our clients' claims. We possess sophisticated legal skills and the financial resources necessary for the handling of large, complex cases, and for litigating against some of the nation's largest corporations. We take great pride in the leadership roles our firm plays in many of this country's major cases, including those resulting in landmark decisions and precedent-setting rulings. Lieff Cabraser has litigated and resolved thousands of individual lawsuits and hundreds of class and group actions, including some of the most important civil cases in the United States over the past four decades. We have assisted our clients in recovering over \$124 billion in verdicts and settlements. Twenty-eight cases have been resolved for over \$1 billion; another 55 have resulted in verdicts or settlements at or in excess of \$100 million.

*The National Law Journal* has recognized Lieff Cabraser as one of the nation's top plaintiffs' law firms for fourteen years, and we are a member of its Plaintiffs' Hot List Hall of Fame, "representing the best qualities of the plaintiffs' bar and demonstrating unusual dedication and creativity." *The National Law Journal* separately recognized Lieff Cabraser as one of the "50 Leading Plaintiffs Firms in America."

In January of 2021, *The American Lawyer* named Lieff Cabraser its "Boutique/Specialty Litigation Firm of the Year." We saw six partners named to *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Lawyers" for 2021, along with our second partner named to the publication's "Hall of Fame." *Best Lawyers'* 2021 rankings include thirty individual "Best Lawyer" lawyer listings as well as thirteen tier one placements (including national mass tort/class actions) and three California "Lawyer of the Year" rankings for antitrust, product liability, and mass tort class actions.

In April of 2021, *Benchmark Litigation* named Lieff Cabraser its "California Plaintiff Firm of the Year" for the third year in a row, and we were 2019 finalists for the publication's national "Plaintiff Law Firm of the Year" award. In December 2019, *The American Lawyer* included Lieff Cabraser in its "Top 50 Litigation Departments in the U.S.," the only all-plaintiffside litigation firm included among the firms recognized.

In September of 2019, *Law360* named Lieff Cabraser a "California Powerhouse" for litigation after naming our firm its "Class Action Firm of the Year" in January 2019. In July of 2019, Public Justice awarded Lieff Cabraser its "Trial Lawyer of the Year" award. Lieff Cabraser has 21 lawyers named to the "Best Lawyers in America" 2020 listing, and *The National Law Journal* awarded our firm its 2019 "Elite Trial Lawyer" awards in the fields of Consumer Protection and Cybersecurity/Data Breach.

*U.S. News and Best Lawyers* has selected Lieff Cabraser as a national "Law Firm of the Year" six times in the last ten years, in categories including Mass Torts Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs and Employment Law – Individuals. In 2017, Lieff Cabraser's Digital Privacy and Data Security practice group was named "Privacy Group of the Year" by *Law360*, and the firm's Consumer Protection practice group was named the publication's "Consumer Protection Group of the Year" as well.

In 2016, *Benchmark Litigation* named Lieff Cabraser to its "Top 10 Plaintiff Firms in America" list, *The National Law Journal* chose our firm as one of nine "Elite Trial Lawyers" nationwide, and *Law360* selected Lieff Cabraser as one of the "Top 50 Law Firms Nationwide for Litigation." The publication separately noted that our firm "persists as a formidable agency of change, producing world class legal work against some of the most powerful corporate players in the world today." Case 8:18-cv-01548-DOC-ADS Document 163-11 Filed 07/02/21 Page 4 of 154 Page ID #:20346

#### **CASE PROFILES:**

#### I. <u>Personal Injury and Products Liability Litigation</u>

#### A. Current Cases

- 1. John Doe v. University of Michigan and The Regents of the University of Michigan, Case No. 2:20-cv-10629 (E.D. Mich.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Plaintiffs' Interim Co-Class Counsel in the sexual abuse litigation against the University of Michigan and Dr. Robert E. Anderson pending in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. The lawsuit, brought on behalf of former student-patients, alleges that Anderson abused his position to repeatedly and regularly sexually assault University students in the guise of providing medical care, and that the University of Michigan and its Regents allowed and enabled that abuse during his employment at the University from 1968 through 2003. A University of Michigan press release notes that the sexual abuse allegations against Anderson are said to be "disturbing and very serious," and include claims of unnecessary and intimate exams by a doctor with unrestricted access to male college athletes over a period extending over three decades.
- 2. Southern California Fire Cases (California Thomas Wildfire & Mudslide Litigation), JCCP No. 4965 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser partners Lexi J. Hazam and Robert J. Nelson serve as Co-Lead Counsel in consolidated individual and class action lawsuits against Southern California Edison over the role of the utility's equipment in starting the devastating Thomas Fire that ravaged Southern California in December 2017 and the resulting subsequent mudslides in Montecito that killed 21 people. The action seeks restitution for personal and business losses alleged to have occurred as a result of Southern California Edison's failure to properly and safely maintain its electrical infrastructure in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

Thorough post-fire investigations through the spring of 2019 have determined that what became known as the Thomas Fire was a result of the merging of the Ventura County Koenigstein Fire (caused by the separation of an energized conductor near an insulator on an SCEoperated power pole, which then fell to the ground along with molten metal particles and ignited the dry vegetation below) and the Thomas Fire (caused by power lines owned by SCE coming into contact with each other during high winds). Both the Koenigstein Fire and the Thomas Fire started on the same electrical circuit; hours after they began, the Koenigstein Fire merged with the Thomas Fire and collectively became known as the Thomas Fire. The fire burned a total of 281,893 acres, destroying 1,063 structures and resulting in one civilian and one firefighter fatality. 3. **2017 California North Bay Fire Cases**, JCCP No. 4955 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser founding partner Elizabeth Cabraser and firm partner Lexi Hazam serve as Chairs of the Class Action Committee in the consolidated lawsuits against Pacific Gas & Electric relating to losses from the 2017 San Francisco Bay Wine Country Fires. Cabraser and Hazam also serve on the Individual Plaintiffs Executive Committee in the litigation. In November of 2017, Lieff Cabraser filed individual and class action lawsuits against PG&E for losses relating to the devastating October 2017 North Bay Fires. The lawsuit sought to hold PG&E accountable for damages to real and personal property, loss of income, and loss of business arising from the fires. In the wake of the devastating fires that burned throughout northern California in October of 2017, more than 50 separate lawsuits were filed in multiple courts seeking to hold PG&E liable.

In January 2018, the lawsuits were consolidated into a single action in San Francisco Superior Court. Cal Fire has determined that of the 21 major fires last fall in Northern California, at least 17 were caused by power lines, poles and other equipment owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company. PG&E had attempted to coordinate the actions in five separate clusters, including in counties that to date have no pertinent cases, but the Court held that issues of commonality and efficiency mandated coordination on a single court in San Francisco.

PG&E made multiple demurrers to plaintiffs' inverse condemnation claims, seeking the outright dismissal of plaintiff's' claims for damages against the utility unless PG&E was granted the right to pass any damages award on to its ratepaying customers. In May 2018, the Court issued an order overruling PG&E's demurrers. The Court disagreed with PG&E's arguments on all counts, holding in favor of plaintiffs and directing PG&E to answer plaintiffs' pending complaints. In June of 2018, PG&E announced that it expected to be held liable for damage from most if not all of the deadly and widespread fires that coursed through the North San Francisco Bay Area in October of 2017, recording so far a \$2.5 billion charge to cover losses. PG&E noted that the \$2.5 billion charge represents the low end of its anticipated potential losses.

4. **Camp Fire Cases**, JCCP No. 4995 (Cal. Supr. Court). Lieff Cabraser represents the family of Ernest Francis "Ernie" Foss, beloved father and musician, who was killed in the November 2018 Camp Fire, the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in modern California history. The fire broke out in Northern California near Chico in early November 2018 and quickly grew to massive size, affecting over 140,000 acres and killing at least 80 people, destroying nearly 14,000 homes and nearly obliterating the town of Paradise, and causing the evacuation of over 50,000 area residents.

In addition, Lieff Cabraser represents plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit as well as hundreds of individual suits filed against PG&E for the devastating property damage, economic losses, and disruption to homes, businesses, and livelihoods caused by the Camp wildfire. The lawsuits allege the Camp Fire was started by unsafe electrical infrastructure owned, operated, and improperly maintained by PG&E. The plaintiffs further claim that despite PG&E's knowledge that electrical infrastructure was aging, unsafe, and vulnerable to environmental conditions, PG&E failed to take action that could have prevented the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California's history.

- 5. In re PG&E Corporation, Case No. 19-30088 and In re Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Case No. 19-30089 (U.S. Bankruptcy Court, N.D. Cal. San Francisco Division). In January of 2019, in the face of overwhelming liability from pending wildfire litigation, including the North Bay and Camp Fire JCCPs, PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the federal Bankruptcy Code. As a result of the bankruptcy filing, the Camp Fire and North Bay Fires proceedings in state court have been stayed. In February 2019, Andrew R. Vara, the Acting United States Trustee for Region 3, appointed an official committee of tort claimants to represent the interests and act on behalf of all persons with tort claims against PG&E, including wildfire victims, in the bankruptcy proceedings. Lieff Cabraser represents Angela Foss Loo as a member of the Official Committee of Tort Claimants.
- 6. **Woolsey Fire Cases**, JCCP No. 5000 (Cal Supr. Ct.). Judge William F. Highberger named Lexi J. Hazam as Co-Lead Counsel for Individual Plaintiffs in the coordinated Woolsey Fire Cases against Southern California Edison relating to the devastating 2018 fire that burned more than 1000 homes and 96,000 acres in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The action includes claims for negligence, trespass, inverse condemnation, and violation of the California Public Utilities and Health and Safety codes, and seeks damages for the fires victims' losses.
- 7. Individual General Motors Ignition Switch Defect Injury Lawsuits, MDL No. 2543 (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represents over 100 persons injured nationwide, and families of loved ones who died, in accidents involving GM vehicles sold with a defective ignition switch. Without warning, the defect can cause the car's engine and electrical system to shut off, disabling the air bags. For over a decade GM was aware of this defect and failed to inform government safety regulators and public. The defect has been has been implicated in the deaths of over 300 people in crashes where the front air bags did not deploy. On August 15, 2014, U.S. District Court Judge Jesse M. Furman appointed Elizabeth J. Cabraser as Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel in the GM ignition switch

litigation in federal court. The Economic Loss Class Settlement of the case was granted final approval on December 18, 2020. The deadline for claims under this settlement is March 18, 2020.

8. In re Toyota Motor Corp. Unintended Acceleration Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2151 (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel for the plaintiffs in the Toyota injury cases in federal court representing individuals injured, and families of loved ones who died, in Toyota unintended acceleration accidents. The complaints charge that Toyota took no action despite years of complaints that its vehicles accelerated suddenly and could not be stopped by proper application of the brake pedal. The complaints further allege that Toyota breached its duty to manufacture and sell safe automobiles by failing to incorporate a brake override system and other readily available safeguards that could have prevented unintended acceleration.

In December 2013, Toyota announced its intention to begin to settle the cases. In 2014, Lieff Cabraser played a key role in turning Toyota's intention into a reality through assisting in the creation of an innovative resolution process that has settled scores of cases in streamlined, individual conferences. The settlements are confidential. Before Toyota agreed to settle the litigation, plaintiffs' counsel overcame significant hurdles in the challenging litigation. In addition to defeating Toyota's motion to dismiss the litigation, Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel demonstrated that the highly-publicized government studies that denied unintended acceleration, or attributed it to mechanical flaws and driver error, were flawed and erroneous.

9. **Retrievable Inferior Vena Cava Blood Filter Injuries. In re** Bard IVC Filters Prods. Liab. Litig., MDL No. 2641 (D. Ariz.). Inferior Vena Cava blood filters or IVC filters are small, basket-like medical devices that are inserted into the inferior vena cava, the main blood vessel that returns blood from the lower half of the body to the heart. Tens of thousands of patients in the U.S. are implanted with IVC filters in order to provide temporary protection from pulmonary embolisms. However, these devices have resulted in multiple complications including device fracture, device migration, perforation of various organs, and an increased risk for venous thrombosis. Due to these complications, patients may have to undergo invasive device removal surgery or suffer heart attacks, hemorrhages, or other major injuries. We represent injured patients and their families in individual personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits against IVC filter manufacturers, and Lieff Cabraser attorney Wendy R. Fleishman serves on the Plaintiffs Executive Committee in the IVC Filter cases in the federal multidistrict litigation.

- 10. Injury and Death Lawsuits Involving Wrongful Driver Conduct and Defective Tires, Transmissions, Cars and/or Vehicle Parts (Seat Belts, Roof Crush, Defective seats, and **Other Defects).** Lieff Cabraser has an active practice prosecuting claims for clients injured, or the families of loved ones who have died, by wrongful driver conduct and by unsafe and defective vehicles. tires, restraint systems, seats, and other automotive equipment. The firm also represent clients in actions involving fatalities and serious injuries from tire and transmission failures as well as rollover accidents (and defective roofs, belts, seat back and other parts) as well as defective transmissions and/or shifter gates that cause vehicles to self-shift from park or false park into reverse. Our attorneys have received awards and recognition from California Lawyer magazine (Lawyer of the Year Award), the Consumer Attorneys of California, and the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association for their dedication to their clients and outstanding success in vehicle injury cases.
- 11. In Re: Abilify (Aripiprazole) Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2734 (N.D. Fla.). We represented clients who incurred crippling financial losses and pain and suffering from compulsive gambling caused by the drug Abilify. In May 2016 the FDA warned that Abilify can lead to damaging compulsive behaviors, including uncontrollable gambling. The gambling additions could be so severe that patients lost their homes, livelihoods, and marriages. The \$6+ billion a year-earning drug was prescribed for nearly 9 million patients in 2014 alone. In December 2016, Lieff Cabraser partner Lexi Hazam was appointed by the court overseeing the nationwide Abilify gambling injuries MDL litigation to the Plaintiffs Executive Committee and Co-Chairs the Science and Expert Sub-Committee for the nationwide Abilify MDL litigation. The Court issued a Daubert decision admitting almost all of Plaintiffs' experts in 2018, and on the eve of bellwether trials, the parties entered settlement negotiations. Almost all of the cases have now resolved through settlement.
- 12. **In re Engle Cases**, No. 3:09-cv-10000-J-32 JBT (M.D. Fl.). Lieff Cabraser represents Florida smokers, and the spouses and families of loved ones who died, in litigation against the tobacco companies for their 50-year conspiracy to conceal the hazards of smoking and the addictive nature of cigarettes.

On February 25th, 2015, a settlement was announced of more than 400 Florida smoker lawsuits against the major cigarette companies Philip Morris USA Inc., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, and Lorillard Tobacco Company. As a part of the settlement, the companies will collectively pay \$100 million to injured smokers or their families. This was the first settlement ever by the cigarette companies of smoker cases on a group basis. Lieff Cabraser attorneys tried over 20 cases in Florida federal court against the tobacco industry on behalf of individual smokers or their estates, and with co-counsel obtained over \$105 million in judgments for our clients. Two of the jury verdicts Lieff Cabraser attorneys obtained in the litigation were ranked by *The National Law Journal* as among the Top 100 Verdicts of 2014. In 2020, the Eleventh Circuit found in favor of the plaintiff in one of our Engle progeny tobacco injury lawsuits against cigarette manufacturer Philip Morris, holding that a punitive damages award of over \$20 million was constitutionally appropriate and not unconstitutionally excessive as Philip Morris had repeatedly argued after losing the original injury trial in 2013.

13. **In re Takata Airbag Litigation**, MDL No. 2599 (S.D. Fl.). Lieff Cabraser served on the Plaintiffs Steering Committee in the national litigation related to Takata Corporation's defective and dangerous airbags manufactured by Japan-based Takata Corporation. Nearly 42 million affected vehicles were recalled worldwide, making this the largest automotive recall in U.S. history.

The airbags contained an unstable propellant that could cause the bags to explode upon impact in an accident, shooting metal casing debris towards drivers and passengers. Close to 300 injuries, including 23 deaths, were linked to the airbags. The complaints charged that the company knew of defects in its airbags a decade ago after conducting secret tests of the products that showed dangerous flaws. Rather than alert federal safety regulators to these risks, Takata allegedly ordered its engineers to delete the test data. The complaints also alleged that the vehicle manufacturers who used these airbags ignored numerous warning signs that they were not safe.

To date, Lieff Cabraser and our co-counsel have secured over \$1.5 billion in settlements from Honda, Toyota, Ford, Nissan, BMW, Subaru, and Mazda. Litigation continues against Volkswagen, Mercedes, Fiat Chrysler, and General Motors.

14. **Stryker Metal Hip Implant Litigation**, MDL No. 2441 (D. Minn.). Lieff Cabraser represents over 60 hip replacement patients nationwide who received the recalled Stryker Rejuvenate and ABG II modular hip implant systems. Wendy Fleishman serves on the Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel Committee of the multidistrict litigation cases. These patients have suffered tissue damage and have high metal particle levels in their blood stream. For many patients, the Stryker hip implant failed necessitating painful revision surgery to extract and replace the artificial hip.

On November 3, 2014, a settlement was announced in the litigation against Stryker Corporation for the recall of its Rejuvenate and ABG II artificial hip implants. Under the settlement, Stryker will provide a base payment of \$300,000 to patients that received the Rejuvenate or ABG II hip systems and underwent revision surgery by November 3, 2014, to remove and replace the devices. Stryker's liability is not capped. It is expected that the total amount of payments under the settlement will far exceed \$1 billion dollars. Payments under the settlement program are projected for disbursement at the end of 2015.

15. DePuy Metal Hip Implants Litigation, MDL No. 2244 (N.D. Tex.). Lieff Cabraser represents nearly 200 patients nationwide who received the ASR XL Acetabular and ASR Hip Resurfacing systems manufactured by DePuy Orthopedics, a unit of Johnson & Johnson. In 2010, DePuy Orthopedics announced the recall of its all-metal ASR hip implants, which were implanted in approximately 40,000 U.S. patients from 2006 through August 2010. The complaints allege that DePuy Orthopedics was aware its ASR hip implants were failing at a high rate, yet continued to manufacture and sell the device. In January 2011, in In re DePuy Orthopaedics, Inc. ASR Hip Implant Products, MDL No. 2197, the Court overseeing all DePuy recall lawsuits in federal court appointed Lieff Cabraser partner Wendy R. Fleishman to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for the organization and coordination of the litigation. In July 2011, in the coordinated proceedings in California state court, the Court appointed Lieff Cabraser partner Robert J. Nelson to serve on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee.

In 2013, Johnson & Johnson announced its agreement to pay at least \$2.5 billion to resolve thousands of defective DePuy ASR hip implant lawsuits. Under the settlement, J&J offers to pay a base award of \$250,000 to U.S. citizens and residents who are more than 180 days from their hip replacement surgery, and prior to August 31, 2013, had to undergo revision surgery to remove and replace their faulty DePuy hip ASR XL or ASR resurfacing hip. The \$250,000 base award payment will be adjusted upward or downward depending on medical factors specific to each patient. Lieff Cabraser also represents nearly 100 patients whose DePuy Pinnacle artificial hips containing a metal insert called the Ultamet metal liner have prematurely failed.

16. *Mirena Litigation*. A widely-used, plastic intrauterine device (IUD) that releases a hormone into the uterus to prevent pregnancy, Mirena is manufactured by Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals. Lieff Cabraser represents patients who have suffered serious injuries linked to the IUD. These injuries include uterine perforation (the IUD tears through the cervix or the wall of the uterus), ectopic pregnancy (when the embryo implants outside the uterine cavity), pelvic infections and pelvic inflammatory disease, and thrombosis (blood clots).

- 17. **Birth Defects Litigation**. Lieff Cabraser represents children and their parents who have suffered birth defects as a result of problematic pregnancies and improper medical care, improper prenatal genetic screening, ingestion by the mother of prescription drugs during pregnancy which had devastating effects on their babies. These birth defects range from heart defects, physical malformations, and severe brain damage associated with complex emotional and developmental delays. Taking of antidepressants during pregnancy has been linked to multiple types of birth defects, neonatal abstinence syndrome from experiencing withdrawal of the drug, and persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn (PPHN).
- 18. **Vaginal Surgical Mesh Litigation**. Lieff Cabraser represents more than 300 women nationwide who have been seriously injured as a result of polypropylene vaginal surgical mesh implantation as a treatment for pelvic organ prolapse or stress urinary incontinence. Manufactured by Johnson & Johnson, Boston Scientific, AMS, Bard, Caldera, Coloplast, and others, these products have been linked to serious side effects including erosion into the vaginal wall or other organs, infection, internal organ damage, and urinary problems. As of early 2016, the firm is in all phases of litigation and settlement on these cases.
- 19. **Xarelto Litigation.** Lieff Cabraser represents patients prescribed Xarelto sold in the U.S. by Janssen Pharmaceuticals, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson. The complaints charge that Xarelto, approved to prevent blood clots, is a dangerous and defective drug because it triggers in certain patients uncontrolled bleeding and other life-threatening complications. Unlike Coumadin, an anti-clotting drug approved over 50 years ago, the concentration of Xarelto in a patient's blood cannot be reversed in the case of overdose or other serious complications. If a Xarelto patient has an emergency bleeding event -- such as from a severe injury or major brain or GI tract bleeding -- the results can be fatal.
- 20. **Benicar Litigation**, MDL No. 2606 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser represents patients prescribed the high blood pressure medication Benicar who have experienced chronic diarrhea with substantial weight loss, severe gastrointestinal problems, and the life-threatening conditions of sprue-like enteropathy and villous atrophy in litigation against Japan-based Daiichi Sankyo, Benicar's manufacturer, and Forest Laboratories, which marketed Benicar in the U.S.

The complaints allege that Benicar was insufficiently tested and not accompanied by adequate instructions and warnings to apprise consumers of the full risks and side effects associated with its use. Lieff Cabraser attorney Lexi J. Hazam serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for the nationwide Benicar MDL litigation and was appointed Co-Chair of the Benicar MDL Plaintiffs' Science and Experts Committee. Plaintiffs recently filed motions to compel defense to produce additional discovery. The judge ruled with plaintiffs in the fall of 2015. In August 2017, a settlement with Daiichi Sankyo Inc. and Forest Laboratories Inc. valued at \$300 million covering approximately 2,300 Benicar injury cases in both state and federal courts was announced.

21. **Risperdal Litigation**. In 2013, Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals, the manufacture of the antipsychotic prescription drugs Risperdal and Invega, entered into a \$2.2 billion settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice for over promoting the drugs. The government alleged that J&J and Janssen knew Risperdal triggered the production of prolactin, a hormone that stimulates breast development (gynecomastia) and milk production.

Lieff Cabraser represents parents whose sons developed abnormally large breasts while prescribed Risperdal and Invega in lawsuits charging that Risperdal is a defective and dangerous prescription drug and seeking monetary damages for the mental anguish and physical injuries the young men suffered.

- 22. **Power Morcellators Litigation**, MDL No. 2652 (D. Kan.). Lieff Cabraser represents women who underwent a hysterectomy (the removal of the uterus) or myomectomy (the removal of uterine fibroids) in which a laparoscopic power morcellator was used. In November 2014, the FDA warned surgeons that they should avoid the use of laparoscopic power morcellators for removing uterine tissue in the vast majority of cases due to the risk of the devices spreading unsuspected cancer. Based on current data, the FDA estimates that 1 in 350 women undergoing hysterectomy or myomectomy for the treatment of fibroids have an unsuspected uterine sarcoma, a type of uterine cancer that includes leiomyosarcoma.
- 23. In re New England Compounding Pharmacy Inc. Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2419 (D. Mass.). Lieff Cabraser represents patients injured or killed by a nationwide fungal meningitis outbreak in 2012. More than 14,000 patients across the U.S. were injected with a contaminated medication that caused the outbreak. The New England Compounding Center ("NECC") in Framingham, Massachusetts, manufactured and sold the drug – an epidural steroid treatment designed to relieve back pain. The contaminated steroid was sold to patients at a number of pain clinics. Nearly 800 patients developed fungal meningitis, and more than 70 patients died.

Lieff Cabraser is a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the multi-district litigation, and our attorneys act as federal-state liaison counsel. In May 2015, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court approved a \$200 million partial settlement for victims of the outbreak. Bellwether trials against remaining defendants commenced in 2016. Lieff Cabraser is expected to play a lead role in the bellwether trials.

#### **B.** Successes

- 1. **Multi-State Tobacco Litigation**. Lieff Cabraser represented the Attorneys General of Massachusetts, Louisiana and Illinois, several additional states, and 21 cities and counties in California, in litigation against Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds and other cigarette manufacturers. The suits were part of the landmark \$206 billion settlement announced in November 1998 between the tobacco industry and the states' attorneys general. The states, cities and counties sought both to recover the public costs of treating smoking-related diseases and require the tobacco industry to undertake extensive modifications of its marketing and promotion activities in order to reduce teenage smoking. In California alone, Lieff Cabraser's clients were awarded an estimated \$12.5 billion to be paid through 2025.
- 2. In re Vioxx Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 1657 (E.D. La.). Lieff Cabraser represented patients who suffered heart attacks or strokes, and the families of loved ones who died, after having been prescribed the arthritis and pain medication Vioxx. In individual personal injury lawsuits against Merck, the manufacturer of Vioxx, our clients allege that Merck falsely promoted the safety of Vioxx and failed to disclose the full range of the drug's dangerous side effects. In April 2005, in the federal multidistrict litigation, the Court appointed Elizabeth J. Cabraser to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, which has the responsibility of conducting all pretrial discovery of Vioxx cases in federal court and pursuing all settlement options with Merck. In August 2006, Lieff Cabraser was cocounsel in Barnett v. Merck, which was tried in the federal court in New Orleans. Lieff Cabraser attorneys Don Arbitblit and Jennifer Gross participated in the trial, working closely with attorneys Mark Robinson and Andy Birchfield. The jury reached a verdict in favor of Mr. Barnett, finding that Vioxx caused his heart attack, and that Merck's conduct justified an award of punitive damages. In November 2007, Merck announced it had entered into an agreement with the executive committee of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee as well as representatives of plaintiffs' counsel in state coordinated proceedings. Merck paid \$4.85 billion into a settlement fund for qualifying claims.

#### 3. In re Silicone Gel Breast Implants Products Liability

*Litigation*, MDL No. 926 (N.D. Ala.). Lieff Cabraser served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and was one of five members of the negotiating committee which achieved a \$4.25 billion global settlement with certain defendants of the action. This was renegotiated in 1995, and is referred to as the Revised Settlement Program ("RSP"). Over 100,000

recipients have received initial payments, reimbursement for the explanation expenses and/or long term benefits.

- 4. Fen-Phen ("Diet Drugs") Litigation. Since the recall was announced in 1997, Lieff Cabraser has represented individuals who suffered injuries from the "Fen-Phen" diet drugs fenfluramine (sold as Pondimin) and/or dexfenfluramine (sold as Redux). The firm served as counsel for the plaintiff who filed the first nationwide class action lawsuit against the diet drug manufacturers alleging that they had failed to adequately warn physicians and consumers of the risks associated with the drugs. In In re Diet Drugs (Phentermine / Fenfluramine / Dexfenfluramine) Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 1203 (E.D. Pa.), the Court appointed Elizabeth J. Cabraser to the Plaintiffs' Management Committee which organized and directed the Fen-Phen diet drugs litigation in federal court. In August 2000, the Court approved a \$4.75 billion settlement offering both medical monitoring relief for persons exposed to the drug and compensation for persons with qualifying damage. Lieff Cabraser represented over 2,000 persons that suffered valvular heart disease, pulmonary hypertension or other problems (such as needing echocardiogram screening for damage) due to and/or following exposure to Fen-Phen and obtained more than \$350 million in total for clients in individual cases and/or claims.
- 5. **In re Actos (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation**, MDL No. 2299 (W.D. La.). Lieff Cabraser represents 90 diabetes patients who developed bladder cancer after exposure to the prescription drug pioglitazone, sold as Actos by Japan-based Takeda Pharmaceutical Company and its American marketing partner, Eli Lilly.

Lieff Cabraser is a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the Actos MDL. In 2014, Lieff Cabraser served on the trial team in the case of *Allen v. Takeda*, working closely with lead trial counsel in federal court in Louisiana. The jury awarded \$9 billion in punitive damages, finding that Takeda and Lilly failed to adequately warn about the bladder cancer risks of Actos and had acted with wanton and reckless disregard for patient safety. The trial judge reduced the punitive damage award but upheld the jury's findings of misconduct, and ruled that a multiplier of 25 to 1 for punitive damages was justified.

In April 2015, Takeda agreed to settle all bladder cancer claims brought by Type 2 diabetes patients who took Actos prior to December 1, 2011 and who were diagnosed with bladder cancer on or before April 28, 2015 and were represented by counsel by May 1, 2015. The settlement amount is \$2.4 billion. Average payments of about \$250,000 per person will be increased for more severe injuries.

Jane Doe et al. v. George Tyndall and the University of 6. Southern California, Case No. 2:18-cv-05010 (C.D. Cal.). In June of 2018, Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of women who were sexually abused, harassed, and molested by gynecologist George Tyndall, M.D., while they were students at University of Southern California ("USC"). As alleged in the complaint, despite the fact that USC has publicly admitted that it received numerous complaints of Tyndall's sexually abusive behavior, dating back to at least the year 2000, USC actively and deliberately concealed Tyndall's sexual abuse for years, continuing to grant Tyndall unfettered sexual access to the female USC students in his care. USC hid the complaints despite the fact that many of the complaints came directly from its own employees and staff, including nurses and medical assistants who were physically present during the examinations as "chaperones," and witnessed the sexual misconduct firsthand. Despite receiving years of serious complaints of significant misconduct about Tyndall, including sexual misconduct, USC failed to take any meaningful action to address the complaints until it was finally forced to do so in June 2016.

On February 12, 2019, University of Southern California (USC) students and alumni filed a class action settlement agreement resolving claims related to gynecologist George Tyndall, M.D. that will require USC to adopt and implement significant and permanent procedures for identification, prevention, and reporting of sexual and racial misconduct, as well as recognize all of Tyndall's patients through a \$215 million fund that gives every survivor a choice in how to participate. The settlement proposes a tiered structure for recovery that allows victims to choose the level of engagement they wish to have with the claims process and how they wish to communicate their stories. All women who USC's records show saw Tyndall for a women's health visit will automatically get a \$2,500 check, and the further tiers are structured to allow victims to choose their level of engagement with the process - if they only want to submit claims in writing, they can choose that, which allows them a certain range of potential claim payments above the 2,500 floor; if they are willing and able to provide an interview, they can be eligible for a range up to the highest \$250,000 amount. But at all levels, the settlement is designed to provide victims with a safe process within which to come forward, where they have control over how much they want to engage at their chosen level of comfort.

On February 19, 2020, Judge Steven V. Wilson of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California granted final approval to the \$215 million settlement of the gender violence and sexual abuse class action litigation filed on behalf of nearly 18,000 women against Dr. George Tyndall and the University of Southern California.

- 7. **Yaz and Yasmin Litigation**. Lieff Cabraser represented women prescribed Yasmin and Yaz oral contraceptives who suffered blood clots, deep vein thrombosis, strokes, and heart attacks, as well as the families of loved ones who died suddenly while taking these medications. The complaints alleged that Bayer, the manufacturer of Yaz and Yasmin, failed to adequately warn patients and physicians of the increased risk of serious adverse effects from Yasmin and Yaz. The complaints also charged that these oral contraceptives posed a greater risk of serious side effects than other widely available birth control drugs. To date, Bayer has announced settlements of 7,660 claims – totaling \$1.6 billion – in the Yaz birth control lawsuits.
- 8. **Sulzer Hip and Knee Prosthesis Liability Litigation**. In December 2000, Sulzer Orthopedics, Inc., announced the recall of approximately 30,000 units of its Inter-Op Acetabular Shell Hip Implant, followed in May 2001 with a notification of failures of its Natural Knee II Tibial Baseplate Knee Implant. In coordinated litigation in California state court, *In re Hip Replacement Cases*, JCCP 4165, Lieff Cabraser served as Court-appointed Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and Co-Lead Counsel. In the federal litigation, *In re Sulzer Hip Prosthesis and Knee Prosthesis Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 1410, Lieff Cabraser played a significant role in negotiating a revised global settlement of the litigation valued at more than \$1 billion. The revised settlement, approved by the Court in May 2002, provided patients with defective implants almost twice the cash payment as under an initial settlement. On behalf of our clients, Lieff Cabraser objected to the initial settlement.
- 9. In re Bextra/Celebrex Marketing Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 1699 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and Elizabeth J. Cabraser chaired the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee (PSC) charged with overseeing all personal injury and consumer litigation in federal courts nationwide arising out of the sale and marketing of the COX-2 inhibitors Bextra and Celebrex, manufactured by Pfizer, Inc. and its predecessor companies Pharmacia Corporation and G.D. Searle, Inc.

Under the global resolution of the multidistrict tort and consumer litigation announced in October 2008, Pfizer paid over \$800 million to claimants, including over \$750 million to resolve death and injury claims.

In a report adopted by the Court on common benefit work performed by the PSC, the Special Master stated:

[L]eading counsel from both sides, and the attorneys from the PSC who actively participated in this litigation, demonstrated the utmost skill and professionalism in dealing with numerous complex legal and factual issues. The briefing presented to the Special Master, and also to the Court, and the development of evidence by both sides was exemplary. The Special Master particularly wishes to recognize that leading counsel for both sides worked extremely hard to minimize disputes, and when they arose, to make sure that they were raised with a minimum of rancor and a maximum of candor before the Special Master and Court.

- 10. In re Guidant Implantable Defibrillators Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 1708 (D. Minn.). Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel in litigation in federal court arising out of the recall of Guidant cardiac defibrillators implanted in patients because of potential malfunctions in the devices. At the time of the recall, Guidant admitted it was aware of 43 reports of device failures, and two patient deaths. Guidant subsequently acknowledged that the actual rate of failure may be higher than the reported rate and that the number of associated deaths may be underreported since implantable cardio-defibrillators are not routinely evaluated after death. In January 2008, the parties reached a global settlement of the action. Guidant's settlements of defibrillatorrelated claims will total \$240 million.
- 11. In re Copley Pharmaceutical, Inc., "Albuterol" Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 1013 (D. Wyo.). Lieff Cabraser served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in a class action lawsuit against Copley Pharmaceutical, which manufactured Albuterol, a bronchodilator prescription pharmaceutical. Albuterol was the subject of a nationwide recall in January 1994 after a microorganism was found to have contaminated the solution, allegedly causing numerous injuries including bronchial infections, pneumonia, respiratory distress and, in some cases, death. In October 1994, the District Court certified a nationwide class on liability issues. In re Copley Pharmaceutical, 161 F.R.D. 456 (D. Wyo. 1995). In November 1995, the District Court approved a \$150 million settlement of the litigation.
- 12. In re Telectronics Pacing Systems Inc., Accufix Atrial "J" Leads Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 1057 (S.D. Ohio). Lieff Cabraser served on the Court-appointed Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in a nationwide products liability action alleging that defendants placed into the stream of commerce defective pacemaker leads. In April 1997, the District Court re-certified a nationwide class of "J" Lead implantees with subclasses for the claims of medical monitoring, negligence and strict product liability. A summary jury trial, utilizing jury instructions and interrogatories designed by Lieff Cabraser, occurred in February 1998. A partial settlement was approved thereafter by the District Court but reversed by the Court of Appeals. In March 2001, the

District Court approved a renewed settlement that included a \$58 million fund to satisfy all past, present and future claims by patients for their medical care, injuries, or damages arising from the lead.

13. **Mraz v. DaimlerChrysler**, No. BC 332487 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). In March 2007, the jury returned a \$54.4 million verdict, including \$50 million in punitive damages, against DaimlerChrysler for intentionally failing to cure a known defect in millions of its vehicles that led to the death of Richard Mraz, a young father. Mr. Mraz suffered fatal head injuries when the 1992 Dodge Dakota pickup truck he had been driving at his work site ran him over after he exited the vehicle believing it was in park. The jury found that a defect in the Dodge Dakota's automatic transmission, called a park-to-reverse defect, played a substantial factor in Mr. Mraz's death and that DaimlerChrysler was negligent in the design of the vehicle for failing to warn of the defect and then for failing to adequately recall or retrofit the vehicle.

For their outstanding service to their clients in Mraz and advancing the rights of all persons injured by defective products, Lieff Cabraser partner Robert J. Nelson, the lead trial counsel, received the 2008 California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) Award in the field of personal injury law, and was also selected as finalists for Attorney of the Year by the Consumer Attorneys of California and the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association.

In March 2008, a Louisiana-state jury found DaimlerChrysler liable for the death of infant Collin Guillot and injuries to his parents Juli and August Guillot and their then 3-year-old daughter, Madison. The jury returned a unanimous verdict of \$5,080,000 in compensatory damages. The jury found that a defect in the Jeep Grand Cherokee's transmission, called a park-to-reverse defect, played a substantial factor in Collin Guillot's death and the severe injuries suffered by Mr. and Mrs. Guillot and their daughter. Lieff Cabraser served as co-counsel in the trial.

14. **Craft v. Vanderbilt University**, Civ. No. 3-94-0090 (M.D. Tenn.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Counsel of a certified class of over 800 pregnant women and their children who were intentionally fed radioactive iron isotopes without consent while receiving prenatal care at the Vanderbilt University hospital as part of a study on iron absorption during pregnancy. The women were not informed of the nature and risks of the study. Instead, they were told that the solution they were fed was a "vitamin cocktail." In the 1960's, Vanderbilt conducted a follow-up study to determine the health effects of the plaintiffs' prior radiation exposure. Throughout the follow-up study, Vanderbilt concealed from plaintiffs the fact that they had been involuntarily exposed to radiation, and that the purpose of the follow-up study was to determine whether there had been an increased rate of childhood cancers among those exposed *in utero*. Vanderbilt also did not inform plaintiffs of the results of the follow-up study, which revealed a disproportionately high incidence of cancers among the children born to the women fed the radioactive iron.

The facts surrounding the administration of radioactive iron to the pregnant women and their children in utero only came to light as a result of U.S. Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary's 1993 disclosures of government-sponsored human radiation experimentation during the Cold War. Defendants' attempts to dismiss the claims and decertify the class were unsuccessful. 18 F. Supp.2d 786 (M.D. Tenn. 1998). The case was settled in July 1998 for a total of \$10.3 million and a formal apology from Vanderbilt.

- 15. **Simply Thick Litigation**. Lieff Cabraser represented parents whose infants died or suffered gave injuries linked to Simply Thick, a thickening agent for adults that was promoted to parents, caregivers, and health professional for use by infants to assist with swallowing. The individual lawsuits alleged that Simply Thick when fed to infants caused necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC), a life-threatening condition characterized by the inflammation and death of intestinal tissue. In 2014, the litigation was resolved on confidential terms.
- 16. *Medtronic Infuse Litigation*. Lieff Cabraser represented patients who suffered serious injuries from the off-label use of the Infuse bone graft, manufactured by Medtronic Inc. The FDA approved Infuse for only one type of spine surgery, the anterior lumbar fusion. Many patients, however, received an off-label use of Infuse and were never informed of the off-label nature of the surgery. Serious complications associated with Infuse included uncontrolled bone growth and chronic pain from nerve injuries. In 2014, the litigation was settled on confidential terms.
- 17. **Wright Medical Hip Litigation**. The Profemur-Z system manufactured by Wright Medical Technology consisted of three separate components: a femoral head, a modular neck, and a femoral stem. Prior to 2009, Profemur-Z hip system included a titanium modular neck adapter and stem which was implanted in 10,000 patients. Lieff Cabraser represented patients whose Profemur-Z hip implant fractured, requiring a revision surgery. In 2013 and 2014, the litigation was resolved on confidential terms.
- 18. In re Zimmer Durom Cup Product Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2158 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Liaison Counsel for patients nationwide injured by the defective Durom Cup manufactured by Zimmer Holdings. First sold in the U.S. in 2006, Zimmer marketed its 'metal-onmetal' Durom Cup implant as providing a greater range of motion and less wear than traditional hip replacement components. In July 2008, Zimmer announced the suspension of Durom sales. The complaints

charged that the Durom cup was defective and led to the premature failure of the implant. In 2011 and 2012, the patients represented by Lieff Cabraser settled their cases with Zimmer on favorable, confidential terms.

- 19. *Luisi v. Medtronic*, No. 07 CV 4250 (D. Minn.). Lieff Cabraser represented over seven hundred heart patients nationwide who were implanted with recalled Sprint Fidelis defibrillator leads manufactured by Medtronic Inc. Plaintiffs charge that Medtronic has misrepresented the safety of the Sprint Fidelis leads and a defect in the device triggered their receiving massive, unnecessary electrical shocks. A settlement of the litigation was announced in October 2010.
- 20. Blood Factor VIII and Factor IX Litigation, MDL No. 986 (N.D. Il.) Working with counsel in Asia, Europe, Central and South America and the Middle East, Lieff Cabraser represented over 1,500 hemophiliacs worldwide, or their survivors and estates, who contracted HIV and/or Hepatitis C (HCV), and Americans with hemophilia who contracted HCV, from contaminated and defective blood factor products produced by American pharmaceutical companies. In 2004, Lieff Cabraser was appointed Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel of the "second generation" Blood Factor MDL litigation presided over by Judge Grady in the Northern District of Illinois. The case was resolved through a global settlement signed in 2009.
- 21. In Re Yamaha Motor Corp. Rhino ATV Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2016 (W.D. Ky.) Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel in the litigation in federal court and Co-Lead Counsel in coordinated California state court litigation arising out of serious injuries and deaths in rollover accidents involving the Yamaha Rhino. The complaints charged that the Yamaha Rhino contained numerous design flaws, including the failure to equip the vehicles with side doors, which resulted in repeated broken or crushed legs, ankles or feet for riders. Plaintiffs alleged also that the Yamaha Rhino was unstable due to a narrow track width and high center of gravity leading to rollover accidents that killed and/or injured scores of persons across the nation.

On behalf of victims and families of victims and along with the Center for Auto Safety, and the San Francisco Trauma Foundation, Lieff Cabraser advocated for numerous safety changes to the Rhino in reports submitted to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). On March 31, 2009, the CPSC, in cooperation with Yamaha Motor Corp. U.S.A., announced a free repair program for all Rhino 450, 660, and 700 models to improve safety, including the addition of spacers and removal of a rearonly anti-sway bar.

22. *Advanced Medical Optics Complete MoisturePlus Litigation*. Lieff Cabraser represented consumers nationwide in personal injury lawsuits filed against Advanced Medical Optics arising out of the May 2007 recall of AMO's Complete MoisturePlus Multi-Purpose Contact Lens Solution. The product was recalled due to reports of a link between a rare, but serious eye infection, *Acanthamoeba keratitis*, caused by a parasite and use of AMO's contact lens solution. Though AMO promoted Complete MoisturePlus Multi-Purpose as "effective against the introduction of common ocular microorganisms," the complaints charged that AMO's lens solution was ineffective and vastly inferior to other multipurpose solutions on the market. In many cases, patients were forced to undergo painful corneal transplant surgery to save their vision and some have lost all or part of their vision permanently. The patients represented by Lieff Cabraser resolved their cases with AMO on favorable, confidential terms.

23. **Gol Airlines Flight 1907 Amazon Crash**. Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and represents over twenty families whose loved ones died in the Gol Airlines Flight 1907 crash. On September 29, 2006, a brand-new Boeing 737-800 operated by Brazilian air carrier Gol plunged into the Amazon jungle after colliding with a smaller plane owned by the American company ExcelAire Service, Inc. None of the 149 passengers and six crew members on board the Gol flight survived the accident.

The complaint charged that the pilots of the ExcelAire jet were flying at an incorrect altitude at the time of the collision, failed to operate the jet's transponder and radio equipment properly, and failed to maintain communication with Brazilian air traffic control in violation of international civil aviation standards. If the pilots of the ExcelAire aircraft had followed these standards, the complaint charged that the collision would not have occurred.

At the time of the collision, the ExcelAire aircraft's transponder, manufactured by Honeywell, was not functioning. A transponder transmits a plane's altitude and operates its automatic anti-collision system. The complaint charged that Honeywell shares responsibility for the tragedy because it defectively designed the transponder on the ExcelAire jet, and failed to warn of dangers resulting from foreseeable uses of the transponder. The cases settled after they were sent to Brazil for prosecution.

### 24. Comair CRJ-100 Commuter Flight Crash in Lexington,

*Kentucky*. A Bombardier CRJ-100 commuter plane operated by Comair, Inc., a subsidiary of Delta Air Lines, crashed on August 27, 2006 shortly after takeoff at Blue Grass Airport in Lexington, Kentucky, killing 47 passengers and two crew members. The aircraft attempted to take off from the wrong runway. The families represented by Lieff Cabraser obtained substantial economic recoveries in a settlement of the case.

- 25. In re ReNu With MoistureLoc Contact Lens Solution Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 1785 (D. S.C.). Lieff Cabraser served on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in federal court litigation arising out of Bausch & Lomb's 2006 recall of its ReNu With MoistureLoc contact lens solution. Consumers who developed *Fusarium keratitis*, a rare and dangerous fungal eye infection, as well as other serious eye infections, alleged the lens solution was defective. Some consumers were forced to undergo painful corneal transplant surgery to save their vision; others lost all or part of their vision permanently. The litigation was resolved under favorable, confidential settlements with Bausch & Lomb.
- 26. *Helios Airways Flight 522 Athens, Greece Crash.* On August 14, 2005, a Boeing 737 operating as Helios Airways flight 522 crashed north of Athens, Greece, resulting in the deaths of all passengers and crew. The aircraft was heading from Larnaca, Cyprus to Athens International Airport when ground controllers lost contact with the pilots, who had radioed in to report problems with the air conditioning system. Press reports about the official investigation indicate that a single switch for the pressurization system on the plane was not properly set by the pilots, and eventually both were rendered unconscious, along with most of the passengers and cabin crew.

Lieff Cabraser represented the families of several victims, and filed complaints alleging that a series of design defects in the Boeing 737-300 contributed to the pilots' failure to understand the nature of the problems they were facing. Foremost among those defects was a confusing pressurization warning "horn" which uses the same sound that alerts pilots to improper takeoff and landing configurations. The families represented by Lieff Cabraser obtained substantial economic recoveries in a settlement of the case.

27. **Legend Single Engine "Turbine Legend" Kit Plane Crash.** On November 19, 2005, a single engine "Turbine Legend" kit plane operated by its owner crashed shortly after takeoff from a private airstrip in Tucson, Arizona, killing both the owner/pilot and a passenger. Witnesses report that the aircraft left the narrow runway during the takeoff roll and although the pilot managed to get the plane airborne, it rolled to the left and crashed.

Lieff Cabraser investigated the liability of the pilot and others, including the manufacturer of the kit and the operator of the airport from which the plane took off. The runway was 16 feet narrower than the minimum width recommended by the Federal Aviation Administration. Lieff Cabraser represented the widow of the passenger, and the case was settled on favorable, confidential terms.

- 28. **Manhattan Tourist Helicopter Crash**. On June 14, 2005, a Bell 206 helicopter operated by Helicopter Flight Services, Inc. fell into the East River shortly after taking off for a tourist flight over New York City. The pilot and six passengers were immersed upside-down in the water as the helicopter overturned. Lieff Cabraser represented a passenger on the helicopter and the case was settled on favorable, confidential terms.
- 29. **U.S. Army Blackhawk Helicopter Tower Collision**. Lieff Cabraser represented the family of a pilot who died in the November 29, 2004 crash of a U.S. Army Black Hawk Helicopter. The Black Hawk was flying during the early morning hours at an altitude of approximately 500 feet when it hit cables supporting a 1,700 foot-tall television tower, and subsequently crashed 30 miles south of Waco, Texas, killing both pilots and five passengers, all in active Army service. The tower warning lights required by government regulations were inoperative. The case was resolved through a successful, confidential settlement.
- 30. *Air Algerie Boeing 737 Crash*. Together with French co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represented the families of several passengers who died in the March 6, 2003 crash of a Boeing 737 airplane operated by Air Algerie. The aircraft crashed soon after takeoff from the Algerian city of Tamanrasset, after one of the engines failed. All but one of the 97 passengers were killed, along with six crew members. The families represented by Lieff Cabraser obtained economic recoveries in a settlement of the case.
- 31. **In re Baycol Products Litigation**, MDL No. 1431 (D. Minn.). Baycol was one of a group of drugs called statins, intended to reduce cholesterol. In August 2001, Bayer A.G. and Bayer Corporation, the manufacturers of Baycol, withdrew the drug from the worldwide market based upon reports that Baycol was associated with serious side effects and linked to the deaths of over 100 patients worldwide. In the federal multidistrict litigation, Lieff Cabraser served as a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee (PSC) and the Executive Committee of the PSC. In addition, Lieff Cabraser represented approximately 200 Baycol patients who suffered injuries or family members of patients who died allegedly as a result of ingesting Baycol. In these cases, our clients reached confidential favorable settlements with Bayer.
- 32. **United Airlines Boeing 747 Disaster**. Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel on behalf of the passengers and families of passengers injured and killed in the United Airlines Boeing 747 cargo door catastrophe near Honolulu, Hawaii on February 24, 1989. Lieff Cabraser organized the litigation of the case, which included claims brought against United Airlines and The Boeing Company.

Among other work, Lieff Cabraser developed a statistical system for settling the passengers' and families' damages claims with certain defendants, and coordinated the prosecution of successful individual damages trials for wrongful death against the non-settling defendants.

33. *Aeroflot-Russian International Airlines Airbus Disaster*. Lieff Cabraser represented the families of passengers who were on Aeroflot-Russian International Airlines Flight SU593 that crashed in Siberia on March 23, 1994. The plane was en route from Moscow to Hong Kong. All passengers on board died.

According to a transcript of the cockpit voice recorder, the pilot's two children entered the cockpit during the flight and took turns flying the plane. The autopilot apparently was inadvertently turned off during this time, and the pilot was unable to remove his son from the captain's seat in time to avert the plane's fatal dive.

Lieff Cabraser, alongside French co-counsel, filed suit in France, where Airbus, the plane's manufacturer, was headquartered. The families Lieff Cabraser represented obtained substantial economic recoveries in settlement of the action.

34. **Lockheed F-104 Fighter Crashes**. In the late 1960s and extending into the early 1970s, the United States sold F-104 Star Fighter jets to the German Air Force that were manufactured by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in California. Although the F-104 Star Fighter was designed for high-altitude fighter combat, it was used in Germany and other European countries for low-level bombing and attack training missions.

Consequently, the aircraft had an extremely high crash rate, with over 300 pilots killed. Commencing in 1971, the law firm of Belli Ashe Ellison Choulos & Lieff filed hundreds of lawsuits for wrongful death and other claims on behalf of the widows and surviving children of the pilots.

Robert Lieff continued to prosecute the cases after the formation of our firm. In 1974, the lawsuits were settled with Lockheed on terms favorable to the plaintiffs. This litigation helped establish the principle that citizens of foreign countries could assert claims in United States courts and obtain substantial recoveries against an American manufacturer, based upon airplane accidents or crashes occurring outside the United States.

# II. <u>Securities and Financial Fraud</u>

## A. Current Cases

## 1. BlackRock Global Allocation Fund, Inc., et al. v. Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc., et al., No. 3:18-cv-00343

(D.N.J.) ("Valeant"). Lieff Cabraser represents certain funds and accounts of institutional investor BlackRock in an individual action against Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. and certain of Valeant's senior officers and directors for violations of the Securities Act of 1933 and/or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 arising from Defendants' scheme to generate revenues through massive price increases for Valeant-branded drugs while concealing from investors the truth regarding the Company's business operations, financial results, and other material facts. In September 2018, the court denied defendants' partial motions to dismiss, and BlackRock plaintiffs filed an amended complaint. The parties are currently engaged in discovery.

- 2. Houston Municipal Employees Pension System v. BofI Holding, Inc., et al., No. 3:15-cv-02324-GPC-KSC (S.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser serves as lead counsel for court-appointed lead plaintiff, Houston Municipal Employees Pension System ("HMEPS"), in this securities fraud class action against BofI Holding, Inc. and certain of its senior officers. The action charges defendants with issuing materially false and misleading statements and failing to disclose material adverse facts about BofI's business, operations, and performance. On March 21, 2018, the court issued an order and entered judgment dismissing the third amended complaint, which HMEPS appealed to the Ninth Circuit. In late 2020, the appellate court reversed in part the lower court's ruling, and remanded the case for further proceedings. The parties are currently engaged in discovery.
- 3. **Steinhoff International Holdings N.V. Securities Class Litigation.** Lieff Cabraser, together with co-counsel, is currently funding a vehicle for investor recovery against Steinhoff International Holdings N.V. ("Steinhoff"), a Dutch corporation based in South Africa that sells retail brands of furniture and household goods throughout the world. The vehicle, called the Stichting Steinhoff Investors Losses Foundation, is a Dutch legal entity governed by an independent board of directors. It seeks recovery of investor losses caused by the massive, multi-year accounting fraud at Steinhoff that has wiped out billions of dollars in shareholder value. The litigation is ongoing.
- 4. **In re The Boeing Company Derivative Litigation**, Consol. C.A. No. 2019-0907-MTZ (Delaware Chancery Court). Lieff Cabraser serves as Court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel representing Co-Lead Plaintiffs the New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, as trustee of the New York State Common Retirement, and the Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado, in shareholder derivative litigation against current and former officers and directors of The Boeing Company ("Boeing"). Co-Lead Plaintiffs' amended complaint, filed January 2021, alleges that Boeing's officers and directors breached their fiduciary duties

to the company by dismantling Boeing's lauded safety-engineering corporate culture in favor of what became a financial-engineering corporate culture. Despite numerous safety-related red flags, the Board and officers failed to monitor the safety of Boeing's aircraft. Ultimately, the Board and officers' consistent disregard for safety resulted in the flawed design of Boeing's 737 MAX, leading to the tragic deaths of 346 passengers and the grounding of all 737 Max aircraft.

- 5. **Perrigo Company plc Securities Class Litigation**. Lieff Cabraser represents certain funds and accounts of BlackRock in an individual securities fraud action against Perrigo Company plc ("Perrigo") and certain of Perrigo's former senior executives for violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The action charges defendants with misrepresenting and failing to disclose to investors that Perrigo was engaged in a generic drugs price-fixing scheme, that Perrigo was insulated from pricing pressures in the generic pharmaceuticals industry, and that Perrigo had successfully integrated Omega Pharma NV, the company's largest acquisition.
- 6. **Danske Bank A/S Securities Class Litigation.** Lieff Cabraser, together with co-counsel, represents a large coalition of institutional investors, including state and government pension and treasury systems, in litigation pending in Denmark against Danske Bank A/S ("Danske"). The litigation arises from Danske's failure to disclose that its reported financial performance was inflated by illegal sources of income and that it was subject to significant risks as a result of such business activities. The litigation is ongoing.

### B. Successes

1. In re Wells Fargo & Company Shareholder Derivative *Litigation*, No. 3:16-cv-05541 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser was appointed as Co-Lead Counsel for Lead Plaintiffs FPPACO and The City of Birmingham Retirement and Relief System in this consolidated shareholder derivative action alleging that, since at least 2011, the Board and executive management of Wells Fargo knew or consciously disregarded that Wells Fargo employees were illicitly creating millions of deposit and credit card accounts for their customers, without those customers' consent, as part of Wells Fargo's intense effort to drive up its "cross-selling" statistics. Revelations regarding the scheme, and the defendants' knowledge or blatant disregard of it, have deeply damaged Wells Fargo's reputation and cost it millions of dollars in regulatory fines and lost business. In May and October 2017, the court largely denied Wells Fargo's and the Director and Officer Defendants' motions to dismiss Lead Plaintiffs' amended complaint. In April 2020, U.S. District Judge Jon S. Tigar granted final approval to a settlement of \$240 million cash

payment, the largest insurer-funded cash settlement of a shareholder derivative action, and corporate governance reforms.

2. **Arkansas Teacher Retirement System v. State Street Corp.**, Case No. 11cv10230 (MLW) (D. Mass.). Lieff Cabraser served as cocounsel for a nationwide class of institutional custodial clients of State Street, including public pension funds and ERISA plans, who allege that defendants deceptively charged class members on FX trades done in connection with the purchase and sale of foreign securities. The complaint charged that between 1999 and 2009, State Street consistently incorporated hidden and excessive mark-ups or mark-downs relative to the actual FX rates applicable at the times of the trades conducted for State Street's custodial FX clients.

State Street allegedly kept for itself, as an unlawful profit, the "spread" between the prices for foreign currency available to it in the FX marketplace and the rates it charged to its customers. Plaintiffs sought recovery under Massachusetts' Consumer Protection Law and common law tort and contract theories. On November 2, 2016, U.S. District Senior Judge Mark L. Wolf granted final approval to a \$300 million settlement of the litigation.

- Janus Overseas Fund, et al. v. Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. -3. Petrobras, et al., No. 1:15-cv-10086-JSR (S.D.N.Y.); Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund, et al. v. Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. -Petrobras, et al., No. 1:15-cv-10111-JSR (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represented certain Janus and Dodge & Cox funds and investment managers in these individual actions against Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. -Petrobras ("Petrobras"), related Petrobras entities, and certain of Petrobras's senior officers and directors for misrepresenting and failing to disclose a pervasive and long-running scheme of bribery and corruption at Petrobras. As a result of the misconduct, Petrobras overstated the value of its assets by billions of dollars and materially misstated its financial results during the relevant period. The actions charged defendants with violations of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and/or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"). The action recently settled on confidential terms favorable to plaintiffs.
- 4. **Normand, et al. v. Bank of New York Mellon Corp.**, No. 1:16-cv-00212-LAK-JLC (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser, together with co-counsel, represented a proposed class of holders of American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") (negotiable U.S. securities representing ownership of publicly traded shares in a non-U.S. corporation), for which BNY Mellon served as the depositary bank. Plaintiffs alleged that under the contractual agreements underlying the ADRs, BNY Mellon was responsible for "promptly" converting cash distributions (such as dividends) received for

ADRs into U.S. dollars for the benefit of ADR holders, and was required to act without bad faith. Plaintiffs alleged that, instead, when doing the ADR cash conversions, BNY Mellon used the range of exchange rates available during the trading session in a manner that was unfavorable for ADR holders, and in doing so, improperly skimmed profits from distributions owed and payable to the class. In 2019, the court granted final approval to a \$72.5 million settlement of the action.

- 5. **In re Facebook, Inc. IPO Securities and Derivative Litigation**, MDL No. 12-2389 (RWS) (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser is counsel for two individual investor class representatives in the securities class litigation arising under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "PSLRA") concerning Facebook's initial public offering in May 2012. In 2018, the court granted plaintiffs' motion for final approval of a settlement of the litigation.
- 6. **The Regents of the University of California v. American International Group**, No. 1:14-cv-01270-LTS-DCF (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represented The Regents of the University of California in this individual action against American International Group, Inc. ("AIG") and certain of its officers and directors for misrepresenting and omitting material information about AIG's financial condition and the extent of its exposure to the subprime mortgage market. The complaint charged defendants with violations of the Exchange Act, as well as common law fraud and unjust enrichment. The litigation settled in 2015.
- 7. **Biotechnology Value Fund, L.P. v. Celera Corp.**, 3:13-cv-03248-WHA (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented a group of affiliated funds investing in biotechnology companies in this individual action arising from misconduct in connection with Quest Diagnostics Inc.'s 2011 acquisition of Celera Corporation. Celera, Celera's individual directors, and Credit Suisse were charged with violations of Sections 14(e) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act and breach of fiduciary duty. In February 2014, the Court denied in large part defendants' motion to dismiss the second amended complaint. In September 2014, the plaintiffs settled with Credit Suisse for a confidential amount. After the completion of fact and expert discovery, and prior to a ruling on defendants' motion for summary judgment, the plaintiffs settled with the Celera defendants in January 2015 for a confidential amount.
- The Charles Schwab Corp. v. BNP Paribas Sec. Corp., No. CGC-10-501610 (Cal. Super. Ct.); The Charles Schwab Corp. v. J.P. Morgan Sec., Inc., No. CGC-10-503206 (Cal. Super. Ct.); The Charles Schwab Corp. v. J.P. Morgan Sec., Inc., No. CGC-10-503207 (Cal. Super. Ct.); and The Charles Schwab Corp. v. Banc of America Sec. LLC, No. CGC-10-501151 (Cal. Super. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser, along

with co-counsel, represents Charles Schwab in four separate individual securities actions against certain issuers and sellers of mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") for materially misrepresenting the quality of the loans underlying the securities in violation of California state law. Charles Schwab Bank, N.A., a subsidiary of Charles Schwab, suffered significant damages by purchasing the securities in reliance on defendants' misstatements. The court largely overruled defendants' demurrers in January 2012. Settlements have been reached with dozens of defendants for confidential amounts.

- 9. Honeywell International Inc. Defined Contribution Plans Master Savings Trust. v. Merck & Co., No. 14-cv 2523-SRC-CLW (S.D.N.Y.); Janus Balanced Fund v. Merck & Co., No. 14-cv-3019-SRC-CLW (S.D.N.Y.); Lord Abbett Affiliated Fund v. Merck & Co., No. 14-cv-2027-SRC-CLW (S.D.N.Y.); Nuveen Dividend Value Fund (f/k/a Nuveen Equity Income Fund), on its own behalf and as successor in interest to Nuveen Large Cap Value Fund (f/k/a First American Large Cap Value Fund) v. Merck & Co., No. 14cv-1709-SRC-CLW (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represented certain Nuveen, Lord Abbett, and Janus funds, and two Honeywell International trusts in these individual actions against Merck & Co., Inc. ("Merck") and certain of its senior officers and directors for misrepresenting the cardiovascular safety profile and commercial viability of Merck's purported "blockbuster" drug, VIOXX. The actions charged defendants with violations of the Exchange Act. The action settled on confidential terms.
- 10. **In re First Capital Holdings Corp. Financial Products Securities Litigation**, MDL No. 901 (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in a class action brought to recover damages sustained by policyholders of First Capital Life Insurance Company and Fidelity Bankers Life Insurance Company policyholders resulting from the insurance companies' allegedly fraudulent or reckless investment and financial practices, and the manipulation of the companies' financial statements. This policyholder settlement generated over \$1 billion in restored life insurance policies. The settlement was approved by both federal and state courts in parallel proceedings and then affirmed by the Ninth Circuit on appeal.
- 11. **In re Bank of New York Mellon Corp. Foreign Exchange Transactions Litigation**, MDL 2335 (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser served as co-lead class counsel for a proposed nationwide class of institutional custodial customers of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation ("BNY Mellon"). The litigation stemmed from alleged deceptive overcharges imposed by BNY Mellon on foreign currency exchanges (FX) that were done in connection with custodial customers' purchases or sales of foreign

securities. Plaintiffs alleged that for more than a decade, BNY Mellon consistently charged its custodial customers hidden and excessive markups on exchange rates for FX trades done pursuant to "standing instructions," using "range of the day" pricing, rather than the rates readily available when the trades were actually executed.

In addition to serving as co-lead counsel for a nationwide class of affected custodial customers, which included public pension funds, ERISA funds, and other public and private institutions, Lieff Cabraser was one of three firms on Plaintiffs' Executive Committee tasked with managing all activities on the plaintiffs' side in the multidistrict consolidated litigation. Prior to the cases being transferred and consolidated in the Southern District of New York, Lieff Cabraser defeated, in its entirety, BNY Mellon's motion to dismiss claims brought on behalf of ERISA and other funds under California's and New York's consumer protection laws.

The firm's clients and class representatives in the consolidated litigation included the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund, the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio, and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Engineers Local 39 Pension Trust Fund.

In March 2015, a global resolution of the private and governmental enforcement actions against BNY Mellon was announced, in which \$504 million will be paid back to BNY Mellon customers (\$335 million of which is directly attributable to the class litigation).

On September 24, 2015, U.S. District Court Judge Lewis A. Kaplan granted final approval to the settlement. Commenting on the work of plaintiffs' counsel, Judge Kaplan stated, "This really was an extraordinary case in which plaintiff's counsel performed, at no small risk, an extraordinary service. They did a wonderful job in this case, and I've seen a lot of wonderful lawyers over the years. This was a great performance. They were fought tooth and nail at every step of the road. It undoubtedly vastly expanded the costs of the case, but it's an adversary system, and sometimes you meet adversaries who are heavily armed and well financed, and if you're going to win, you have to fight them and it costs money. This was an outrageous wrong committed by the Bank of New York Mellon, and plaintiffs' counsel deserve a world of credit for taking it on, for running the risk, for financing it and doing a great job."

12. In re Broadcom Corporation Derivative Litigation, No. CV 06-3252-R (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Court-appointed Lead Counsel in a shareholders derivative action arising out of stock options backdating in Broadcom securities. The complaint alleged that defendants intentionally manipulated their stock option grant dates between 1998 and 2003 at the expense of Broadcom and Broadcom shareholders. By making it seem as if stock option grants occurred on dates when Broadcom stock was trading at a comparatively low per share price, stock option grant recipients were able to exercise their stock option grants at exercise prices that were lower than the fair market value of Broadcom stock on the day the options were actually granted. In December 2009, U.S. District Judge Manuel L. Real granted final approval to a partial settlement in which Broadcom Corporation's insurance carriers paid \$118 million to Broadcom. The settlement released certain individual director and officer defendants covered by Broadcom's directors' and officers' policy.

Plaintiffs' counsel continued to pursue claims against William J. Ruehle, Broadcom's former Chief Financial Officer, Henry T. Nicholas, III, Broadcom's co-founder and former Chief Executive Officer, and Henry Samueli, Broadcom's co-founder and former Chief Technology Officer. In May 2011, the Court approved a settlement with these defendants. The settlement provided substantial consideration to Broadcom, consisting of the receipt of cash and cancelled options from Dr. Nicholas and Dr. Samueli totaling \$53 million in value, plus the release of a claim by Mr. Ruehle, which sought damages in excess of \$26 million.

Coupled with the earlier \$118 million partial settlement, the total recovery in the derivative action was \$197 million, which constitutes the thirdlargest settlement ever in a derivative action involving stock options backdating.

13. In re Scorpion Technologies Securities Litigation I, No. C-93-20333-EAI (N.D. Cal.); Dietrich v. Bauer, No. C-95-7051-RWS (S.D.N.Y.); Claghorn v. Edsaco, No. 98-3039-SI (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Counsel in class action suits arising out of an alleged fraudulent scheme by Scorpion Technologies, Inc., certain of its officers, accountants, underwriters and business affiliates to inflate the company's earnings through reporting fictitious sales. In Scorpion I, the Court found plaintiffs had presented sufficient evidence of liability under Federal securities acts against the accounting firm Grant Thornton for the case to proceed to trial. In re Scorpion Techs., 1996 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22294 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 27, 1996). In 1988, the Court approved a \$5.5 million settlement with Grant Thornton. In 2000, the Court approved a \$950,000 settlement with Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation. In April 2002, a federal jury in San Francisco, California returned a \$170.7 million verdict against Edsaco Ltd. The jury found that Edsaco aided Scorpion in setting up phony European companies as part of a scheme in which Scorpion reported fictitious sales of its software to these companies, thereby inflating its earnings. Included in the jury verdict, one of the largest verdicts in the U.S. in 2002, was \$165 million in punitive damages. Richard M. Heimann conducted the trial for plaintiffs.

On June 14, 2002, U.S. District Court Judge Susan Illston commented on Lieff Cabraser's representation: "[C]ounsel for the plaintiffs did a very good job in a very tough situation of achieving an excellent recovery for the class here. You were opposed by extremely capable lawyers. It was an uphill battle. There were some complicated questions, and then there was the tricky issue of actually collecting anything in the end. I think based on the efforts that were made here that it was an excellent result for the class... [T]he recovery that was achieved for the class in this second trial is remarkable, almost a hundred percent."

- 14. In re Diamond Foods, Inc., Securities Litigation, No. 11-cv-05386-WHA (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as local counsel for Lead Plaintiff Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi ("MissPERS") and the class of investors it represented in this securities class action lawsuit arising under the PSLRA. The complaint charged Diamond Foods and certain senior executives of the company with violations of the Exchange Act for knowingly understating the cost of walnuts Diamond Foods purchased in order to inflate the price of Diamond Foods' common stock. In January 2014, the Court granted final approval of a settlement of the action requiring Diamond Foods to pay \$11 million in cash and issue 4.45 million common shares worth \$116.3 million on the date of final approval based on the stock's closing price on that date.
- 15. Merrill Lynch Fundamental Growth Fund and Merrill Lynch Global Value Fund v. McKesson HBOC, No. 02-405792 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as counsel for two Merrill Lynch sponsored mutual funds in a private lawsuit alleging that a massive accounting fraud occurred at HBOC & Company ("HBOC") before and following its 1999 acquisition by McKesson Corporation ("McKesson"). The funds charged that defendants, including the former CFO of McKesson HBOC, the name McKesson adopted after acquiring HBOC, artificially inflated the price of securities in McKesson HBOC, through misrepresentations and omissions concerning the financial condition of HBOC, resulting in approximately \$135 million in losses for plaintiffs. In a significant discovery ruling in 2004, the California Court of Appeal held that defendants waived the attorney-client and work product privileges in regard to an audit committee report and interview memoranda prepared in anticipation of shareholder lawsuits by disclosing the information to the U.S. Attorney and SEC. McKesson HBOC, Inc. v. Supr. Court, 115 Cal. App. 4th 1229 (2004). Lieff Cabraser's clients recovered approximately \$145 million, representing nearly 104% of damages suffered by the funds. This amount was approximately \$115-120 million more than the Merrill Lynch funds would have recovered had they participated in the federal class action settlement.

- 16. Informix/Illustra Securities Litigation, No. C-97-1289-CRB (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented Richard H. Williams, the former Chief Executive Officer and President of Illustra Information Technologies, Inc. ("Illustra"), and a class of Illustra shareholders in a class action suit on behalf of all former Illustra securities holders who tendered their Illustra preferred or common stock, stock warrants or stock options in exchange for securities of Informix Corporation ("Informix") in connection with Informix's 1996 purchase of Illustra. Pursuant to that acquisition, Illustra stockholders received Informix securities representing approximately 10% of the value of the combined company. The complaint alleged claims for common law fraud and violations of Federal securities law arising out of the acquisition. In October 1999, U.S. District Judge Charles E. Breyer approved a global settlement of the litigation for \$136 million, constituting one of the largest settlements ever involving a high technology company alleged to have committed securities fraud. Our clients, the Illustra shareholders, received approximately 30% of the net settlement fund.
- 17. In re Qwest Communications International Securities and "ERISA" Litigation (No. II), No. 06-cv-17880-REB-PAC (MDL No. 1788) (D. Colo.). Lieff Cabraser represented the New York State Common Retirement Fund, Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado, Denver Employees' Retirement Plan, San Francisco Employees' Retirement System, and over thirty BlackRock managed mutual funds in individual securities fraud actions ("opt out" cases) against Qwest Communications International, Inc., Philip F. Anschutz, former cochairman of the Qwest board of directors, and other senior executives at Qwest. In each action, the plaintiffs charged defendants with massively overstating Qwest's publicly-reported growth, revenues, earnings, and earnings per share from 1999 through 2002. The cases were filed in the wake of a \$400 million settlement of a securities fraud class action against Qwest that was announced in early 2006. The cases brought by Lieff Cabraser's clients settled in October 2007 for recoveries totaling more than \$85 million, or more than 13 times what the clients would have received had they remained in the class.
- 18. In re AXA Rosenberg Investor Litigation, No. CV 11-00536 JSW (N.D. Cal). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for a class of institutional investors, ERISA-covered plans, and other investors in quantitative funds managed by AXA Rosenberg Group, LLC and its affiliates ("AXA"). Plaintiffs alleged that AXA breached its fiduciary duties and violated ERISA by failing to discover a material computer error that existed in its system for years, and then failing to remedy it for months after its eventual discovery in 2009. By the time AXA disclosed the error in 2010, investors had suffered losses and paid substantial investment management fees to AXA. After briefing motions to dismiss and working

with experts to analyze data obtained from AXA relating to the impact of the error, Lieff Cabraser reached a \$65 million settlement with AXA that the Court approved in April 2012.

- 19. In re National Century Financial Enterprises, Inc. Investment Litigation, MDL No. 1565 (S.D. Ohio). Lieff Cabraser served as outside counsel for the New York City Employees' Retirement System, Teachers' Retirement System for the City of New York, New York City Police Pension Fund, and New York City Fire Department Pension Fund in this multidistrict litigation arising from fraud in connection with NCFE's issuance of notes backed by healthcare receivables. The New York City Pension Funds recovered more than 70% of their \$89 million in losses, primarily through settlements achieved in the federal litigation and another NCFE-matter brought on their behalf by Lieff Cabraser.
- 20. BlackRock Global Allocation Fund v. Tyco International Ltd., et al., No. 2:08-cv-519 (D. N.J.); Nuveen Balanced Municipal and Stock Fund v. Tyco International Ltd., et al., No. 2:08-cv-518 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser represented multiple funds of the investment firms BlackRock Inc. and Nuveen Asset Management in separate, direct securities fraud actions against Tyco International Ltd., Tyco Electronics Ltd., Covidien Ltd, Covidien (U.S.), L. Dennis Kozlowski, Mark H. Swartz, and Frank E. Walsh, Jr. Plaintiffs alleged that defendants engaged in a massive criminal enterprise that combined the theft of corporate assets with fraudulent accounting entries that concealed Tyco's financial condition from investors. As a result, plaintiffs purchased Tyco common stock and other Tyco securities at artificially inflated prices and suffered losses upon disclosures revealing Tyco's true financial condition and defendants' misconduct. In 2009, the parties settled the claims against the corporate defendants (Tyco International Ltd., Tyco Electronics Ltd., Covidien Ltd., and Covidien (U.S.). The litigation concluded in 2010. The total settlement proceeds paid by all defendants were in excess of \$57 million.
- 21. Kofuku Bank and Namihaya Bank v. Republic New York Securities Corp., No. 00 CIV 3298 (S.D.N.Y.); and Kita Hyogo Shinyo-Kumiai v. Republic New York Securities Corp., No. 00 CIV 4114 (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represented Kofuku Bank, Namihaya Bank and Kita Hyogo Shinyo-Kumiai (a credit union) in individual lawsuits against, among others, Martin A. Armstrong and HSBC, Inc., the successor-ininterest to Republic New York Corporation, Republic New York Bank and Republic New York Securities Corporation for alleged violations of federal securities and racketeering laws. Through a group of interconnected companies owned and controlled by Armstrong—the Princeton Companies—Armstrong and the Republic Companies promoted and sold promissory notes, known as the "Princeton Notes," to more than eighty of

the largest companies and financial institutions in Japan. Lieff Cabraser's lawsuits, as well as the lawsuits of dozens of other Princeton Note investors, alleged that the Princeton and Republic Companies made fraudulent misrepresentations and non-disclosures in connection with the promotion and sale of Princeton Notes, and that investors' monies were commingled and misused to the benefit of Armstrong, the Princeton Companies and the Republic Companies. In December 2001, the claims of our clients and those of the other Princeton Note investors were settled. As part of the settlement, our clients recovered more than \$50 million, which represented 100% of the value of their principal investments less money they received in interest or other payments.

#### 22. Alaska State Department of Revenue v. America Online,

No. 1JU-04-503 (Alaska Supr. Ct.). In December 2006, a \$50 million settlement was reached in a securities fraud action brought by the Alaska State Department of Revenue, Alaska State Pension Investment Board and Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation against defendants America Online, Inc. ("AOL"), Time Warner Inc. (formerly known as AOL Time Warner ("AOLTW")), Historic TW Inc. When the action was filed, the Alaska Attorney General estimated total losses at \$70 million. The recovery on behalf of Alaska was approximately 50 times what the state would have received as a member of the class in the federal securities class action settlement. The lawsuit, filed in 2004 in Alaska State Court, alleged that defendants misrepresented advertising revenues and growth of AOL and AOLTW along with the number of AOL subscribers, which artificially inflated the stock price of AOL and AOLTW to the detriment of Alaska State funds.

The Alaska Department of Law retained Lieff Cabraser to lead the litigation efforts under its direction. "We appreciate the diligence and expertise of our counsel in achieving an outstanding resolution of the case," said Mark Morones, spokesperson for the Department of Law, following announcement of the settlement.

23. **Allocco v. Gardner**, No. GIC 806450 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser represented Lawrence L. Garlick, the co-founder and former Chief Executive Officer of Remedy Corporation and 24 other former senior executives and directors of Remedy Corporation in a private (non-class) securities fraud lawsuit against Stephen P. Gardner, the former Chief Executive Officer of Peregrine Systems, Inc., John J. Moores, Peregrine's former Chairman of the Board, Matthew C. Gless, Peregrine's former Chief Financial Officer, Peregrine's accounting firm Arthur Andersen and certain entities that entered into fraudulent transactions with Peregrine. The lawsuit, filed in California state court, arose out of Peregrine's August 2001 acquisition of Remedy. Plaintiffs charged that they were induced to exchange their Remedy stock for Peregrine stock on the basis of false and misleading representations made by defendants. Within months of the Remedy acquisition, Peregrine began to reveal to the public that it had grossly overstated its revenue during the years 2000-2002, and eventually restated more than \$500 million in revenues.

After successfully defeating demurrers brought by defendants, including third parties who were customers of Peregrine who aided and abetted Peregrine's accounting fraud under California common law, plaintiffs reached a series of settlements. The settling defendants included Arthur Andersen, all of the director defendants, three officer defendants and the third party customer defendants KPMG, British Telecom, Fujitsu, Software Spectrum and Bindview. The total amount received in settlements was approximately \$45 million.

- 24. In re Cablevision Systems Corp. Shareholder Derivative Litigation, No. 06-cv-4130-DGT-AKT (E.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in a shareholders' derivative action against the board of directors and numerous officers of Cablevision. The suit alleged that defendants intentionally manipulated stock option grant dates to Cablevision employees between 1997 and 2002 in order to enrich certain officer and director defendants at the expense of Cablevision and Cablevision shareholders. According to the complaint, Defendants made it appear as if stock options were granted earlier than they actually were in order to maximize the value of the grants. In September 2008, the Court granted final approval to a \$34.4 million settlement of the action. Over \$24 million of the settlement was contributed directly by individual defendants who either received backdated options or participated in the backdating activity.
- 25. In re Media Vision Technology Securities Litigation, No. CV-94-1015 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in a class action lawsuit which alleged that certain Media Vision's officers, outside directors, accountants and underwriters engaged in a fraudulent scheme to inflate the company's earnings and issued false and misleading public statements about the company's finances, earnings and profits. By 1998, the Court had approved several partial settlements with many of Media Vision's officers and directors, accountants and underwriters which totaled \$31 million. The settlement proceeds have been distributed to eligible class members. The evidence that Lieff Cabraser developed in the civil case led prosecutors to commence an investigation and ultimately file criminal charges against Media Vision's former Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. The civil action against Media Vision's CEO and CFO was stayed pending the criminal proceedings against them. In the criminal proceedings, the CEO pled guilty on several counts, and the CFO was convicted at trial. In October 2003, the Court granted Plaintiffs'

motions for summary judgment and entered a judgment in favor of the class against the two defendants in the amount of \$188 million.

26. **In re California Micro Devices Securities Litigation**, No. C-94-2817-VRW (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Liaison Counsel for the Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association and the California State Teachers' Retirement System, and the class they represented. Prior to 2001, the Court approved \$19 million in settlements. In May 2001, the Court approved an additional settlement of \$12 million, which, combined with the earlier settlements, provided class members an almost complete return on their losses. The settlement with the company included multimillion dollar contributions by the former Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.

Commenting in 2001 on Lieff Cabraser's work in Cal Micro Devices, U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn R. Walker stated, "It is highly unusual for a class action in the securities area to recover anywhere close to the percentage of loss that has been recovered here, and counsel and the lead plaintiffs have done an admirable job in bringing about this most satisfactory conclusion of the litigation." One year later, in a related proceeding and in response to the statement that the class had received nearly a 100% recovery, Judge Walker observed, "That's pretty remarkable. In these cases, 25 cents on the dollar is considered to be a magnificent recovery, and this is [almost] a hundred percent."

27. **In re Network Associates, Inc. Securities Litigation**, No. C-99-1729-WHA (N.D. Cal.). Following a competitive bidding process, the Court appointed Lieff Cabraser as Lead Counsel for the Lead Plaintiff and the class of investors. The complaint alleged that Network Associates improperly accounted for acquisitions in order to inflate its stock price. In May 2001, the Court granted approval to a \$30 million settlement.

In reviewing the *Network Associates* settlement, U.S. District Court Judge William H. Alsup observed, "[T]he class was well served at a good price by excellent counsel... We have class counsel who's one of the foremost law firms in the country in both securities law and class actions. And they have a very excellent reputation for the conduct of these kinds of cases..."

28. In re FPI/Agretech Securities Litigation, MDL No. 763 (D. Haw., Real, J.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Class Counsel for investors defrauded in a "Ponzi-like" limited partnership investment scheme. The Court approved \$15 million in partial, pretrial settlements. At trial, the jury returned a \$24 million verdict, which included \$10 million in punitive damages, against non-settling defendant Arthur Young & Co. for its knowing complicity and active and substantial assistance in the marketing and sale of the worthless limited partnership offerings. The Appellate Court affirmed the compensatory damages award and remanded the case for a retrial on punitive damages. In 1994, the Court approved a \$17 million settlement with Ernst & Young, the successor to Arthur Young & Co.

- 29. **Nguyen v. FundAmerica**, No. C-90-2090 MHP (N.D. Cal., Patel, J.), 1990 Fed. Sec. L. Rep. (CCH) ¶¶ 95,497, 95,498 (N.D. Cal. 1990). Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Class Counsel in this securities/RICO/tort action seeking an injunction against alleged unfair "pyramid" marketing practices and compensation to participants. The District Court certified a nationwide class for injunctive relief and damages on a mandatory basis and enjoined fraudulent overseas transfers of assets. The Bankruptcy Court permitted class proof of claims. Lieff Cabraser obtained dual District Court and Bankruptcy Court approval of settlements distributing over \$13 million in FundAmerica assets to class members.
- 30. In re Brooks Automation, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 06 CA 11068 (D. Mass.). Lieff Cabraser served as Court-Appointed Lead Counsel for Lead Plaintiff the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association and co-plaintiff Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System in a class action lawsuit on behalf of purchasers of Brooks Automation securities. Plaintiffs charged that Brooks Automation, its senior corporate officers and directors violated federal securities laws by backdating company stock options over a six-year period, and failed to disclose the scheme in publicly filed financial statements. Subsequent to Lieff Cabraser's filing of a consolidated amended complaint in this action, both the Securities and Exchange Commission and the United States Department of Justice filed complaints against the Company's former C.E.O., Robert Therrien, related to the same alleged practices. In October 2008, the Court approved a \$7.75 million settlement of the action.
- 31. In re A-Power Energy Generation Systems, Ltd. Securities Litigation, No. 2:11-ml-2302-GW- (CWx) (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Court-appointed Lead Counsel for Lead Plaintiff in this securities class action that charged defendants with materially misrepresenting A-Power Energy Generation Systems, Ltd.'s financial results and business prospects in violation of the antifraud provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Court approved a \$3.675 million settlement in August 2013.
- 32. **Bank of America-Merrill Lynch Merger Securities Cases**. In two cases—*DiNapoli, et al. v. Bank of America Corp.*, No. 10 CV 5563 (S.D.N.Y.) and *Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund, et al. v. Bank of America Corp., et al.*, No. 11-cv- 07779 PKC (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser sought recovery on a direct, non-class basis for losses that a number of public pension funds and mutual funds incurred as a result of Bank of America's

alleged misrepresentations and concealment of material facts in connection with its acquisition of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Lieff Cabraser represented the New York State Common Retirement Fund, the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado, and fourteen mutual funds managed by Charles Schwab Investment Management. Both cases settled in 2013 on confidential terms favorable for our clients.

33. Albert v. Alex. Brown Management Services; Baker v. Alex. Brown Management Services (Del. Ch. Ct.). In May 2004, on behalf of investors in two investment funds controlled, managed and operated by Deutsche Bank and advised by DC Investment Partners, Lieff Cabraser filed lawsuits for alleged fraudulent conduct that resulted in an aggregate loss of hundreds of millions of dollars. The suits named as defendants Deutsche Bank and its subsidiaries Alex. Brown Management Services and Deutsche Bank Securities, members of the funds' management committee, as well as DC Investments Partners and two of its principals. Among the plaintiff-investors were 70 high net worth individuals. In the fall of 2006, the cases settled by confidential agreement.

### III. Employment Discrimination and Unfair Employment Practices

### A. Current Cases

1. **Chen-Oster v. Goldman Sachs**, No. 10-6950 (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs in a gender discrimination class action lawsuit against Goldman Sachs alleging Goldman Sachs has engaged in systemic and pervasive discrimination against its female professional employees in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and New York City Human Rights Law. The complaint charges that, among other things, Goldman Sachs pays its female professionals less than similarly situated males, disproportionately promotes men over equally or more qualified women, and offers better business opportunities and professional support to its male professionals. In 2012, the Court denied defendant's motion to strike class allegations.

On March 10, 2015, Magistrate Judge James C. Francis IV issued a recommendation against certifying the class. In April of 2017, District Court Judge Analisa Torres granted plaintiffs' motion to amend their complaint and add new representative plaintiffs, denied Goldman Sachs' motions to dismiss the new plaintiffs' claims, and ordered the parties to submit proposals by April 26, 2017, on a process for addressing Magistrate Judge Francis' March 2015 Report and Recommendation on class certification.

On March 30, 2018, Judge Torres issued an order certifying the plaintiffs' damages class under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 23(b)(3). Judge

Torres certified plaintiffs' claims for both disparate impact and disparate treatment discrimination, relying on statistical evidence of discrimination in pay, promotions, and performance evaluations, as well as anecdotal evidence of Goldman's hostile work environment. In so ruling, the court also granted plaintiffs' motion to exclude portions of Goldman's expert evidence as unreliable, and denied all of Goldman's motions to exclude plaintiffs' expert evidence.

2. **Kassman v. KPMG, LLP**, Case No. 11-03743 (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs in a gender discrimination class and collective action lawsuit alleging that KPMG has engaged in systemic and pervasive discrimination against its female Client Service and Support Professionals in pay and promotion, discrimination based on pregnancy, and chronic failure to properly investigate and resolve complaints of discrimination and harassment. The complaint alleges violations of the Equal Pay Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the New York Executive Law § 296, and the New York City Administrative Code § 8-107.

On November 27, 2018, Plaintiffs filed a motion in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York seeking class certification in the longrunning lawsuit challenging gender disparities in pay and promotion on behalf of approximately 10,000 female Advisory and Tax professionals. Plaintiffs also sought final certification of the Equal Pay Act collective on behalf of the approximately 1,100 opt-in plaintiffs.

On November 30, 2018, the Court declined to certify the class and decertified the Equal Pay Act collective. While the Court acknowledged KPMG's common pay and promotion policies and its gender disparities in pay and promotion, the Court held that the women challenging KPMG's pay and promotion policies cannot pursue their claims together. On December 14, 2018, Plaintiffs filed a Petition to Appeal the Denial of Class Certification under Rule 23(f) with the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The Court of Appeals declined to hear the appeal. The case is now proceeding on an individual basis on behalf of the Named Plaintiffs and 444 Former Opt-In Plaintiffs.

3. **Strauch v. Computer Sciences Corporation**, No. 2:14-cv-00956 (D. Conn.). In 2005, Computer Sciences Corporation ("CSC") settled for \$24 million a nationwide class and collective action lawsuit alleging that CSC misclassified thousands of its information technology support workers as exempt from overtime pay in violation of in violation of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") and state law. Notwithstanding that settlement, a complaint filed on behalf of current and former CSC IT workers in 2014 by Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel alleges that CSC misclassifies many information technology support workers as exempt

even though they perform primarily nonexempt work. Plaintiffs are current and former CSC System Administrators assigned the primary duty of the installation, maintenance, and/or support of computer software and/or hardware for CSC clients. On June 9, 2015, the Court granted plaintiffs' motion for conditional certification of a FLSA collective action. Since then, more than 1,000 System Administrators have opted into the case. On June 30, 2017, the Court granted plaintiffs motion for certification of Rule 23 classes for System Administrators in California and Connecticut.

On December 20, 2017, a jury in federal court in Connecticut ruled that Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), which recently merged with Hewlett Packard Enterprise Services to form DXC Technology (NYSE: DXC), wrongly and willfully denied overtime pay to approximately 1,000 current and former technology support workers around the country. After deliberating over two days, the Connecticut jury unanimously rejected CSC's claim that its System Administrators in the "Associate Professional" and "Professional" job titles are exempt under federal, Connecticut and California law, ruling instead that the workers should have been classified as nonexempt and paid overtime. The jury found CSC's violations to be willful, triggering additional damages. The misclassifications were made despite the fact that, in 2005, CSC paid \$24 million to settle similar claims from a previous group of technical support workers. Following the issuance of a Report and Recommendation from a Court-appointed special master, the Court entered judgment ordering CSC to pay damages totaling \$18,755,016.46 to class members. That judgment is currently on appeal to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

4. **Senne v. Major League Baseball**, No. 14-cv-00608 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represents current and former Minor League Baseball players employed under uniform player contracts in a class and collective action seeking unpaid overtime and minimum wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act and state laws. The complaint alleges that Major League Baseball ("MLB"), the MLB franchises, and other defendants paid minor league players a uniform monthly fixed salary that, in light of the hours worked, amounts to less than the minimum wage and an unlawful denial of overtime pay. In August 2019, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld certification of a California Class, overturned the denial of certification of the Arizona and Florida Classes, and affirmed the certification of an FLSA collective action. The defendants have petitioned the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari.

### **B.** Successes

1. **Kalodimos v. Meredith Corporation d/b/a Wsmv Channel 4**, No. 3:18-cv-01321 (M.D. Tenn.). Lieff Cabraser represented Demetria Kalodimos, the longest running anchor in the history of Middle Tennessee's Channel 4 news network, in sex and age discrimination claims against the network. Ms. Kalodimos was the longest running anchor in the history of Channel 4, known within the community as the "face of Channel 4," and had received both local and national accolades for journalistic excellence when she was terminated in 2017. On behalf of Ms. Kalodimos, Lieff Cabraser litigated claims for violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Tennessee Human Rights Act, and the common law. The parties resolved these disputes in 2019, following a private mediation.

2. **Butler v. Home Depot**, No. C94-4335 SI (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represented a class of approximately 25,000 female employees and applicants for employment with Home Depot's West Coast Division who alleged gender discrimination in connection with hiring, promotions, pay, job assignment, and other terms and conditions of employment. The class was certified in January 1995. In January 1998, the Court approved a \$87.5 million settlement of the action that included comprehensive injunctive relief over the term of a five-year Consent Decree. Under the terms of the settlement, Home Depot modified its hiring, promotion, and compensation practices to ensure that interested and qualified women were hired for, and promoted to, sales and management positions.

On January 14, 1998, U.S. District Judge Susan Illston commented that the settlement provides "a very significant monetary payment to the class members for which I think they should be grateful to their counsel. . . . Even more significant is the injunctive relief that's provided for . . ." By 2003, the injunctive relief had created thousands of new job opportunities in sales and management positions at Home Depot, generating the equivalent of over approximately \$100 million per year in wages for female employees.

In 2002, Judge Illston stated that the injunctive relief has been a "win/win . . . for everyone, because . . . the way the Decree has been implemented has been very successful and it is good for the company as well as the company's employees."

3. **Rosenburg v. IBM**, No. C 06-0430 PJH (N.D. Cal.). In July 2007, the Court granted final approval to a \$65 million settlement of a class action suit by current and former technical support workers for IBM seeking unpaid overtime. The settlement constitutes a record amount in litigation seeking overtime compensation for employees in the computer industry. Plaintiffs alleged that IBM illegally misclassified its employees who install or maintain computer hardware or software as "exempt" from the overtime pay requirements of federal and state labor laws.

- 4. **Satchell v. FedEx Express**, No. C 03-2659 SI; C 03-2878 SI (N.D. Cal.). In 2007, the Court granted final approval to a \$54.9 million settlement of the race discrimination class action lawsuit by African American and Latino employees of FedEx Express. The settlement requires FedEx to reform its promotion, discipline, and pay practices. Under the settlement, FedEx will implement multiple steps to promote equal employment opportunities, including making its performance evaluation process less discretionary, discarding use of the "Basic Skills Test" as a prerequisite to promotion into certain desirable positions, and changing employment policies to demonstrate that its revised practices do not continue to foster racial discrimination. The settlement, covering 20,000 hourly employees and operations managers who have worked in the western region of FedEx Express since October 1999, was approved by the Court in August 2007.
- 5. **Gonzalez v. Abercrombie & Fitch Stores**, No. C03-2817 SI (N.D. Cal.). In April 2005, the Court approved a settlement, valued at approximately \$50 million, which requires the retail clothing giant Abercrombie & Fitch to provide monetary benefits of \$40 million to the class of Latino, African American, Asian American and female applicants and employees who charged the company with discrimination. The settlement included a six-year period of injunctive relief requiring the company to institute a wide range of policies and programs to promote diversity among its workforce and to prevent discrimination based on race or gender. Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Class Counsel and prosecuted the case with a number of co-counsel firms, including the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
- 6. *Giles v. Allstate*, JCCP Nos. 2984 and 2985. Lieff Cabraser represented a class of Allstate insurance agents seeking reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs. The action settled for approximately \$40 million.
- 7. **Calibuso v. Bank of America Corporation, Merrill Lynch & Co.**, No. CV10-1413 (E.D. N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for female Financial Advisors who alleged that Bank of America and Merrill Lynch engaged in a pattern and practice of gender discrimination with respect to business opportunities and compensation. The complaint charged that these violations were systemic, based upon company-wide policies and practices. In December 2013, the Court approved a \$39 million settlement. The settlement included three years of programmatic relief, overseen by an independent monitor, regarding teaming and partnership agreements, business generation, account distributions, manager evaluations, promotions, training, and complaint processing and procedures, among other things. An independent consultant also

conducted an internal study of the bank's Financial Advisors' teaming practices.

- 8. **Frank v. United Airlines**, No. C-92-0692 MJJ (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel obtained a \$36.5 million settlement in February 2004 for a class of female flight attendants who were required to weigh less than comparable male flight attendants. Former U.S. District Court Judge Charles B. Renfrew (ret.), who served as a mediator in the case, stated, "As a participant in the settlement negotiations, I am familiar with and know the reputation, experience and skills of lawyers involved. They are dedicated, hardworking and able counsel who have represented their clients very effectively." U.S. District Judge Martin J. Jenkins, in granting final approval to the settlement, found "that the results achieved here could be nothing less than described as exceptional," and that the settlement "was obtained through the efforts of outstanding counsel."
- 9. **Barnett v. Wal-Mart**, No. 01-2-24553-SNKT (Wash.). The Court approved in July 2009 a settlement valued at up to \$35 million on behalf of workers in Washington State who alleged they were deprived of meal and rest breaks and forced to work off-the-clock at Wal-Mart stores and Sam's Clubs. In addition to monetary relief, the settlement provided injunctive relief benefiting all employees. Wal-Mart was required to undertake measures to prevent wage and hour violations at its 50 stores and clubs in Washington, measures that included the use of new technologies and compliance tools.

Plaintiffs filed their complaint in 2001. Three years later, the Court certified a class of approximately 40,000 current and former Wal-Mart employees. The eight years of litigation were intense and adversarial. Wal-Mart, currently the world's third largest corporation, vigorously denied liability and spared no expense in defending itself.

This lawsuit and similar actions filed against Wal-Mart across America served to reform the pay procedures and employment practices for Wal-Mart's 1.4 million employees nationwide. In a press release announcing the Court's approval of the settlement, Wal-Mart spokesperson Daphne Moore stated, "This lawsuit was filed years ago and the allegations are not representative of the company we are today." Lieff Cabraser served as Court-appointed Co-Lead Class Counsel.

10. **Amochaev. v. Citigroup Global Markets, d/b/a Smith Barney**, No. C 05-1298 PJH (N.D. Cal.). In August 2008, the Court approved a \$33 million settlement for the 2,411 members of the Settlement Class in a gender discrimination case against Smith Barney. Lieff Cabraser represented Female Financial Advisors who charged that Smith Barney, the retail brokerage unit of Citigroup, discriminated against them in account distributions, business leads, referral business, partnership opportunities, and other terms of employment. In addition to the monetary compensation, the settlement included comprehensive injunctive relief for four years designed to increase business opportunities and promote equality in compensation for female brokers.

- 11. Vedachalam v. Tata Consultancy Services, C 06-0963 CW (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for 12,700 foreign nationals sent by the Indian conglomerate Tata to work in the U.S. After 7 years of hard-fought litigation, the District Court in July 2013 granted final approval to a \$29.75 million settlement. The complaint charged that Tata breached the contracts of its non-U.S.-citizen employees by requiring them to sign over their federal and state tax refund checks to Tata, and by failing to pay its non-U.S.-citizen employees the monies promised to those employees before they came to the United States. In 2007 and again in 2008, the District Court denied Tata's motions to compel arbitration of Plaintiffs' claims in India. The Court held that no arbitration agreement existed because the documents purportedly requiring arbitration in India applied one set of rules to the Plaintiffs and another set to Tata. In 2009, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed this decision. In July 2011, the District Court denied in part Tata's motion for summary judgment, allowing Plaintiffs' legal claims for breach of contract and certain violations of California wage laws to go forward. In 2012, the District Court found that the plaintiffs satisfied the legal requirements for a class action and certified two classes.
- 12. *Giannetto v. Computer Sciences Corporation*, No. 03-CV-8201 (C.D. Cal.). In one of the largest overtime pay dispute settlements ever in the information technology industry, the Court approved a \$24 million settlement with Computer Sciences Corporation in 2005. Plaintiffs charged that the global conglomerate had a common practice of refusing to pay overtime compensation to its technical support workers involved in the installation and maintenance of computer hardware and software in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, California's Unfair Competition Law, and the wage and hour laws of 13 states.
- 13. *Curtis-Bauer v. Morgan Stanley & Co.*, Case No. C-06-3903 (TEH). In October 2008, the Court approved a \$16 million settlement in the class action against Morgan Stanley. The complaint charged that Morgan Stanley discriminated against African-American and Latino Financial Advisors and Registered Financial Advisor Trainees in the Global Wealth Management Group of Morgan Stanley in compensation and business opportunities. The settlement included comprehensive injunctive relief regarding account distributions, partnership arrangements, branch manager promotions, hiring, retention, diversity training, and complaint processing, among other things. The settlement also provided for the

appointment of an independent Diversity Monitor and an independent Industrial Psychologist to effectuate the terms of the agreement.

- 14. **Church v. Consolidated Freightways**, No. C90-2290 DLJ (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser was the Lead Court-appointed Class Counsel in this class action on behalf of the exempt employees of Emery Air Freight, a freight forwarding company acquired by Consolidated Freightways in 1989. On behalf of the employee class, Lieff Cabraser prosecuted claims for violation of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the securities laws, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. The case settled in 1993 for \$13.5 million.
- 15. **Gerlach v. Wells Fargo & Co.**, No. C 05-0585 CW (N.D. Cal.). In January 2007, the Court granted final approval to a \$12.8 million settlement of a class action suit by current and former business systems employees of Wells Fargo seeking unpaid overtime. Plaintiffs alleged that Wells Fargo illegally misclassified those employees, who maintained and updated Wells Fargo's business tools according to others' instructions, as "exempt" from the overtime pay requirements of federal and state labor laws.
- 16. **Buccellato v. AT&T Operations**, No. C10-00463-LHK (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented a group of current and former AT&T technical support workers who alleged that AT&T misclassified them as exempt and failed to pay them for all overtime hours worked, in violation of federal and state overtime pay laws. In June 2011, the Court approved a \$12.5 million collective and class action settlement.
- 17. Buttram v. UPS, No. C-97-01590 MJJ (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser and several co-counsel represented a class of approximately 14,000 African-American part-time hourly employees of UPS's Pacific and Northwest Regions alleging race discrimination in promotions and job advancement. In 1999, the Court approved a \$12.14 million settlement of the action. Under the injunctive relief portion of the settlement, Class Counsel monitored the promotions of African-American part-time hourly employees to part-time supervisor and full-time package car drivers.
- 18. Goddard, et al. v. Longs Drug Stores Corporation, et al., No. RG04141291 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Store managers and assistant store managers of Longs Drugs charged that the company misclassified them as exempt from overtime wages. Managers regularly worked in excess of 8 hours per day and 40 hours per week without compensation for their overtime hours. Following mediation, in 2005, Longs Drugs agreed to settle the claims for a total of \$11 million. Over 1,000 current and former Longs Drugs managers and assistant managers were eligible for compensation under the settlement, over 98% of the class submitted claims.

- 19. Trotter v. Perdue Farms, No. C 99-893-RRM (JJF) (MPT) (D. Del.). Lieff Cabraser represented a class of chicken processing employees of Perdue Farms, Inc., one of the nation's largest poultry processors, for wage and hour violations. The suit challenged Perdue's failure to compensate its assembly line employees for putting on, taking off, and cleaning protective and sanitary equipment in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, various state wage and hour laws, and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. Under a settlement approved by the Court in 2002, Perdue paid \$10 million for wages lost by its chicken processing employees and attorneys' fees and costs. The settlement was in addition to a \$10 million settlement of a suit brought by the Department of Labor in the wake of Lieff Cabraser's lawsuit.
- 20. **Gottlieb v. SBC Communications**, No. CV-00-04139 AHM (MANx) (C.D. Cal.). With co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represented current and former employees of SBC and Pacific Telesis Group ("PTG") who participated in AirTouch Stock Funds, which were at one time part of PTG's salaried and non-salaried savings plans. After acquiring PTG, SBC sold AirTouch, which PTG had owned, and caused the AirTouch Stock Funds that were included in the PTG employees' savings plans to be liquidated. Plaintiffs alleged that in eliminating the AirTouch Stock Funds, and in allegedly failing to adequately communicate with employees about the liquidation, SBC breached its duties to 401k plan participants under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. In 2002, the Court granted final approval to a \$10 million settlement.
- 21. Ellis v. Costco Wholesale Corp., No. 04-03341-EMC (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for current and former female employees who charged that Costco discriminated against women in promotion to management positions. In January 2007, the Court certified a class consisting of over 750 current and former female Costco employees nationwide who were denied promotion to General Manager or Assistant Manager since January 3, 2002. Costco appealed. In September 2011, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit remanded the case to the District Court to make class certification findings consistent with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Wal-Mart v. Dukes, 131 S.Ct. 2541 (2011). In September 2012, U.S. District Court Judge Edward M. Chen granted plaintiffs' motion for class certification and certified two classes of over 1,250 current and former female Costco employees, one for injunctive relief and the other for monetary relief. On May 27, 2014, the Court approved an \$8 million settlement.
- 22. In Re Farmers Insurance Exchange Claims Representatives' Overtime Pay Litigation, MDL No. 1439 (D. Or.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represented claims representatives of Farmers' Insurance Exchange seeking unpaid overtime. Lieff Cabraser won a liability phase

trial on a classwide basis, and then litigated damages on an individual basis before a special master. The judgment was partially upheld on appeal. In August 2010, the Court approved an \$8 million settlement.

- 23. **Zuckman v. Allied Group**, No. 02-5800 SI (N.D. Cal.). In September 2004, the Court approved a settlement with Allied Group and Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company of \$8 million plus Allied/Nationwide's share of payroll taxes on amounts treated as wages, providing plaintiffs a 100% recovery on their claims. Plaintiffs, claims representatives of Allied / Nationwide, alleged that the company misclassified them as exempt employees and failed to pay them and other claims representatives in California overtime wages for hours they worked in excess of eight hours or forty hours per week. In approving the settlement, U.S. District Court Judge Susan Illston commended counsel for their "really good lawyering" and stated that they did "a splendid job on this" case.
- 24. **Thomas v. California State Automobile Association**, No. CH217752 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). With co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represented 1,200 current and former field claims adjusters who worked for the California State Automobile Association ("CSAA"). Plaintiffs alleged that CSAA improperly classified their employees as exempt, therefore denying them overtime pay for overtime worked. In May 2002, the Court approved an \$8 million settlement of the case.
- 25. *Higazi v. Cadence Design Systems*, No. C 07-2813 JW (N.D. Cal.). In July 2008, the Court granted final approval to a \$7.664 million settlement of a class action suit by current and former technical support workers for Cadence seeking unpaid overtime. Plaintiffs alleged that Cadence illegally misclassified its employees who install, maintain, or support computer hardware or software as "exempt" from the overtime pay requirements of federal and state labor laws.
- 26. **Zaborowski v. MHN Government Services**, No. 12-CV-05109-SI (N.D. Cal.) Lieff Cabraser represented current and former Military and Family Life Consultants ("MFLCs") in a class action lawsuit against MHN Government Services, Inc. ("MHN") and Managed Health Network, Inc., seeking overtime pay under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act and state laws. The complaint charged that MHN misclassified the MFLCs as independent contractors and as "exempt" from overtime and failed to pay them overtime pay for hours worked over 40 per week. In April 2013, the Court denied MHN's motion to compel arbitration and granted plaintiff's motion for conditional certification of a FLSA collective action. In December 2014, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit upheld the district court's determination that the arbitration clause in MHN's employee contract was procedurally and substantively unconscionable. MHN appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

MHN did not contest that its agreement had several unconscionable components; instead, it asked the Supreme Court to sever the unconscionable terms of its arbitration agreement and nonetheless send the MFLCs' claims to arbitration. The Supreme Court granted MHN's petition for certiorari on October 1, 2015, and was scheduled to hear the case in the 2016 spring term in *MHN Gov't Servs., Inc. v. Zaborowski,* No. 14-1458. While the matter was pending before the Supreme Court, an arbitrator approved a class settlement in the matter, which resulted in payment of \$7,433,109.19 to class members.

- 27. **Sandoval v. Mountain Center, Inc., et al.**, No. 03CC00280 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Cable installers in California charged that defendants owed them overtime wages, as well as damages for missed meal and rest breaks and reimbursement for expenses incurred on the job. In 2005, the Court approved a \$7.2 million settlement of the litigation, which was distributed to the cable installers who submitted claims.
- 28. **Martin v. Bohemian Club,** No. SCV-258731 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represented a class of approximately 659 individuals who worked seasonally as camp valets for the Bohemian Club. Plaintiffs alleged that they had been misclassified as independent contractors, and thus were not paid for overtime or meal-and-rest breaks as required under California law. The Court granted final approval of a \$7 million settlement resolving all claims in September 2016.
- 29. *Lewis v. Wells Fargo*, No. 08-cv-2670 CW (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Counsel on behalf of approximately 330 I/T workers who alleged that Wells Fargo had a common practice of misclassifying them as exempt and failing to pay them for all overtime hours worked in violation of federal and state overtime pay laws. In April 2011, the Court granted collective action certification of the FLSA claims and approved a \$6.72 million settlement of the action.
- 30. **Kahn v. Denny's**, No. BC177254 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser brought a lawsuit alleging that Denny's failed to pay overtime wages to its General Managers and Managers who worked at company-owned restaurants in California. The Court approved a \$4 million settlement of the case in 2000.
- 31. **Wynne v. McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants**, No. C 06-3153 CW (N.D. Cal.). In August 2008, the Court granted final approval to a settlement valued at \$2.1 million, including substantial injunctive relief, for a class of African American restaurant-level hourly employees. The consent decree created hiring benchmarks to increase the number of African Americans employed in front of the house jobs (*e.g.*, server, bartender, host/hostess, waiter/waitress, and cocktail server), a registration of interest program to minimize discrimination in

promotions, improved complaint procedures, and monitoring and enforcement mechanisms.

- 32. **Sherrill v. Premera Blue Cross**, No. 2:10-cv-00590-TSZ (W.D. Wash.). In April 2010, a technical worker at Premera Blue Cross filed a lawsuit against Premera seeking overtime pay from its misclassification of technical support workers as exempt. In June 2011, the Court approved a collective and class action settlement of \$1.45 million.
- 33. **Holloway v. Best Buy**, No. C05-5056 PJH (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, represented a class of current employees of Best Buy that alleged Best Buy stores nationwide discriminated against women, African Americans, and Latinos. The complaint charged that these employees were assigned to less desirable positions and denied promotions, and that class members who attained managerial positions were paid less than white males. In November 2011, the Court approved a settlement of the class action in which Best Buy agreed to changes to its personnel policies and procedures that will enhance the equal employment opportunities of the tens of thousands of women, African Americans, and Latinos employed by Best Buy nationwide.
- 34. *Lyon v. TMP Worldwide*, No. 993096 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel for a class of certain non-supervisory employees in an advertising firm. The settlement, approved in 2000, provided almost a 100% recovery to class members. The suit alleged that TMP failed to pay overtime wages to these employees.
- 35. **Lusardi v. McHugh, Secretary of the Army**, No. 0120133395 (U.S. EEOC). Lieff Cabraser and the Transgender Law Center represent Tamara Lusardi, a transgender civilian software specialist employed by the U.S. Army. In a groundbreaking decision in April 2015, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission reversed a lower agency decision and held that the employer subjected Lusardi to disparate treatment and harassment based on sex in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 when (1) the employer restricted her from using the common female restroom (consistent with her gender identity) and (2) a team leader intentionally and repeatedly referred to her by male pronouns and made hostile remarks about her transition and gender.

Lieff Cabraser attorneys have had experience representing employees in additional cases, including cases involving race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and age discrimination; False Claims Act (whistleblower) claims; breach of contract claims; unpaid wages or exempt misclassification (wage/hour) claims; pension plan abuses under ERISA; and other violations of the law. For example, as described in the Antitrust section of this resume, Lieff Cabraser served as plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel in a class action charging that Adobe Systems Inc., Apple Inc., Google Inc., and Intel Corporation violated antitrust laws by conspiring to suppress the wages of certain salaried employees.

Lieff Cabraser is currently investigating charges of discrimination, wage/hour violations, and wage suppression claims against several companies. In addition, our attorneys frequently write amicus briefs on cutting-edge legal issues involving employment law.

In 2020, *Lawdragon* named Lieff Cabraser partners Lin Chan, Kelly Dermody, Rachel Geman, Daniel Hutchinson, and Anne Shaver to its "500 Leading Plaintiff Employment Lawyers" listing, showcasing "the heroic lawyers throughout the U.S. working to ensure that workers' rights are respected and fairly compensated."

In 2018, the *California Daily Journal* named Kelly Dermody and Anne Shaver as "Top Labor & Employment Lawyers" in the state.

In 2015, *The Recorder* named Lieff Cabraser's employment group as a Litigation Department of the Year in the category of California Labor and Employment Law. The Litigation Department of the Year awards recognize "California litigation practices that deliver standout results on their clients' most critical matters." *The Recorder* editors consider the degree of difficulty, dollar value and importance of each matter to the client; the depth and breadth of the practice; and the use of innovative approaches.

*U.S. News* and *Best Lawyers* earlier selected Lieff Cabraser as national "Law Firm of the Year" in the category of Employment Law – Individuals. *U.S. News* and *Best Lawyers* ranked firms nationally in 80 different practice areas based on extensive client feedback and evaluations from 70,000 lawyers nationwide. Only one law firm in the U.S. in each practice area receives the "Law Firm of the Year" designation.

*Benchmark Plaintiff*, a guide to the nation's leading plaintiffs' firms, has given Lieff Cabraser's employment practice group a Tier 1 national ranking, its highest rating. *The Legal 500* guide to the U.S. legal profession has recognized Lieff Cabraser as having one of the leading plaintiffs' employment practices in the nation.

Daniel M. Hutchinson chairs the firm's employment practice group and leads the firm's employment cases.

Daniel's practice has been focused on litigating, settling, and taking to trial complex class actions that have advanced the public interest. As a partner at Lieff Cabraser, Daniel served as lead or co-lead counsel on cases that recovered over \$800 million for his clients in all variety of industries and across myriad discrimination, unpaid wages, ERISA, consumer protection, and financial fraud cases.

Daniel's employment litigation experience spreads across a wide variety of industries. He was a key player representing Indian nationals in wage theft litigation against Tata, taking the overtime claims of information technology workers to a trial victory against CSC, and litigating the discrimination claims of female managers at Costco.

Daniel has been recognized as a nationwide leader in employment law. In 2014, *Law360* named Daniel one of the nation's six top employment lawyers under 40. *The Daily Journal* 

named him as a "Top 40 Under 40" leading lawyer in California. *The Recorder* endorsed him as one of "50 Lawyers on the Fast Track." Daniel has spoken and presented papers at national employment and consumer law conferences, including events sponsored by the American Bar Association's Section of Labor and Employment Law, the Mason Judicial Education Program, the Practising Law Institute, the Impact Fund, the UCLA School of Law, the National Employment Lawyers Association, and the Consumer Attorneys of California. Daniel has served as the Board Chair for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights.

# IV. <u>Consumer Protection</u>

# A. Current Cases

- 1. **In re Arizona Theranos, Inc. Litigation**, No. 2:16-cv-2138-HRH (D. Ariz.). This class action alleges that Walgreens and startup company Theranos Inc. (along with its two top executives) committed fraud and battery by prematurely marketing to consumers blood testing services that were still in-development, not ready-for-market, and dangerously unreliable. Hundreds of thousands of consumers in Arizona and California submitted to these "testing" services and blood draws under false pretenses. Consumers also made major health decisions (including taking actions and medication, and refraining from taking actions and medications) in reliance on these unreliable tests. Plaintiffs allege that Walgreens' and Theranos' conduct violates Arizona and California consumer protection statutes and common law.
- 2. **Fiat Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ecodiesel Litigation**, 17-MD-02777-EMC. Lieff Cabraser represents owners and lessors of affected Fiat Chrysler vehicles in litigation accusing Fiat Chrysler of using secret software to allow excess emissions in violation of the law for at least 104,000 2014-2016 model year diesel vehicles, including Jeep Grand Cherokees and Dodge Ram 1500 trucks with 3-liter diesel engines sold in the United States from late 2013 through 2016 (model years 2014, 2015, and 2016). In June 2017, Judge Edward M. Chen of the Northern District of California named Elizabeth Cabraser sole Lead Counsel for Plaintiffs and Chair of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for consolidated litigation of the case.

In May 2019, Judge Chen granted final approval to a \$307.5 million settlement of the case, which will provide eligible owners and lessees with substantial cash payments and an extended warranty following the completion of a government-mandated emissions modification to affected vehicles.

Under the agreement between consumers and FCA and Bosch, approximately 100,000 owners and lessees of Ram 1500 and Jeep Grand Cherokee 3.0-liter diesel vehicles from model years 2014 to 2016 are eligible to file claims and receive the settlement's benefits. Most owners will receive \$3,075 once the repair – a software reflash – is completed. Current owners and lessees have until February 3, 2021 to submit a claim, and until May 3, 2021 to complete the repair and receive compensation.

- 3. In Re: General Motors Corp. Air Conditioning Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation, MDL No. 2818 (E.D. Mich.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel in a consumer fraud class action MDL against General Motors Company consolidated in Michigan federal court on behalf of all persons who purchased or leased certain GM vehicles equipped with an allegedly defective air conditioning systems. The lawsuit claims the vehicles have a serious defect that causes the air conditioning systems to crack and leak refrigerant, lose pressure, and fail to function properly to provide cooled air into the vehicles. These failures lead owners and lessees to incur significant costs for repair, often successive repairs as the repaired parts prove defective as well. The complaint lists causes of action for violations of various states' Consumer Protection Acts, fraudulent concealment, breach of warranty, and unjust enrichment, and seeks declaratory and injunctive relief, including an order requiring GM to permanently repair the affected vehicles within a reasonable time period, as well as compensatory, exemplary, and statutory damages.
- 4. **In re Checking Account Overdraft Litigation**, MDL No. 2036 (S.D. Fl.). Lieff Cabraser serves on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee ("PEC") in Multi-District Litigation against 35 banks, including Bank of America, Chase, Citizens, PNC, Union Bank, and U.S. Bank. The complaints alleged that the banks entered debit card transactions from the "largest to the smallest" to draw down available balances more rapidly and maximize overdraft fees. In March 2010, the Court denied defendants' motions to dismiss the complaints. The Court has approved nearly \$1 billion in settlements with the banks.

In November 2011, the Court granted final approval to a \$410 million settlement of the case against Bank of America. Lieff Cabraser was the lead plaintiffs' law firm on the PEC that prosecuted the case against Bank of America. In approving the settlement with Bank of America, U.S. District Court Judge James Lawrence King stated, "This is a marvelous result for the members of the class." Judge King added, "[B]ut for the high level of dedication, ability and massive and incredible hard work by the Class attorneys . . . I do not believe the Class would have ever seen . . . a penny."

In September 2012, the Court granted final approval to a \$35 million of the case against Union Bank. In approving the settlement, Judge King again complimented plaintiffs' counsel for their outstanding work and effort in resolving the case: "The description of plaintiffs' counsel, which is a necessary part of the settlement, is, if anything, understated. In my observation of the diligence and professional activity, it's superb. I know of no other class action case anywhere in the country in the last couple of decades that's been handled as efficiently as this one has, which is a tribute to the lawyers."

5. Hale, et al. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., et al., Case No. 3:12-cv-00660-DRH-SCW. In 1997, Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel filed a class action in Illinois state court, accusing State Farm of approving the use of lower-quality non-original equipment manufacturer (non-OEM) automotive parts for repairs to the vehicles of more than 4 million State Farm policyholders, contrary to the company's policy language. Plaintiffs won a verdict of more than nearly \$1.2 billion that included \$600 million in punitive damages. The state appeals court affirmed the judgment, but reduced it slightly to \$1.05 billion. State Farm appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court in May 2013.

A two-plus-year delay in that Court's decision led to a vacancy in the Illinois Supreme Court. Plaintiffs alleged that State Farm recruited a little-known trial judge, Judge Lloyd A. Karmeier, to run for the vacant Supreme Court seat, and then managed his campaign behind the scenes, and secretly funded it to the tune of almost \$4 million. Then, after Justice Karmeier was elected, State Farm hid its involvement in his campaign to ensure that Justice Karmeier could participate in the pending appeal of the \$1.05 billion judgment. State Farm's scheme was successful: Justice Karmeier joined the otherwise "deadlocked" deliberations and voted to decertify the class and overturn the judgment.

In a 2012 lawsuit filed in federal court, Plaintiffs alleged that this secretive scheme to seat a sympathetic justice—and then to lie about it, so as secure that justice's participation in the pending appeal—violated the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act ("RICO"), and deprived Plaintiffs of their interest in the billion-dollar judgment. Judge David R. Herndon certified the class in October 2016, and the Seventh Circuit denied State Farm's petition to appeal the ruling in December 2016 and again in May 2017. On August 21, 2018, Judge David R. Herndon issued two new Orders favorable to plaintiffs relating to evidence and testimony to be included in the trial. On September 4, 2018, the day the trial was to begin, Judge Herndon gave preliminary approval to a \$250 million settlement of the case, and on December 13, 2018, Judge Herndon gave the settlement final approval.

6. **Dover v. British Airways**, Case No. 1:12-cv-05567 (E.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represents participants in British Airways' ("BA") frequent flyer program, known as the Executive Club, in a breach of contract class action lawsuit. BA imposes a very high "fuel surcharge," often in excess of \$500, on Executive Club reward tickets. Plaintiffs alleged that the "fuel surcharge" was not based upon the price of fuel, and that it therefore violated the terms of the contract. The case was heavily litigated for five years, and settled on the verge of trial for a \$42.5 million common fund. Class members have the choice of a cash refund or additional flyer miles based on the number of tickets redeemed during the class period. If all class members claim the miles instead of the cash, the total settlement value will be up to \$63 million. U.S. Magistrate Judge Cheryl Pollak signed off on the settlement on May 30, 2018: "In light of the court's experience throughout the course of this litigation — and particularly in light of the contentiousness of earlier proceedings, the inability of the parties to settle during previous mediation attempts and the parties' initial positions when they appeared for the settlement will provide to class members is remarkable."

- 7. Telephone Consumer Protection Act Litigation. Lieff Cabraser serves as a leader in nationwide Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA") class actions challenging abusing and harassing automated calls. Based on Lieff Cabraser's experience and expertise in these cases, courts have appointed Lieff Cabraser as co-lead counsel in certified TCPA class actions against DIRECTV. Brown v. DirecTV, LLC, No. CV 13-1170 DMG (EX), 2019 WL 1434669 (C.D. Cal. Mar. 29, 2019); Cordoba v. DirecTV, LLC, 320 F.R.D. 582 (N.D. Ga. 2017). Lieff Cabraser also maintains leadership roles in ongoing nationwide class actions against several other companies that make automated debt-collection or telemarketing calls, including National Grid (Jenkins v. National Grid USA, et al., Case No. 2:15-cv-01219-JS-GRB (E.D.N.Y.).
- Rushing v. The Walt Disney Company, et al., Case No. 3:17-cv-8. 4419 (N.D. Cal.); Rushing v. Viacom, Inc., et al., Case No. 3:17-cv-4492 (N.D. Cal.); McDonald, et al. v. Kiloo Aps, et al., Case No. 3:17-cv-4344 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represents parents, on behalf of their children, in federal class action litigation against numerous online game and app producers including Disney, Viacom, and the makers of the vastly popular Subway Surfers game (Kiloo and Sybo), over allegations the companies unlawfully collected, used, and disseminated the personal information of children who played the gaming apps on smart phones, tablets, and other mobile device. The actions are proceeding under timehonored laws protecting privacy: a California common law invasion of privacy claim, a California Constitution right of privacy claim, a California unfair competition claim, a New York General Business Law claim, a Massachusetts Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices claim, and a Massachusetts statutory right to privacy claim.

- 9. The People of the State of California v. J.C. Penney Corporation, Inc., Case No. BC643036 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct); The People of the State of California v. Kohl's Department Stores, Inc., Case No. BC643037 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct); The People of the State of California v. Macy's, Inc., Case No. BC643040 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct): The People of the State of California v. Sears, Roebuck and Co., et al., Case No. BC643039 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct). Working with the office of the Los Angeles City Attorney, Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represent the People of California in consumer fraud and false advertising civil enforcement actions against national retailers J.C. Penney, Kohl's, Macy's, and Sears alleging that each of these companies has pervasively used "false reference pricing" schemes — whereby the companies advertise products at a purported "discount" from false "original" or "regular" prices — to mislead customers into believing they are receiving bargains. Because such practices are misleading - and effective - California law prohibits them. The suits seek civil penalties and injunctive relief. The cases are ongoing.
- 10. Cody v. SoulCycle, Inc., Case No. 2:15-cv-06457 (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represents consumers in a class action lawsuit alleging that indoor cycling fitness company SoulCycle sells illegally expiring gift certificates. The suit alleges that SoulCycle defrauded customers by forcing them to buy gift certificates with short enrollment windows and keeping the expired certificates' unused balances in violation of the U.S. Electronic Funds Transfer Act and California's Unfair Competition Law, and seeks reinstatement of expired classes or customer reimbursements as well as policy changes. In October of 2017, U.S. District Judge Michael W. Fitzgerald granted final approval to a settlement of the litigation valued between \$6.9 million and \$9.2 million that provides significant economic consideration to settlement class members as well as meaningful changes to SoulCycle's business practices.
- 11. Moore v. Verizon Communications, No. 09-cv-01823-SBA (N.D. Cal.); Nwabueze v. AT&T, No. 09-cv-1529 SI (N.D. Cal.); Terry v. Pacific Bell Telephone Co., No. RG 09 488326 (Alameda County Sup. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, represents nationwide classes of landline telephone customers subjected to the deceptive business practice known as "cramming." In this practice, a telephone company bills customers for unauthorized third-party charges assessed by billing aggregators on behalf of third-party providers. A U.S. Senate committee has estimated that Verizon, AT&T, and Qwest place 300 million such charges on customer bills each year (amounting to \$2 billion in charges), many of which are unauthorized. Various sources estimate that 90-99% of third-party charges are unauthorized. Both Courts have granted preliminary approval of settlements that allow customers to receive 100%

refunds for all unauthorized charges from 2005 to the present, plus extensive injunctive relief to prevent cramming in the future. The Nwabueze and Terry cases are ongoing.

- 12. James v. UMG Recordings, Inc., No. CV-11-1613 (N.D. Cal); Zombie v. UMG Recordings, Inc., No. CV-11-2431 (N.D. Cal). Lieff Cabraser and its co-counsel represent music recording artists in a proposed class action against Universal Music Group. Plaintiffs allege that Universal failed to pay the recording artists full royalty income earned from customers' purchases of digitally downloaded music from vendors such as Apple iTunes. The complaint alleges that Universal licenses plaintiffs' music to digital download providers, but in its accounting of the royalties plaintiffs have earned, treats such licenses as "records sold" because royalty rate for "records sold" is lower than the royalty rate for licenses. Plaintiffs legal claims include breach of contract and violation of California unfair competition laws. In November 2011 the Court denied defendant's motion to dismiss plaintiffs' unfair competition law claims.
- 13. White v. Experian Information Solutions, No. 05-CV-1070 DOC (C.D. Cal.). In 2005, plaintiffs filed nationwide class action lawsuits on behalf of 750,000 claimants against the nation's three largest repositories of consumer credit information, Experian Information Solutions, Inc., Trans Union, LLC, and Equifax Information Services, LLC. The complaints charged that defendants violated the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA") by recklessly failing to follow reasonable procedures to ensure the accurate reporting of debts discharged in bankruptcy and by refusing to adequately investigate consumer disputes regarding the status of discharged accounts. In April 2008, the District Court approved a partial settlement of the action that established an historic injunction. This settlement required defendants comply with detailed procedures for the retroactive correction and updating of consumers' credit file information concerning discharged debt (affecting one million consumers who had filed for bankruptcy dating back to 2003), as well as new procedures to ensure that debts subject to future discharge orders will be similarly treated. As noted by the District Court, "Prior to the injunctive relief order entered in the instant case, however, no verdict or reported decision had ever required Defendants to implement procedures to cross-check data between their furnishers and their public record providers." In 2011, the District Court approved a \$45 million settlement of the class claims for monetary relief. In April 2013, the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed the order approving the monetary settlement and remanded the case for further proceedings.
- Healy v. Chesapeake Appalachia, No. 1:10cv00023 (W.D. Va.);
   Hale v. CNX Gas, No. 1:10cv00059 (W.D. Va.); Estate of Holman v.

**Noble Energy**, No. 03 CV 9 (Dist. Ct., Co.); **Droegemueller v. Petroleum Development Corporation**, No. 07 CV 2508 JLK (D. Co.); **Anderson v. Merit Energy Co.**, No. 07 CV 00916 LTB (D. Co.); **Holman v. Petro-Canada Resources (USA)**, No. 07 CV 416 (Dist. Ct., Co.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel in several cases pending in federal court in Virginia, in which plaintiffs allege that certain natural gas companies improperly underpaid gas royalties to the owners of the gas. In one case that recently settled, the plaintiffs recovered approximately 95% of the damages they suffered. Lieff Cabraser also achieved settlements on behalf of natural gas royalty owners in five other class actions outside Virginia. Those settlements -- in which class members recovered between 70% and 100% of their damages, excluding interest -- were valued at more than \$160 million.

15. **Marcus A. Roberts et al. v. AT&T Mobility LLC**, No. 3:15-cv-3418 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represents consumers in a proposed class action lawsuit against AT&T claiming that AT&T falsely advertised that its "unlimited" mobile phone plans provide "unlimited" data, while purposefully failing to disclose that it regularly "throttles" (*i.e.*, intentionally slows) customers' data speed once they reach certain data usage thresholds. The lawsuit also challenges AT&T's attempts to force consumers into non-class arbitration, claiming that AT&T's arbitration clause in its Wireless Customer Agreement violates consumers' fundamental constitutional First Amendment right to petition courts for a redress of grievances.

#### **B.** Successes

1. In re Volkswagen 'Clean Diesel' Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2672 (N.D. Cal.). In September of 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a Notice of Violation to Volkswagen relating to 475,000 diesel-powered cars in the United States sold since 2008 under the VW and Audi brands on which VW installed "cheat device" software that intentionally changed the vehicles' emissions production during official testing. Only when the programming detected that the vehicles were undergoing official emissions testing did the cars turn on their full emission control systems. The controls were turned off during actual road use, producing up to 40x more pollutants than the testing amounts in an extraordinary violation of U.S. clean air laws.

Private vehicle owners, state governments, agencies, and attorneys general, as well as federal agencies, all sought compensation and relief from VW through litigation in U.S. courts. More than 1,000 individual civil cases and numerous accompanying government claims were consolidated in federal court in Northern California, and U.S. District Judge Charles R. Breyer appointed Lieff Cabraser founding partner Elizabeth Cabraser as Lead Counsel and Chair of the 22-member Plaintiffs Steering Committee in February of 2016.

After nine months of intensive negotiation and extraordinary coordination led on the class plaintiffs' side by Elizabeth Cabraser, a set of interrelated settlements totaling \$14.7 billion were given final approval by Judge Breyer on October 25, 2016. The settlements offer owners and lessees of Volkswagen and Audi 2.0-liter diesel vehicles substantial compensation through buybacks and lease terminations, governmentapproved emissions modifications, and cash payments, while fixing or removing these polluting vehicles from the road. On May 11, 2017, a further settlement with a value of at least \$1.2 billion relating to VW's 3.0liter engine vehicles received final approval. This deal offers a combination of a projected emissions modification or buybacks for older 3.0-liter models. If a government-approved modification can't be found, VW will have to buy back all the vehicles, which could increase its costs for the 3.0-liter model settlement to as much as \$4 billion.

The consumer class settlements have garnered overwhelming approval and response. Over 380,000 diesel owners have already signed up for the settlement, most doing so even before final approval was granted by Judge Breyer, who is overseeing all federal "clean diesel" litigation.

The Volkswagen emissions settlement is one of the largest payments in American history and the largest known consumer class settlement. It exemplifies the best of the American judicial system, illustrating the resolution of a significant portion of one of the most massive multidistrict class actions at what *Law360* referred to as "lightning speed." The settlements are unprecedented also for their scope and complexity, involving the Department of Justice, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), California Air Resources Board (CARB) and California Attorney General, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and private plaintiffs.

2. **Williamson v. McAfee, Inc.**, No. 14-cv-00158-EJD (N.D. Cal.). This nationwide class action alleged that McAfee falsely represented the prices of its computer anti-virus software to customers enrolled in its "auto-renewal" program. Plaintiffs alleged that McAfee: (a) offers *non*-auto-renewal subscriptions at stated "discounts" from a "regular" sales price; however, the stated discounts are false because McAfee does not ever sell subscriptions at the stated "regular" price to *non*-auto-renewal customers; and (b) charges the auto-renewal customers the amount of the false "regular" sales price, claiming it to be the "current" regular price even though it does not sell subscriptions at that price to any other customer. Plaintiffs alleged that McAfee's false reference price scheme violated California's and New York's unfair competition and false

advertising laws. In 2017, a class settlement was approved that included monetary payments to claimants and practice changes.

- 3. Hansell v. TracFone Wireless, No. 13-cv-3440-EMC (N.D. Cal.); Blagmoor v. TracFone Wireless, No. 13-cv-05295-EMC (N.D. Cal.); Gandhi v. TracFone Wireless, No. 13-cv-05296-EMC (N.D. Cal.). In January 2015, Michael W. Sobol, the chair of Lieff Cabraser's consumer protection practice group, announced that consumers nationwide who purchased service plans with "unlimited data" from TracFone Wireless, Inc., were eligible to receive payments under a \$40 million settlement of a series of class action lawsuits. One of the nation's largest wireless carriers, TracFone uses the brands Straight Talk, Net10, Telcel America, and Simple Mobile to sell mobile phones with prepaid wireless plans at Walmart and other retail stores nationwide. The class action alleged that TracFone falsely advertised its wireless mobile phone plans as providing "unlimited data," while actually maintaining monthly data usage limits that were not disclosed to customers. It further alleged that TracFone regularly throttled (*i.e.* significantly reduces the speed of) or terminated customers' data plans pursuant to the secret limits. Approved by the Court in July 2015, the settlement permanently enjoins TracFone from making any advertisement or other representation about amount of data its cell phone plans offer without disclosing clearly and conspicuously all material restrictions on the amount and speed of the data plan. Further, TracFone and its brands may not state in their advertisements and marketing materials that any plan provides "unlimited data" unless there is also clear, prominent, and adjoining disclosure of any applicable throttling caps or limits. The litigation is notable in part because, following two years of litigation by class counsel, the Federal Trade Commission joined the litigation and filed a Consent Order with TracFone in the same federal court where the class action litigation is pending. All compensation to consumers will be provided through the class action settlement.
- 4. **Gutierrez v. Wells Fargo Bank**, No. C 07-05923 WHA (N.D. Cal.). Following a two week bench class action trial, U.S. District Court Judge William Alsup in August 2010 issued a 90-page opinion holding that Wells Fargo violated California law by improperly and illegally assessing overdraft fees on its California customers and ordered \$203 million in restitution to the certified class. Instead of posting each transaction chronologically, the evidence presented at trial showed that Wells Fargo deducted the largest charges first, drawing down available balances more rapidly and triggering a higher volume of overdraft fees.

Wells Fargo appealed. In December 2012, the Appellate Court issued an opinion upholding and reversing portions of Judge Alsup's order, and remanded the case to the District Court for further proceedings. In May 2013, Judge Alsup reinstated the \$203 million judgment against Wells Fargo and imposed post-judgment interest bringing the total award to nearly \$250 million. On October 29, 2014, the Appellate Court affirmed the Judge Alsup's order reinstating the judgment.

For his outstanding work as Lead Trial Counsel and the significance of the case, *California Lawyer* magazine recognized Richard M. Heimann with a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award. In addition, the Consumer Attorneys of California selected Mr. Heimann and Michael W. Sobol as Finalists for the Consumer Attorney of the Year Award for their success in the case.

In reviewing counsel's request for attorneys' fees, Judge Alsup stated on May 21, 2015: "Lieff, Cabraser, on the other hand, entered as class counsel and pulled victory from the jaws of defeat. They bravely confronted several obstacles including the possibility of claim preclusion based on a class release entered in state court (by other counsel), federal preemption, hard-fought dispositive motions, and voluminous discovery. They rescued the case [counsel that originally filed] had botched and secured a full recovery of \$203 million in restitution plus injunctive relief. Notably, Attorney Richard Heimann's trial performance ranks as one of the best this judge has seen in sixteen years on the bench. Lieff, Cabraser then twice defended the class on appeal. At oral argument on the present motion, in addition to the cash restitution, Wells Fargo acknowledged that since 2010, its posting practices changed nationwide, in part, because of the injunction. Accordingly, this order allows a multiplier of 5.5 mainly on account of the fine results achieved on behalf of the class, the risk of non-payment they accepted, the superior quality of their efforts, and the delay in payment."

- 5. **Kline v. The Progressive Corporation**, Circuit No. 02-L-6 (Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit, Johnson County, Illinois). Lieff Cabraser served as settlement class counsel in a nationwide consumer class action challenging Progressive Corporation's private passenger automobile insurance sales practices. Plaintiffs alleged that the Progressive Corporation wrongfully concealed from class members the availability of lower priced insurance for which they qualified. In 2002, the Court approved a settlement valued at approximately \$450 million, which included both cash and equitable relief. The claims program, implemented upon a nationwide mail and publication notice program, was completed in 2003.
- 6. **Catholic Healthcare West Cases**, JCCP No. 4453 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Plaintiff alleged that Catholic Healthcare West ("CHW") charged uninsured patients excessive fees for treatment and services, at rates far higher than the rates charged to patients with private insurance or on

Medicare. In January 2007, the Court approved a settlement that provides discounts, refunds and other benefits for CHW patients valued at \$423 million. The settlement requires that CHW lower its charges and end price discrimination against all uninsured patients, maintain generous charity case policies allowing low-income and uninsured patients to receive free or heavily discounted care, and protect uninsured patients from unfair collections practices. Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Counsel in the coordinated action.

- 7. In re Neurontin Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation, MDL No. 1629 (D. Mass.). Lieff Cabraser served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in multidistrict litigation arising out of the sale and marketing of the prescription drug Neurontin, manufactured by Parke-Davis, a division of Warner-Lambert Company, which was later acquired by Pfizer, Inc. Lieff Cabraser served as co-counsel to Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals ("Kaiser") in Kaiser's trial against Pfizer in the litigation. On March 25, 2010, a federal court jury determined that Pfizer violated a federal antiracketeering law by promoting its drug Neurontin for unapproved uses and found Pfizer must pay Kaiser damages of up to \$142 million. At trial, Kaiser presented evidence that Pfizer knowingly marketed Neurontin for unapproved uses without proof that it was effective. Kaiser said it was misled into believing neuropathic pain, migraines, and bipolar disorder were among the conditions that could be treated effectively with Neurontin, which was approved by the FDA as an adjunctive therapy to treat epilepsy and later for post-herpetic neuralgia, a specific type of neuropathic pain. In November 2010, the Court issued Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on Kaiser's claims arising under the California Unfair Competition Law, finding Pfizer liable and ordering that it pay restitution to Kaiser of approximately \$95 million. In April 2013, the First Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed both the jury's and the District Court's verdicts. In November 2014, the Court approved a \$325 million settlement on behalf of a nationwide class of third party payors.
- 8. **Sutter Health Uninsured Pricing Cases**, JCCP No. 4388 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Plaintiffs alleged that they and a Class of uninsured patients treated at Sutter hospitals were charged substantially more than patients with private or public insurance, and many times above the cost of providing their treatment. In December 2006, the Court granted final approval to a comprehensive and groundbreaking settlement of the action. As part of the settlement, Class members were entitled to make a claim for refunds or deductions of between 25% to 45% from their prior hospital bills, at an estimated total value of \$276 million. For a three year period, Sutter agreed to provide discounted pricing policies for uninsureds. In addition, Sutter agreed to maintain more compassionate collections policies that

will protect uninsureds who fall behind in their payments. Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Counsel in the coordinated action.

- 9. *Citigroup Loan Cases*, JCCP No. 4197 (San Francisco Supr. Ct., Cal.). In 2003, the Court approved a settlement that provided approximately \$240 million in relief to former Associates' customers across America. Prior to its acquisition in November 2000, Associates First Financial, referred to as The Associates, was one of the nation's largest "subprime" lenders. Lieff Cabraser represented former customers of The Associates charging that the company added unwanted and unnecessary insurance products onto mortgage loans and engaged in improper loan refinancing practices. Lieff Cabraser served as nationwide Plaintiffs' Co-Liaison Counsel.
- 10. **Telephone Consumer Protection Act Litigation**. Lieff Cabraser has spearheaded a series of groundbreaking class actions under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), which prohibits abusive telephone practices by lenders and marketers, and places strict limits on the use of autodialers to call or send texts to cell phones. The settlements in these cases have collectively put a stop to millions of harassing calls by debt collectors and others and resulted in the recovery by consumers across America of over \$380 million.

In 2012, Lieff Cabraser achieved a \$24.15 million class settlement with Sallie Mae - the then-largest settlement in the history of the TCPA. See Arthur v. Sallie Mae, Inc., No. C10-0198 JLR, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 132413 (W.D. Wash. Sept. 17, 2012). In subsequent cases, Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel eclipsed this record, including a \$32,083,905 settlement with Bank of America (Duke v. Bank of America, No. 5:12-cv-04009-EJD (N.D. Cal.)), a \$39,975,000 settlement with HSBC (Wilkins v. HSBC Bank Nev., N.A., Case No. 14-cv-190 (N.D. Ill.)), a \$75,455,098.74 settlement with Capital One (In re Capital One Telephone Consumer Protection Act Litigation, Master Docket No. 1:12-cv-10064 (N.D. Ill.)), and six settlements with Wells Fargo totaling over \$95 million (Dunn v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Case: 1:17-cv-00481 (N.D. Ill.)). In the HSBC matter, Judge James F. Holderman commented on "the excellent work" and "professionalism" of Lieff Cabraser and its co-counsel. As noted above, Lieff Cabraser's class settlements in TCPA cases have collectively resulted in the recovery by consumers to date of over \$380 million.

Thompson v. WFS Financial, No. 3-02-0570 (M.D. Tenn.);
 Pakeman v. American Honda Finance Corporation, No. 3-02-0490 (M.D. Tenn.); Herra v. Toyota Motor Credit Corporation, No. CGC 03-419 230 (San Francisco Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser with co-counsel litigated against several of the largest automobile finance

companies in the country to compensate victims of—and stop future instances of—racial discrimination in the setting of interest rates in automobile finance contracts. The litigation led to substantial changes in the way Toyota Motor Credit Corporation ("TMCC"), American Honda Finance Corporation ("American Honda") and WFS Financial, Inc. sell automobile finance contracts, limiting the discrimination that can occur. In approving the settlement in *Thompson v. WFS Financial*, the Court recognized the "innovative" and "remarkable settlement" achieved on behalf of the nationwide class. In 2006 in *Herra v. Toyota Motor Credit Corporation*, the Court granted final approval to a nationwide class action settlement on behalf of all African-American and Hispanic customers of TMCC who entered into retail installment contracts that were assigned to TMCC from 1999 to 2006. The monetary benefit to the class was estimated to be between \$159 and \$174 million.

- 12. In re John Muir Uninsured Healthcare Cases, JCCP No. 4494 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser represented nearly 53,000 uninsured patients who received care at John Muir hospitals and outpatient centers and were charged inflated prices and then subject to overly aggressive collection practices when they failed to pay. In November 2008, the Court approved a final settlement of the John Muir litigation. John Muir agreed to provide refunds or bill adjustments of 40-50% to uninsured patients who received medical care at John Muir over a six year period, bringing their charges to the level of patients with private insurance, at a value of \$115 million. No claims were required. Every class member received a refund or bill adjustment. Furthermore, John Muir was required to (1) maintain charity care policies to give substantial discounts-up to 100%-to low income, uninsured patients who meet certain income requirements; (2) maintain an Uninsured Patient Discount Policy to give discounts to all uninsured patients, regardless of income, so that they pay rates no greater than those paid by patients with private insurance; (3) enhance communications to uninsured patients so they are better advised about John Muir's pricing discounts, financial assistance, and financial counseling services; and (4) limit the practices for collecting payments from uninsured patients.
- 13. Providian Credit Card Cases, JCCP No. 4085 (San Francisco Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for a certified national Settlement Class of Providian credit cardholders who alleged that Providian had engaged in widespread misconduct by charging cardholders unlawful, excessive interest and late charges, and by promoting and selling to cardholders "add-on products" promising illusory benefits and services. In November 2001, the Court granted final approval to a \$105 million settlement of the case, which also required Providian to implement substantial changes in its business practices. The \$105 million settlement, combined with an earlier settlement by

Providian with Federal and state agencies, represents the largest settlement ever by a U.S. credit card company in a consumer protection case.

- 14. **In re Chase Bank USA, N.A. "Check Loan" Contract Litigation**, MDL No. 2032 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in Multi-District Litigation ("MDL") charging that Chase Bank violated the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing by unilaterally modifying the terms of fixed rate loans. The MDL was established in 2009 to coordinate more than two dozen cases that were filed in the wake of the conduct at issue. The nationwide, certified class consisted of more than 1 million Chase cardholders who, in 2008 and 2009, had their monthly minimum payment requirements unilaterally increased by Chase by more than 150%. Plaintiffs alleged that Chase made this change, in part, to induce cardholders to give up their promised fixed APRs in order to avoid the unprecedented minimum payment hike. In November 2012, the Court approved a \$100 million settlement of the case.
- 15. In re Synthroid Marketing Litigation, MDL No. 1182 (N.D. Ill.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for the purchasers of the thyroid medication Synthroid in litigation against Knoll Pharmaceutical, the manufacturer of Synthroid. The lawsuits charged that Knoll misled physicians and patients into keeping patients on Synthroid despite knowing that less costly, but equally effective drugs, were available. In 2000, the District Court gave final approval to a \$87.4 million settlement with Knoll and its parent company, BASF Corporation, on behalf of a class of all consumers who purchased Synthroid at any time from 1990 to 1999. In 2001, the Court of Appeals upheld the order approving the settlement and remanded the case for further proceedings. 264 F.3d 712 (7th Cir. 2001). The settlement proceeds were distributed in 2003.
- 16. R.M. Galicia v. Franklin; Franklin v. Scripps Health, No. IC 859468 (San Diego Supr. Ct., Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Class Counsel in a certified class action lawsuit on behalf of 60,750 uninsured patients who alleged that the Scripps Health hospital system imposed excessive fees and charges for medical treatment. The class action originated in July 2006, when uninsured patient Phillip Franklin filed a class action cross-complaint against Scripps Health after Scripps sued Mr. Franklin through a collection agency. Mr. Franklin alleged that he, like all other uninsured patients of Scripps Health, was charged unreasonable and unconscionable rates for his medical treatment. In June 2008, the Court granted final approval to a settlement of the action which includes refunds or discounts of 35% off of medical bills, collectively worth \$73 million. The settlement also required Scripps Health to modify its pricing and collections practices by (1) following an

Uninsured Patient Discount Policy, which includes automatic discounts from billed charges for Hospital Services; (2) following a Charity Care Policy, which provides uninsured patients who meet certain income tests with discounts on Health Services up to 100% free care, and provides for charity discounts under other special circumstances; (3) informing uninsured patients about the availability and terms of the above financial assistance policies; and (4) restricting certain collections practices and actively monitoring outside collection agents.

- 17. In re Lawn Mower Engine Horsepower Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation, MDL No. 1999 (E.D. Wis.). Lieff Cabraser served as co-counsel for consumers who alleged manufacturers of certain gasoline-powered lawn mowers misrepresented, and significantly overstated, the horsepower of the product. As the price for lawn mowers is linked to the horsepower of the engine -- the higher the horsepower, the more expensive the lawn mower -- defendants' alleged misconduct caused consumers to purchase expensive lawn mowers that provided lower horsepower than advertised. In August 2010, the Court approved a \$65 million settlement of the action.
- 18. Strugano v. Nextel Communications, No. BC 288359 (Los Angeles Supr. Ct). In May 2006, the Los Angeles Superior Court granted final approval to a class action settlement on behalf of all California customers of Nextel from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2002, for compensation for the harm caused by Nextel's alleged unilateral (1) addition of a \$1.15 monthly service fee and/or (2) change from second-by-second billing to minute-by-minute billing, which caused "overage" charges (*i.e.*, for exceeding their allotted cellular plan minutes). The total benefit conferred by the Settlement directly to Class Members was between approximately \$13.5 million and \$55.5 million, depending on which benefit Class Members selected.
- 19. Curry v. Fairbanks Capital Corporation, No. 03-10895-DPW (D. Mass.). In 2004, the Court approved a \$55 million settlement of a class action lawsuit against Fairbanks Capital Corporation arising out of charges against Fairbanks of misconduct in servicing its customers' mortgage loans. The settlement also required substantial changes in Fairbanks' business practices and established a default resolution program to limit the imposition of fees and foreclosure proceedings against Fairbanks' customers. Lieff Cabraser served as nationwide Co-Lead Counsel for the homeowners.
- 20. **Payment Protection Credit Card Litigation**. Lieff Cabraser represented consumers in litigation in federal court against some of the nation's largest credit card issuers, challenging the imposition of charges for so-called "payment protection" or "credit protection" programs. The

complaints charged that the credit card companies imposed payment protection without the consent of the consumer and/or deceptively marketed the service, and further that the credit card companies unfairly administered their payment protection programs to the detriment of consumers. In 2012 and 2013, the Courts approved monetary settlements with HSBC (\$23.5 million), Bank of America (\$20 million), and Discover (\$10 million) that also required changes in the marketing and sale of payment protection to consumers.

- 21. **California Title Insurance Industry Litigation**. Lieff Cabraser, in coordination with parallel litigation brought by the Attorney General, reached settlements in 2003 and 2004 with the leading title insurance companies in California, resulting in historic industry-wide changes to the practice of providing escrow services in real estate closings. The settlements brought a total of \$50 million in restitution to California consumers, including cash payments. In the lawsuits, plaintiffs alleged, among other things, that the title companies received interest payments on customer escrow funds that were never reimbursed to their customers. The defendant companies include Lawyers' Title, Commonwealth Land Title, Stewart Title of California, First American Title, Fidelity National Title, and Chicago Title.
- 22. **Vytorin/Zetia Marketing, Sales Practices & Products Liability** *Litigation*, MDL No. 1938 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser served on the Executive Committee of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee representing plaintiffs alleging that Merck/Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals falsely marketed anti-cholesterol drugs Vytorin and Zetia as being more effective than other anti-cholesterol drugs. Plaintiffs further alleged that Merck/Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals sold Vytorin and Zetia at higher prices than other anti-cholesterol medication when they were no more effective than other drugs. In 2010, the Court approved a \$41.5 million settlement for consumers who bought Vytorin or Zetia between November 2002 and February 2010.
- 23. *Morris v. AT&T Wireless Services*, No. C-04-1997-MJP (W.D. Wash.). Lieff Cabraser served as class counsel for a nationwide settlement class of cell phone customers subjected to an end-of-billing cycle cancellation policy implemented by AT&T Wireless in 2003 and alleged to have breached customers' service agreements. In May 2006, the New Jersey Superior Court granted final approval to a class settlement that guarantees delivery to the class of \$40 million in benefits. Class members received cash-equivalent calling cards automatically, and had the option of redeeming them for cash. Lieff Cabraser had been prosecuting the class claims in the Western District of Washington when a settlement in New Jersey state court was announced. Lieff Cabraser objected to that settlement as inadequate because it would have only provided \$1.5 million

in benefits without a cash option, and the Court agreed, declining to approve it. Thereafter, Lieff Cabraser negotiated the new settlement providing \$40 million to the class, and the settlement was approved.

- 24. Berger v. Property I.D. Corporation, No. CV 05-5373-GHK (C.D. Cal.). In January 2009, the Court granted final approval to a \$39.4 million settlement with several of the nation's largest real estate brokerages, including companies doing business as Coldwell Banker, Century 21, and ERA Real Estate, and California franchisors for RE/MAX and Prudential California Realty, in an action under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act on behalf of California home sellers. Plaintiffs charged that the brokers and Property I.D. Corporation set up straw companies as a way to disguise kickbacks for referring their California clients' natural hazard disclosure report business to Property I.D. (the report is required to sell a home in California). Under the settlement, hundreds of thousands of California home sellers were eligible to receive a full refund of the cost of their report, typically about \$100.
- In re Tri-State Crematory Litigation, MDL No. 1467 (N.D. Ga.). In 25. March 2004, Lieff Cabraser delivered opening statements and began testimony in a class action by families whose loved ones were improperly cremated and desecrated by Tri-State Crematory in Noble, Georgia. The families also asserted claims against the funeral homes that delivered the decedents to Tri-State Crematory for failing to ensure that the crematory performed cremations in the manner required under the law and by human decency. One week into trial, settlements with the remaining funeral home defendants were reached and brought the settlement total to approximately \$37 million. Trial on the class members' claims against the operators of crematory began in August 2004. Soon thereafter, these defendants entered into a \$80 million settlement with plaintiffs. As part of the settlement, all buildings on the Tri-State property were razed. The property will remain in a trust so that it will be preserved in peace and dignity as a secluded memorial to those whose remains were mistreated, and to prevent crematory operations or other inappropriate activities from ever taking place there. Earlier in the litigation, the Court granted plaintiffs' motion for class certification in a published order. 215 F.R.D. 660 (2003).
- 26. **In re American Family Enterprises**, MDL No. 1235 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for a nationwide class of persons who received any sweepstakes materials sent under the name "American Family Publishers." The class action lawsuit alleged that defendants deceived consumers into purchasing magazine subscriptions and merchandise in the belief that such purchases were necessary to win an American Family Publishers' sweepstakes prize or enhanced their chances of winning a sweepstakes prize. In September 2000, the Court granted

final approval of a \$33 million settlement of the class action. In April 2001, over 63,000 class members received refunds averaging over \$500 each, representing 92% of their eligible purchases. In addition, American Family Publishers agreed to make significant changes to the way it conducts the sweepstakes.

27. **Walsh v. Kindred Healthcare Inc.**, No. 3:11-cv-00050 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represented a class of 54,000 current and former residents, and families of residents, of skilled nursing care facilities in a class action against Kindred Healthcare for failing to adequately staff its nursing facilities in California. Since January 1, 2000, skilled nursing facilities in California have been required to provide at least 3.2 hours of direct nursing hours per patient day (NHPPD), which represented the minimum staffing required for patients at skilled nursing facilities.

The complaint alleged a pervasive and intentional failure by Kindred Healthcare to comply with California's required minimum standard for qualified nurse staffing at its facilities. Understaffing is uniformly viewed as one of the primary causes of the inadequate care and often unsafe conditions in skilled nursing facilities. Studies have repeatedly shown a direct correlation between inadequate skilled nursing care and serious health problems, including a greater likelihood of falls, pressure sores, significant weight loss, incontinence, and premature death. The complaint further charged that Kindred Healthcare collected millions of dollars in payments from residents and their family members, under the false pretense that it was in compliance with California staffing laws and would continue to do so.

In December 2013, the Court approved a \$8.25 million settlement which included cash payments to class members and an injunction requiring Kindred Healthcare to consistently utilize staffing practices which would ensure they complied with applicable California law. The injunction, subject to a third party monitor, was valued at between \$6 million and \$20 million.

28. Cincotta v. California Emergency Physicians Medical Group, No. 07359096 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as class counsel for nearly 100,000 uninsured patients that alleged they were charged excessive and unfair rates for emergency room service across 55 hospitals throughout California. The settlement, approved on October 31, 2008, provided complete debt elimination, 100% cancellation of the bill, to uninsured patients treated by California Emergency Physicians Medical Group during the 4-year class period. These benefits were valued at \$27 million. No claims were required, so all of these bills were cancelled. In addition, the settlement required California Emergency Physicians Medical Group prospectively to (1) maintain certain discount policies for all charity care patients; (2) inform patients of the available discounts by enhanced communications; and (3) limit significantly the type of collections practices available for collecting from charity care patients.

- 29. In re Ameriquest Mortgage Co. Mortgage Lending Practices Litigation, MDL No. 1715. Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for borrowers who alleged that Ameriquest engaged in a predatory lending scheme based on the sale of loans with illegal and undisclosed fees and terms. In August 2010, the Court approved a \$22 million settlement.
- 30. ING Bank Rate Renew Cases, Case No. 11-154-LPS (D. Del.). Lieff Cabraser represented borrowers in class action lawsuits charging that ING Direct breached its promise to allow them to refinance their mortgages for a flat fee. From October 2005 through April 2009, ING promoted a \$500 or \$750 flat-rate refinancing fee called "Rate Renew" as a benefit of choosing ING for mortgages over competitors. Beginning in May 2009, however, ING began charging a higher fee of a full monthly mortgage payment for refinancing using "Rate Renew," despite ING's earlier and lower advertised price. As a result, the complaint alleged that many borrowers paid more to refinance their loans using "Rate Renew" than they should have, or were denied the opportunity to refinance their loan even though the borrowers met the terms and conditions of ING's original "Rate Renew" offer. In August 2012, the Court certified a class of consumers in ten states who purchased or retained an ING mortgage from October 2005 through April 2009. A second case on behalf of California consumers was filed in December 2012. In October 2014, the Court approved a \$20.35 million nationwide settlement of the litigation. The settlement provided an average payment of \$175 to the nearly 100,000 class members, transmitted to their accounts automatically and without any need to file a claim form.
- 31. **Yarrington v. Solvay Pharmaceuticals**, No. 09-CV-2261 (D. Minn.). In March 2010, the Court granted final approval to a \$16.5 million settlement with Solvay Pharmaceuticals, one of the country's leading pharmaceutical companies. Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel, representing a class of persons who purchased Estratest—a hormone replacement drug. The class action lawsuit alleged that Solvay deceptively marketed and advertised Estratest as an FDA-approved drug when in fact Estratest was not FDA-approved for any use. Under the settlement, consumers obtained partial refunds for up to 30% of the purchase price paid of Estratest. In addition, \$8.9 million of the settlement was allocated to fund programs and activities devoted to promoting women's health and well-being at health organizations, medical schools, and charities throughout the nation.

- 32. **Reverse Mortgage Cases**, JCCP No. 4061 (San Mateo County Supr. Ct., Cal.). Transamerica Corporation, through its subsidiary Transamerica Homefirst, Inc., sold "reverse mortgages" marketed under the trade name "Lifetime." The Lifetime reverse mortgages were sold exclusively to seniors, *i.e.*, persons 65 years or older. Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, filed suit on behalf of seniors alleging that the terms of the reverse mortgages were unfair, and that borrowers were misled as to the loan terms, including the existence and amount of certain charges and fees. In 2003, the Court granted final approval to an \$8 million settlement of the action.
- 33. **Brazil v. Dell**, No. C-07-01700 RMW (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel representing a certified class of online consumers in California who purchased certain Dell computers based on the advertisement of an instant-off (or "slash-through") discount. The complaint challenged Dell's pervasive use of "slash-through" reference prices in its online marketing. Plaintiffs alleged that these "slashthrough" reference prices were interpreted by consumers as representing Dell's former or regular sales prices, and that such reference prices (and corresponding representations of "savings") were false because Dell rarely, if ever, sold its products at such prices. In October 2011, the Court approved a settlement that provided a \$50 payment to each class member who submitted a timely and valid claim. In addition, in response to the lawsuit, Dell changed its methodology for consumer online advertising, eliminating the use of "slash-through" references prices.
- 34. Hepting v. AT&T Corp., Case No. C-06-0672-VRW (N.D. Cal.). Plaintiffs alleged that AT&T collaborated with the National Security Agency in a massive warrantless surveillance program that illegally tracked the domestic and foreign communications and communications records of millions of Americans in violation of the U.S. Constitution, Electronic Communications Privacy Act, and other statutes. The case was filed on January 2006. The U.S. government quickly intervened and sought dismissal of the case. By the Spring of 2006, over 50 other lawsuits were filed against various telecommunications companies, in response to a USA Today article confirming the surveillance of communications and communications records. The cases were combined into a multi-district litigation proceeding entitled In re National Security Agency Telecommunications Record Litigation, MDL No. 06-1791. In June of 2006, the District Court rejected both the government's attempt to dismiss the case on the grounds of the state secret privilege and AT&T's arguments in favor of dismissal. The government and AT&T appealed the decision and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit heard argument one year later. No decision was issued. In July 2008, Congress granted the government and AT&T "retroactive immunity" for liability for their wiretapping program under amendments to the Foreign Intelligence

Surveillance Act that were drafted in response to this litigation. Signed into law by President Bush in 2008, the amendments effectively terminated the litigation. Lieff Cabraser played a leading role in the litigation working closely with co-counsel from the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

35. **In Re Apple and AT&T iPad Unlimited Data Plan Litigation**, No. 5:10-cv-02553 RMW (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as class counsel in an action against Apple and AT&T charging that Apple and AT&T misrepresented that consumers purchasing an iPad with 3G capability could choose an unlimited data plan for a fixed monthly rate and switch in and out of the unlimited plan on a monthly basis as they wished. Less than six weeks after its introduction to the U.S. market, AT&T and Apple discontinued their unlimited data plan for any iPad 3G customers not currently enrolled and prohibited current unlimited data plan customers from switching back and forth from a less expensive, limited data plan. In March 2014, Apple agreed to compensate all class members \$40 and approximately 60,000 claims were paid. In addition, sub-class members who had not yet entered into an agreement with AT&T were offered a data plan.

# V. <u>Economic Injury Product Defects</u>

# A. Current Cases

- 1. **Front-Loading Washer Products Liability Litigation**. Lieff Cabraser represents consumers in multiple states who have filed separate class action lawsuits against Whirlpool, Sears and LG Corporations. The complaints charge that certain front-loading automatic washers manufactured by these companies are defectively designed and that the design defects create foul odors from mold and mildew that permeate washing machines and customers' homes. Many class members have spent money for repairs and on other purported remedies. As the complaints allege, none of these remedies eliminates the problem.
- 2. In Re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litigation, MDL No. 2543 (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represents proposed nationwide classes of GM vehicle owners and lessees whose cars include defective ignition switches in litigation focusing on economic loss claims. On August 15, 2014, U.S. District Court Judge Jesse M. Furman appointed Elizabeth J. Cabraser as Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel in the litigation, which seeks compensation on behalf of consumers who purchased or leased GM vehicles containing a defective ignition switch, over 500,000 of which have now been recalled. The consumer complaints allege that the ignition switches in these vehicles share a common, uniform, and defective design. As a result, these cars are of a lesser quality than GM represented, and class members overpaid for the cars. Further, GM's public disclosure

of the ignition switch defect has caused the value of these cars to materially diminish. The complaints seek monetary relief for the diminished value of the class members' cars.

3. **Honda Window Defective Window Litigation**. Case No. 2:21-cv-01142-SVW-PLA (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represents consumers in a class action lawsuit filed against Honda Motor Company, Inc. for manufacturing and selling vehicles with allegedly defective window regulator mechanisms. Windows in these vehicles allegedly can, without warning, drop into the door frame and break or become permanently stuck in the fully-open position.

The experience of one Honda Element owner, as set forth in the complaint, exemplifies the problem: The driver's side window in his vehicle slid down suddenly while he was driving on a smooth road. A few months later, the window on the passenger side of the vehicle also slid down into the door and would not move back up. The owner incurred more than \$300 in repair costs, which Honda refused to pay for. Discovery in the action is ongoing.

- 4. *Moore, et al. v. Samsung Electronics America and Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.*, Case No. 2:16-cv-4966 (D.N.J.). Lieff Cabraser represents consumers in federal court in New Jersey in cases focusing on complaints about Samsung top-loading washing machines that explode in the home, causing damage to walls, doors, and other equipment and presenting significant injury risks. Owners report Samsung top-load washers exploding as early as the day of installation, while others have seen their machines explode months or even more than a year after purchase. The lawsuit seeks injunctive relief as well as remedial and restitutionary actions and damages.
- 5. In re Chinese-Manufactured Drywall Products Liability Litigation, No. 10-30568 (E.D. La.). Lieff Cabraser with co-counsel represents a proposed class of builders who suffered economic losses as a result of the presence of Chinese-manufactured drywall in homes and other buildings they constructed. From 2005 to 2008, hundreds-ofmillions of square feet of gypsum wallboard manufactured in China were exported to the U.S., primarily to the Gulf Coast states, and installed in newly-constructed and reconstructed properties. After installation of this drywall, owners and occupants of the properties began noticing unusual odors, blackening of silver and copper items and components, and the failure of appliances, including microwaves, refrigerators, and airconditioning units. Some residents of the affected homes also experienced health problems, such as skin and eye irritation, respiratory issues, and headaches.

Lieff Cabraser's client, Mitchell Company, Inc., was the first to perfect service on Chinese defendant Taishan Gypsum Co. Ltd. ("TG"), and thereafter secured a default judgment against TG. Lieff Cabraser participated in briefing that led to the District Court's denial of TG's motion to dismiss the class action complaint for lack of personal jurisdiction. On May 21, 2014, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Court affirmed the District Court's default judgment against TG, finding jurisdiction based on ties of the company and its agent with state distributors. 753 F.3d 521 (5th Cir. 2014).

#### B. Successes

 In re Navistar MaxxForce Engines Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation, Case No. 1:14-cv-10318 (N.D. Ill.). On January 3, 2020, Judge Joan B. Gottschall of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois issued an Order granting final approval to the proposed \$135m settlement of multidistrict litigation brought by Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel on behalf of plaintiff truck owners and lessees alleging that Navistar, Inc. and Navistar International, Inc. sold or leased 2011-2014 model year vehicles equipped with certain MaxxForce 11- or 13-liter diesel engines equipped with a defective EGR emissions system. Judge Gottschall ruled that the proposed class action settlement which had been submitted to the Court on May 28, 2019, was fair, reasonable, and adequate in addressing plaintiffs' claims. Owners and lessees of the affected trucks have until May 11, 2020 to file their settlement claims at the official website.

The \$135 million settlement provides class members with up to \$2,500 per truck or up to \$10,000 rebate off a new truck depending on months of ownership or lease, or the option to seek up to \$15,000 per truck in out-of-pocket damages caused by the alleged defect.

- 2. **Allagas v. BP Solar**, No. 3:14-cv-00560-SI (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represented California consumers in a class action lawsuit against BP Solar and Home Depot charging the companies sold solar panels with defective junction boxes that caused premature failures and fire risks. In January 2017, Judge Susan Illston granted final approval to a consumer settlement valued at more than \$67 million that extends relief to a nationwide class as well as eliminating the serious fire risks.
- 3. **In re Mercedes-Benz Tele-Aid Contract Litigation**, MDL No. 1914 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser represented owners and lessees of Mercedes-Benz cars and SUVs equipped with the Tele-Aid system, an emergency response system which links subscribers to road-side assistance operators by using a combination of global positioning and cellular technology. In 2002, the Federal Communications Commission issued a rule, effective 2008, eliminating the requirement that wireless phone carriers provide

analog-based networks. The Tele-Aid system offered by Mercedes-Benz relied on analog signals. Plaintiffs charged that Mercedes-Benz committed fraud in promoting and selling the Tele-Aid system without disclosing to buyers of certain model years that the Tele-Aid system as installed would become obsolete in 2008.

In an April 2009 published order, the Court certified a nationwide class of all persons or entities in the U.S. who purchased or leased a Mercedes-Benz vehicle equipped with an analog-only Tele Aid system after August 8, 2002, and (1) subscribed to Tele Aid service until being informed that such service would be discontinued at the end of 2007, or (2) purchased an upgrade to digital equipment. In September 2011, the Court approved a settlement that provided class members between a \$650 check or a \$750 to \$1,300 certificate toward the purchase or lease of new Mercedes-Benz vehicle, depending upon whether or not they paid for an upgrade of the analog Tele Aid system and whether they still owned their vehicle. In approving the settlement, U.S. District Court Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise stated, "I want to thank counsel for the . . . very effective and good work . . . . It was carried out with vigor, integrity and aggressiveness with never going beyond the maxims of the Court."

#### 4. *McLennan v. LG Electronics USA*, No. 2:10-cv-03604 (D.

N.J.). Lieff Cabraser represented consumers who alleged several LG refrigerator models had a faulty design that caused the interior lights to remain on even when the refrigerator doors were closed (identified as the "light issue"), resulting in overheating and food spoilage. In March 2012, the Court granted final approval to a settlement of the nationwide class action lawsuit. The settlement provides that LG reimburse class members for all out-of-pocket costs (parts and labor) to repair the light issue prior to the mailing of the class notice and extends the warranty with respect to the light issue for 10 years from the date of the original retail purchase of the refrigerator. The extended warranty covers in-home refrigerator repair performed by LG and, in some cases, the cost of a replacement refrigerator. In approving the settlement, U.S. District Court Judge William J. Martini stated, "The Settlement in this case provides for both the complete reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses for repairs fixing the Light Issue, as well as a warranty for ten years from the date of refrigerator purchase. It would be hard to imagine a better recovery for the Class had the litigation gone to trial. Because Class members will essentially receive all of the relief to which they would have been entitled after a successful trial, this factor weighs heavily in favor of settlement."

5. *Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School v. Carrier Corporation*, No. 05-05437 (W.D. Wash.). In April 2008, the Court approved a nationwide settlement for current and past owners of highefficiency furnaces manufactured and sold by Carrier Corporation and equipped with polypropylene-laminated condensing heat exchangers ("CHXs"). Carrier sold the furnaces under the Carrier, Bryant, Day & Night and Payne brand-names. Plaintiffs alleged that starting in 1989 Carrier began manufacturing and selling high efficiency condensing furnaces manufactured with a secondary CHX made of inferior materials. Plaintiffs alleged that as a result, the CHXs, which Carrier warranted and consumers expected to last for 20 years, failed prematurely. The settlement provides an enhanced 20-year warranty of free service and free parts for consumers whose furnaces have not yet failed. The settlement also offers a cash reimbursement for consumers who already paid to repair or replace the CHX in their high-efficiency Carrier furnaces.

An estimated three million or more consumers in the U.S. and Canada purchased the furnaces covered under the settlement. Plaintiffs valued the settlement to consumers at over \$300 million based upon the combined value of the cash reimbursement and the estimated cost of an enhanced warranty of this nature.

- 6. **Carideo v. Dell**, No. C06-1772 JLR (W.D. Wash.). Lieff Cabraser represented consumers who owned Dell Inspiron notebook computer model numbers 1150, 5100, or 5160. The class action lawsuit complaint charged that the notebooks suffered premature failure of their cooling system, power supply system, and/or motherboards. In December 2010, the Court approved a settlement which provided class members that paid Dell for certain repairs to their Inspiron notebook computer a reimbursement of all or a portion of the cost of the repairs.
- 7. **Cartwright v. Viking Industries**, No. 2:07-cv-2159 FCD (E.D. Cal.) Lieff Cabraser represented California homeowners in a class action lawsuit which alleged that over one million Series 3000 windows produced and distributed by Viking between 1989 and 1999 were defective. The plaintiffs charged that the windows were not watertight and allowed for water to penetrate the surrounding sheetrock, drywall, paint or wallpaper. Under the terms of a settlement approved by the Court in August 2010, all class members who submitted valid claims were entitled to receive as much as \$500 per affected property.
- 8. **Pelletz v. Advanced Environmental Recycling Technologies** (W.D. Wash.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in a case alleging that ChoiceDek decking materials, manufactured by AERT, developed persistent and untreatable mold spotting throughout their surface. In a published opinion in January 2009, the Court approved a settlement that provided affected consumers with free and discounted deck treatments, mold inhibitor applications, and product replacement and reimbursement.

- 9. **Create-A-Card v. Intuit**, No. C07-6452 WHA (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, represented business users of QuickBooks Pro for accounting that lost their QuickBooks data and other files due to faulty software code sent by Intuit, the producer of QuickBooks. In September 2009, the Court granted final approval to a settlement that provided all class members who filed a valid claim with a free software upgrade and compensation for certain data-recovery costs. Commenting on the settlement and the work of Lieff Cabraser on September 17, 2009, U.S. District Court Judge William H. Alsup stated, "I want to come back to something that I observed in this case firsthand for a long time now. I think you've done an excellent job in the case as class counsel and the class has been well represented having you and your firm in the case."
- 10. Weekend Warrior Trailer Cases, JCCP No. 4455 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, represented owners of Weekend Warrior trailers manufactured between 1998 and 2006 that were equipped with frames manufactured, assembled, or supplied by Zieman Manufacturing Company. The trailers, commonly referred to as "toy haulers," were used to transport outdoor recreational equipment such as motorcycles and allterrain vehicles. Plaintiffs charged that Weekend Warrior and Zieman knew of design and performance problems, including bent frames, detached siding, and warped forward cargo areas, with the trailers, and concealed the defects from consumers. In February 2008, the Court approved a \$5.5 million settlement of the action that provided for the repair and/or reimbursement of the trailers. In approving the settlement, California Superior Court Judge Thierry P. Colaw stated that class counsel were "some of the best" and "there was an overwhelming positive reaction to the settlement" among class members.
- 11. **Lundell v. Dell**, No. C05-03970 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Class Counsel for consumers who experienced power problems with the Dell Inspiron 5150 notebook. In December 2006, the Court granted final approval to a settlement of the class action which extended the oneyear limited warranty on the notebook for a set of repairs related to the power system. In addition, class members that paid Dell or a third party for repair of the power system of their notebook were entitled to a 100% cash refund from Dell.
- 12. **Kan v. Toshiba American Information Systems**, No. BC327273 (Los Angeles Super. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for a class of all end-user persons or entities who purchased or otherwise acquired in the United States, for their own use and not for resale, a new Toshiba Satellite Pro 6100 Series notebook. Consumers alleged a series of defects were present in the notebook. In 2006, the Court approved a settlement that extended the warranty for all Satellite Pro 6100

notebooks, provided cash compensation for certain repairs, and reimbursed class members for certain out-of-warranty repair expenses.

- 13. Foothill/DeAnza Community College District v. Northwest Pipe Company, No. C-00-20749 (N.D. Cal.). In June 2004, the Court approved the creation of a settlement fund of up to \$14.5 million for property owners nationwide with Poz-Lok fire sprinkler piping that fails. Since 1990, Poz-Lok pipes and pipe fittings were sold in the U.S. as part of fire suppression systems for use in residential and commercial buildings. After leaks in Poz-Lok pipes caused damage to its DeAnza Campus Center building, Foothill/DeAnza Community College District in California retained Lieff Cabraser to file a class action lawsuit against the manufacturers of Poz-Lok. The college district charged that Poz-Lok pipe had manufacturing and design defects that resulted in the premature corrosion and failure of the product. Under the settlement, owners whose Poz-Lok pipes are leaking today, or over the next 15 years, may file a claim for compensation.
- 14. **Toshiba Laptop Screen Flicker Settlement**. Lieff Cabraser negotiated a settlement with Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc. ("TAIS") to provide relief for owners of certain Toshiba Satellite 1800 Series, Satellite Pro 4600 and Tecra 8100 personal notebook computers whose screens flickered, dimmed or went blank due to an issue with the FL Inverter Board component. In 2004 under the terms of the Settlement, owners of affected computers who paid to have the FL Inverter issue repaired by either TAIS or an authorized TAIS service provider recovered the cost of that repair, up to \$300 for the Satellite 1800 Series and the Satellite Pro 4600 personal computers, or \$400 for the Tecra 8100 personal computers. TAIS also agreed to extend the affected computers' warranties for the FL Inverter issue by 18 months.
- 15. McManus v. Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., No. SA-99-CA-464-FB (W.D. Tex.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel on behalf of original owners of 1994-2000 model year Fleetwood Class A and Class C motor homes. In 2003, the Court approved a settlement that resolved lawsuits pending in Texas and California about braking while towing with 1994 Fleetwood Class A and Class C motor homes. The lawsuits alleged that Fleetwood misrepresented the towing capabilities of new motor homes it sold, and claimed that Fleetwood should have told buyers that a supplemental braking system is needed to stop safely while towing heavy items, such as a vehicle or trailer. The settlement paid \$250 to people who bought a supplemental braking system for Fleetwood motor homes that they bought new. Earlier, the appellate court found that common questions predominated under purchasers' breach of implied warranty of merchantability claim. 320 F.3d 545 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003).

- 16. Richison v. American Cemwood Corp., No. 005532 (San Joaquin Supr. Ct., Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Class Counsel for an estimated nationwide class of 30,000 owners of homes and other structures on which defective Cemwood Shakes were installed. In November 2003, the Court granted final approval to a \$75 million Phase 2 settlement in the American Cemwood roofing shakes national class action litigation. This amount was in addition to a \$65 million partial settlement approved by the Court in May 2000, and brought the litigation to a conclusion.
- 17. ABS Pipe Litigation, JCCP No. 3126 (Contra Costa County Supr. Ct., Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Class Counsel on behalf of property owners whose ABS plumbing pipe was allegedly defective and caused property damage by leaking. Six separate class actions were filed in California against five different ABS pipe manufacturers, numerous developers of homes containing the ABS pipe, as well as the resin supplier and the entity charged with ensuring the integrity of the product. Between 1998 and 2001, Lieff Cabraser achieved 12 separate settlements in the class actions and related individual lawsuits for approximately \$78 million.

Commenting on the work of Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel in the case, California Superior Court (now appellate) Judge Mark B. Simons stated on May 14, 1998: "The attorneys who were involved in the resolution of the case certainly entered the case with impressive reputations and did nothing in the course of their work on this case to diminish these reputations, but underlined, in my opinion, how well deserved those reputations are."

- 18. Williams v. Weyerhaeuser, No. 995787 (San Francisco Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel on behalf of a nationwide class of hundreds of thousands or millions of owners of homes and other structures with defective Weyerhaeuser hardboard siding. A Californiawide class was certified for all purposes in February 1999, and withstood writ review by both the California Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of California. In 2000, the Court granted final approval to a nationwide settlement of the case which provides class members with compensation for their damaged siding, based on the cost of replacing or, in some instances, repairing damaged siding. The settlement had no cap, and required Weyerhaeuser to pay all timely, qualified claims over a nine year period.
- 19. Naef v. Masonite, No. CV-94-4033 (Mobile County Circuit Ct., Ala.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Class Counsel on behalf of a nationwide Class of an estimated 4 million homeowners with allegedly defective hardboard siding manufactured and sold by Masonite Corporation, a

subsidiary of International Paper, installed on their homes. The Court certified the class in November 1995, and the Alabama Supreme Court twice denied extraordinary writs seeking to decertify the Class, including in *Ex Parte Masonite*, 681 So. 2d 1068 (Ala. 1996). A month-long jury trial in 1996 established the factual predicate that Masonite hardboard siding was defective under the laws of most states. The case settled on the eve of a second class-wide trial, and in 1998, the Court approved a settlement. Under a claims program established by the settlement that ran through 2008, class members with failing Masonite hardboard siding installed and incorporated in their property between January 1, 1980 and January 15, 1998 were entitled to make claims, have their homes evaluated by independent inspectors, and receive cash payments for damaged siding. Combined with settlements involving other alleged defective home building products sold by Masonite, the total cash paid to homeowners exceeded \$1 billion.

- 20. In re General Motors Corp. Pick-Up Fuel Tank Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 961 (E.D. Pa.). Lieff Cabraser served as Court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel representing a class of 4.7 million plaintiffs who owned 1973-1987 GM C/K pickup trucks with allegedly defective gas tanks. The Consolidated Complaint asserted claims under the Lanham Act, the Magnuson-Moss Act, state consumer protection statutes, and common law. In 1995, the Third Circuit vacated the District Court settlement approval order and remanded the matter to the District Court for further proceedings. In July 1996, a new nationwide class action was certified for purposes of an enhanced settlement program valued at a minimum of \$600 million, plus funding for independent fuel system safety research projects. The Court granted final approval of the settlement in November 1996.
- 21. In re Louisiana-Pacific Inner-Seal Siding Litigation, No. C-95-879-JO (D. Or.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Class Counsel on behalf of a nationwide class of homeowners with defective exterior siding on their homes. Plaintiffs asserted claims for breach of warranty, fraud, negligence, and violation of consumer protection statutes. In 1996, U.S. District Judge Robert E. Jones entered an Order, Final Judgment and Decree granting final approval to a nationwide settlement requiring Louisiana-Pacific to provide funding up to \$475 million to pay for inspection of homes and repair and replacement of failing siding over the next seven years.
- 22. **In re Intel Pentium Processor Litigation**, No. CV 745729 (Santa Clara Supr. Ct., Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as one of two Courtappointed Co-Lead Class Counsel, and negotiated a settlement, approved by the Court in June 1995, involving both injunctive relief and damages having an economic value of approximately \$1 billion.

- 23. *Cox v. Shell*, No. 18,844 (Obion County Chancery Ct., Tenn.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel on behalf of a nationwide class of approximately 6 million owners of property equipped with defective polybutylene plumbing systems and yard service lines. In November 1995, the Court approved a settlement involving an initial commitment by Defendants of \$950 million in compensation for past and future expenses incurred as a result of pipe leaks, and to provide replacement pipes to eligible claimants. The deadline for filing claims expired in 2009.
- 24. **Hanlon v. Chrysler Corp.**, No. C-95-2010-CAL (N.D. Cal.). In 1995, the District Court approved a \$200+ million settlement enforcing Chrysler's comprehensive minivan rear latch replacement program, and to correct alleged safety problems with Chrysler's pre-1995 designs. As part of the settlement, Chrysler agreed to replace the rear latches with redesigned latches. The settlement was affirmed on appeal by the Ninth Circuit in *Hanlon v. Chrysler Corp.*, 150 F.3d 1011 (1998).
- 25. **Gross v. Mobil**, No. C 95-1237-SI (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Class Counsel in this nationwide action involving an estimated 2,500 aircraft engine owners whose engines were affected by Mobil AV-1, an aircraft engine oil. Plaintiffs alleged claims for strict liability, negligence, misrepresentation, violation of consumer protection statutes, and for injunctive relief. Plaintiffs obtained a preliminary injunction requiring Defendant Mobil Corporation to provide notice to all potential class members of the risks associated with past use of Defendants' aircraft engine oil. In addition, Plaintiffs negotiated a proposed Settlement, granted final approval by the Court in November 1995, valued at over \$12.5 million, under which all Class Members were eligible to participate in an engine inspection and repair program, and receive compensation for past repairs and for the loss of use of their aircraft associated with damage caused by Mobil AV-1.

## VI. <u>Antitrust/Trade Regulation/Intellectual Property</u>

## A. Current Cases

## 1. In Re: Railway Industry Employee No-Poach Antitrust

*Litigation,* MDL No. 2850 (W.D. Pa.). In late 2018, Lieff Cabraser was selected as interim Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs in the consolidated "no-poach" employee antitrust litigation against rail equipment companies Knorr-Bremse and Wabtec, the world's dominant rail equipment suppliers. The complaint charged that the companies entered into unlawful agreements with one another not to compete for each other's employees. Plaintiffs alleged that these agreements spanned several years, were monitored and enforced by Defendants' senior executives, and achieved their desired goal of suppressing employee compensation and mobility below competitive levels. Plaintiffs' vigorous prosecution of the

case led to settlements with both defendants of \$48.95 million, which was approved on August 26, 2020.

- 2. **In re California Bail Bond Antitrust Litig.**, 3:19-cv-00717-JST (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Interim lead Class Counsel for a proposed class of purchasers of bail bonds in California. This first-of-its-kind case alleges a conspiracy among sureties and bail agents to inflate bail bond prices.
- 3. Schwab Short-Term Bond Market Fund, et al. v. Bank of America Corp., et al., No. 11 CV 6409 (S.D.N.Y.); Charles Schwab Bank, N.A., et al. v. Bank of America Corp., et al., No. 11 CV 6411 (S.D.N.Y.); Schwab Money Market Fund, et al. v. Bank of America Corp., et al., No. 11 CV 6412 (S.D.N.Y.); The Charles Schwab Corp., et al. v. Bank of America Corp., et al., No. 13 CV 7005 (S.D.N.Y.); and Bay Area Toll Authority v. Bank of America Corp., et al., No. 14 CV 3094 (S.D.N.Y.) (collectively, "LIBOR"). Lieff Cabraser serves as counsel for The Bay Area Toll Authority ("BATA"), as well as The Charles Schwab Corporation ("Charles Schwab"), its affiliates Charles Schwab Bank, N.A., and Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., which manages the investments of the Charles Schwab Bank, N.A. (collectively "Schwab"), several series of The Charles Schwab Family of Funds, Schwab Investments, and Charles Schwab Worldwide Funds plc ("Schwab Fund Series"), in individual lawsuits against Bank of America Corporation, Credit Suisse Group AG, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Citibank, Inc., and additional banks for allegedly manipulating the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"). The complaints allege that beginning in 2007, the defendants conspired to understate their true costs of borrowing, causing the calculation of LIBOR to be set artificially low. As a result, Schwab, the Schwab Fund Series, and BATA received less than their rightful rates of return on their LIBOR-based investments. The complaints assert claims under federal antitrust laws, the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO"), and the statutory and common law of California. The actions were transferred to the Southern District of New York for consolidated or coordinated proceedings with the LIBOR multidistrict litigation pending there.
- 4. **In Re: Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litigation**, MDL No. 2724 (E.D. Pa.). Beginning in February 2015, Lieff Cabraser conducted an extensive investigation into dramatic price increases of certain generic prescription drugs. Lieff Cabraser worked alongside economists and industry experts and interviewed industry participants to evaluate possible misconduct. In December of 2016, Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, filed the first case alleging price-fixing of Levothyroxine, the primary treatment for hypothyroidism, among the most widely prescribed drugs in the world. Lieff Cabraser also played a significant role in similar

litigation over the drug Propranolol, and the drug Clomipramine. These cases, and other similar cases, were consolidated and transferred to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania as *In Re: Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2724. Lieff Cabraser is a member of the End-Payer Plaintiffs' Steering Committee.

- 5. In re Lithium-Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 2420 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Interim Co-Lead Counsel representing indirect purchasers in a class action filed against LG, GS Yuasa, NEC, Sony, Sanyo, Panasonic, Hitachi, LG Chem, Samsung, Toshiba, and Sanyo for allegedly conspiring from 2002 to 2011 to fix and raise the prices of lithium-ion rechargeable batteries. The defendants are the world's leading manufacturers of lithium-ion rechargeable batteries, which provide power for a wide variety of consumer electronic products. As a result of the defendants' alleged anticompetitive and unlawful conduct, consumers across the U.S. paid artificially inflated prices for lithium-ion rechargeable batteries. Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel have reached settlements totaling \$113.45 million with all defendants. Approval is pending.
- 6. **In Re: Restasis Antitrust Litigation**, MDL No. 2819 (E.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser serves as interim co-lead counsel for indirect purchasers (i.e., third-party payors and consumers) of Restasis, a blockbuster drug used to treat dry-eye disease, in multidistrict litigation alleging a broad-based and ongoing anticompetitive scheme by pharmaceutical giant Allergan, Inc. ("Allergan"). The goal of the alleged scheme was and is to maintain Allergan's monopoly.

Lieff Cabraser, together with co-counsel, filed the first two class actions on behalf of indirect purchasers. The complaints allege that Allergan (1) fraudulently procured patents it knew were invalid, (2) caused those invalid patents to be listed in the FDA's "Orange Book" as being applicable to Restasis, (3) used the improper Orange Book listings as grounds for filing baseless patent-infringement litigation, (4) abused the FDA's "citizen petition" process, and (5) used a "sham" transfer of the invalid patents to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe to obtain tribal sovereign immunity and protect the patents from challenge. This alleged scheme of government petitioning delayed competition from generic equivalents to Restasis that would have been just as safe and cheaper for consumers. The complaints assert claims under federal and state law, including the Sherman Act and the statutory and common law of numerous states.

In late 2018, plaintiffs successfully defeated defendant's motion to dismiss the case. In May of 2020, the Court granted plaintiffs' class certification motion and plaintiffs' motion to exclude two of the

defendant's experts. The Second Circuit Court of Appeals denied defendant's appeal, and the litigation is ongoing.

7. **International Antitrust Cases.** Lieff Cabraser has significant experience and expertise in antitrust litigation in Europe. Lieff Cabraser partner, Dr. Katharina Kolb, head of the firm's Munich office, has experience in all aspects of German and European competition law, particularly antitrust litigation matters following anti-competitive behavior established by European competition authorities including German Federal Cartel Office and the European Commission.

Currently, one of the firm's major international antitrust cases involves the European truck cartel, which the European Commission fined more than  $\in$ 3.8 billion for colluding on prices and emission technologies for more than 14 years. Lieff Cabraser is working with a range of funders to prosecute the claims of persons damaged by the European truck cartel, including many municipalities in Europe which purchased trucks for street cleaning, fire brigades, waste disposal, and other purposes.

Lieff Cabraser is also prosecuting other cartel damages cases in the EU, including the German quarto steel cartel, the German plant pesticides cartel and the French meal voucher cartel, each of which have likely caused significant damages to customers.

8. **In re Capacitors Antitrust Litigation,** No. 3:14-cv-03264 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser is a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee representing indirect purchasers in an electrolytic and film price-fixing class action lawsuit filed against the world's largest manufacturers of capacitors, used to store and regulate current in electronic circuits and computers, phones, appliances, and cameras worldwide. The defendants include Panasonic Corp., Elna Co. Ltd., Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd., Nitsuko Electronics Corp., NEC Tokin Corp., SANYO Electric Co., Ltd., Matsuo Electric Co., Okaya Electric Industries Co., Nippon Chemi-con Corp., Nichicon Corp., Rubycon Corp., Taitsu Corp., and Toshin Kogyo Co., Ltd. Lieff Cabraser has played a central role in discovery efforts, and assisted in opposing Defendants' motions to dismiss and in opposing Defendants' motions for summary judgment.

Settlements with defendants NEC Tokin Corp., Nitsuko Electronics Corp., and Okaya Electric Industries Co., Ltd. have received final approval, and a settlement with Hitachi Chemical and Soshin Electric Co., Ltd. has received preliminary approval. Discovery continues with respect to the remaining defendants.

9. *In re Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation,* MDL No. 2626 (M.D. Fla.). Lieff Cabraser represents consumers who purchased disposable contact lenses manufactured by Alcon Laboratories, Inc.,

Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc., Bausch + Lomb, and Cooper Vision, Inc. The complaint challenges the use by contact lens manufacturers of minimum resale price maintenance agreements with independent eye care professionals (including optometrists and ophthalmologists) and wholesalers. These agreements, the complaint alleges, operate to raise retail prices and eliminate price competition and discounts on contact lenses, including from "big box" retail stores, discount buying clubs, and online retailers. As a result, the consumers across the United States have paid artificially inflated prices.

10. In re Domestic Airline Travel Antitrust Litigation, 1:15-mc-01404 (District of Columbia). Lieff Cabraser represents consumers in a class action lawsuit against the four largest U.S. airline carriers: American Airlines, Delta Air, Southwest, and United. These airlines collectively account for over 80 percent of all domestic airline travel. The complaint alleges that for years the airlines colluded to restrain capacity, eliminate competition in the market, and increase the price of domestic airline airfares in violation of U.S. antitrust law. The proposed class consists of all persons and entities who purchased domestic airline tickets directly from one or more defendants from July 2, 2011 to the present. In February 2016, Judge Kollar-Kotelly appointed Lieff Cabraser to the three-member Plaintiffs' Executive Committee overseeing this multidistrict airline price-fixing litigation. Defendants filed a motion to dismiss, which was denied in October 2016. Subsequently, a settlement with Southwest Airlines was granted preliminary approval. Discovery as to the remaining defendants is underway.

## **B.** Successes

Nashville General v. Momenta Pharmaceuticals, et al., No. 3:15-1. cv-01100 (M.D. Tenn.). Lieff Cabraser represents AFCSME DC 37 and the Nashville General Hospital (the Hospital Authority of Metropolitan Government of Nashville) in a class-action antitrust case against defendants Momenta Pharmaceuticals and Sandoz, Inc., for their alleged monopolization of enoxaparin, the generic version of the anti-coagulant blood clotting drug Lovenox. Lovenox, developed by Sanofi-Aventis, is a highly profitable drug with annual sales of more than \$1 billion. The drug entered the market in 1995 and its patent was invalidated by the federal government in 2008, making generic production possible. The complaint alleged that defendants colluded to secretly bring the official batch-release testing standard for generics within the ambit of their patent, delaying the entry of the second generic competitor-a never-before-tried theory of liability. In 2019, the court certified a class of hospitals, third-party payors, and uninsured persons in 29 states and DC, appointing Lieff Cabraser sole lead counsel. In 2019, the parties agreed to a proposed settlement totaling \$120 million, the second largest indirect-purchaser

antitrust pharmaceutical settlement fund in history, after Cipro. On May 29, 2020, the Court granted final approval to the settlement.

2. **Seaman v. Duke University**, No. 1:15-cv-00462 (M.D. N.C.). Lieff Cabraser represented Dr. Danielle M. Seaman and a certified class of over 5,000 academic doctors at Duke and UNC in a class action lawsuit against Duke University and Duke University Health System. The complaint charged that Duke and UNC entered into an express, secret agreement not to compete for each other's faculty. The lawsuit sought to recover damages and obtain injunctive relief, including treble damages, for defendants' alleged violations of federal and North Carolina antitrust law.

On February 1, 2018, U.S. District Court Judge Catherine C. Eagles issued an order certifying a faculty class.

On September 24, 2019, Judge Eagles granted final approval to the proposed settlement of the case, valued at \$54.5 million.

The settlement includes an unprecedented role for the United States Department of Justice to monitor and enforce extensive injunctive relief, which will ensure that neither Duke nor UNC will enter into or enforce any unlawful no-hire agreements or similar restraints on competition. Assistant Attorney General Delrahim remarked: "Permitting the United States to become part of this settlement agreement in this private antitrust case, and thereby to obtain all of the relief and protections it likely would have sought after a lengthy investigation, demonstrates the benefits that can be obtained efficiently for the American worker when public and private enforcement work in tandem."

3. In re High-Tech Employee Antitrust Litigation, No. 11 CV 2509 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Class Counsel in a consolidated class action charging that Adobe Systems Inc., Apple Inc., Google Inc., Intel Corporation, Intuit Inc., Lucasfilm Ltd., and Pixar violated antitrust laws by conspiring to suppress the pay of technical, creative, and other salaried employees. The complaint alleged that the conspiracy among defendants restricted recruiting of each other's employees. On October 24, 2013, U.S. District Court Judge Lucy H. Koh certified a class of approximately 64,000 persons who worked in Defendants' technical, creative, and/or research and development jobs from 2005-2009. On September 2, 2015, the Court approved a \$415 million settlement with Apple, Google, Intel, and Adobe. Earlier, on May 15, 2014, the Court approved partial settlements totaling \$20 million resolving claims against Intuit, Lucasfilm, and Pixar. The Daily Journal described the case as the "most significant antitrust employment case in recent history," adding that it "has been widely recognized as a legal and public policy breakthrough."

4. *Cipro Cases I and II*, JCCP Nos. 4154 and 4220 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser represented California consumers and third party payors in a class action lawsuit filed in California state court charging that Bayer Corporation, Barr Laboratories, and other generic prescription drug manufacturers conspired to restrain competition in the sale of Bayer's blockbuster antibiotic drug Ciprofloxacin, sold as Cipro. Between 1997 and 2003, Bayer paid its would-be generic drug competitors nearly \$400 million to refrain from selling more affordable versions of Cipro. As a result, consumers were forced to pay inflated prices for the drug -frequently prescribed to treat urinary tract, prostate, abdominal, and other infections.

The trial court granted defendants' motion for summary judgment, which the California Court of Appeal affirmed in October 2011. Plaintiffs sought review before the California Supreme Court. Following briefing, the case was stayed pending the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in FTC v. Actavis. After the U.S. Supreme Court in Actavis overturned lower federal court precedent that pay-for-delay deals in the pharmaceutical industry are generally legal, plaintiffs and Bayer entered into settlement negotiations. In November 2013, the Trial Court approved a \$74 million settlement with Bayer.

On May 7, 2015, the California Supreme Court reversed the grant of summary judgment to Defendants and resoundingly endorsed the rights of consumers to challenge pharmaceutical pay-for-delay settlements under California competition law. Working to the brink of trial, the plaintiffs reached additional settlements with the remaining defendants, bringing the total recovery to \$399 million (exceeding plaintiffs' damages estimate by approximately \$68 million), a result the trial court described as "extraordinary." The trial court granted final approval on April 21, 2017, adding that it was "not aware of any case" that "has taken roughly 17 years," where, net of fees, end-payor "claimants will get basically 100 cents on the dollar[.]"

In 2017, the American Antitrust Institute honored Lieff Cabraser's Cipro team with its Outstanding Private Practice Antitrust Achievement Award for their extraordinary work on the Cipro price-fixing and exclusionary drug-pricing agreements case. In addition, their work on the Cipro case led Lieff Cabraser partners Eric B. Fastiff, Brendan P. Glackin, and Dean M. Harvey to recognition by California Lawyer and the Daily Journal with a 2016 California Lawyer of the Year Award.

5. **In re Municipal Derivatives Litigation**, MDL No. 1950 (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represented the City of Oakland, the County of Alameda, City of Fresno, Fresno County Financing Authority, along with East Bay Delta Housing and Finance Agency, in a class action lawsuit brought on behalf of themselves and other California entities that purchased guaranteed investment contracts, swaps, and other municipal derivatives products from Bank of America, N.A., JP Morgan Chase & Co., Piper Jaffray & Co., Societe Generale SA, UBS AG, and other banks, brokers and financial institutions. The complaint charged that defendants conspired to give cities, counties, school districts, and other governmental agencies artificially low bids for guaranteed investment contracts, swaps, and other municipal derivatives products, which are used by public entities to earn interest on bond proceeds.

The complaint further charged that defendants met secretly to discuss prices, customers, and markets for municipal derivatives sold in the U.S. and elsewhere; intentionally created the false appearance of competition by engaging in sham auctions in which the results were pre-determined or agreed not to bid on contracts; and covertly shared their unjust profits with losing bidders to maintain the conspiracy.

- 6. Natural Gas Antitrust Cases, JCCP Nos. 4221, 4224, 4226 & 4228 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). In 2003, the Court approved a landmark of \$1.1 billion settlement in class action litigation against El Paso Natural Gas Co. for manipulating the market for natural gas pipeline transmission capacity into California. Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel and Co-Liaison Counsel in the Natural Gas Antitrust Cases I-IV. In June 2007, the Court granted final approval to a \$67.39 million settlement of a series of class action lawsuits brought by California business and residential consumers of natural gas against a group of natural gas suppliers, Reliant Energy Services, Inc., Duke Energy Trading and Marketing LLC, CMS Energy Resources Management Company, and Aquila Merchant Services, Inc. Plaintiffs charged defendants with manipulating the price of natural gas in California during the California energy crisis of 2000-2001 by a variety of means, including falsely reporting the prices and quantities of natural gas transactions to trade publications, which compiled daily and monthly natural gas price indices; prearranged wash trading; and, in the case of Reliant, "churning" on the Enron Online electronic trading platform, which was facilitated by a secret netting agreement between Reliant and Enron. The 2007 settlement followed a settlement reached in 2006 for \$92 million partial settlement with Coral Energy Resources, L.P.; Dynegy Inc. and affiliates; EnCana Corporation; WD Energy Services, Inc.; and The Williams Companies, Inc. and affiliates.
- 7. In the Matter of the Arbitration between CopyTele and AU Optronics, Case No. 50 117 T 009883 13 (Internat'l Centre for Dispute Resolution). Lieff Cabraser successfully represented CopyTele, Inc. in a commercial dispute involving intellectual property. In 2011, CopyTele entered into an agreement with AU Optronics ("AUO") under which both

companies would jointly develop two groups of products incorporating CopyTele's patented display technologies. CopyTele charged that AUO never had any intention of jointly developing the CopyTele technologies, and instead used the agreements to fraudulently obtain and transfer licenses of CopyTele's patented technologies. The case required the review of thousands of pages of documents in Chinese and in English culminating in a two week arbitration hearing. In December 2014, after the hearing, the parties resolved the matter, with CopyTele receiving \$9 million.

- 8. Wholesale Electricity Antitrust Cases I & II, JCCP Nos. 4204 & 4205 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in the private class action litigation against Duke Energy Trading & Marketing, Reliant Energy, and The Williams Companies for claims that the companies manipulated California's wholesale electricity markets during the California energy crisis of 2000-2001. Extending the landmark victories for California residential and business consumers of electricity, in September 2004, plaintiffs reached a \$206 million settlement with Duke Energy Trading & Marketing, and in August 2005, plaintiffs reached a \$460 million settlement with Reliant Energy, settling claims that the companies manipulated California's wholesale electricity markets during the California energy crisis of 2000-01. Lieff Cabraser earlier entered into a settlement for over \$400 million with The Williams Companies.
- 9. In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 1827 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel for direct purchasers in litigation against the world's leading manufacturers of Thin Film Transistor Liquid Crystal Displays. TFT-LCDs are used in flat-panel televisions as well as computer monitors, laptop computers, mobile phones, personal digital assistants, and other devices. Plaintiffs charged that defendants conspired to raise and fix the prices of TFT-LCD panels and certain products containing those panels for over a decade, resulting in overcharges to purchasers of those panels and products. In March 2010, the Court certified two nationwide classes of persons and entities that directly purchased TFT-LCDs from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2006, one class of panel purchasers, and one class of buyers of laptop computers, computer monitors, and televisions that contained TFT-LCDs. Over the course of the litigation, the classes reached settlements with all defendants except Toshiba. The case against Toshiba proceeded to trial. In July 2012, the jury found that Toshiba participated in the price-fixing conspiracy. The case was subsequently settled, bringing the total settlements in the litigation to over \$470 million. For his outstanding work in the precedent-setting litigation, California Lawyer recognized Richard Heimann with a 2013 California Lawyer of the Year award.

- 10. Sullivan v. DB Investments, No. 04-02819 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel for consumers who purchased diamonds from 1994 through March 31, 2006, in a class action lawsuit against the De Beers group of companies. Plaintiffs charged that De Beers conspired to monopolize the sale of rough diamonds in the U.S. In May 2008, the District Court approved a \$295 million settlement for purchasers of diamonds and diamond jewelry, including \$130 million to consumers. The settlement also barred De Beers from continuing its illegal business practices and required De Beers to submit to the jurisdiction of the Court to enforce the settlement. In December 2011, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the District Court's order approving the settlement. 667 F.3d 273 (3rd Cir. 2011). The hard-fought litigation spanned several years and nations. Despite the tremendous resources available to the U.S. Department of Justice and state attorney generals, it was only through the determination of plaintiffs' counsel that De Beers was finally brought to justice and the rights of consumers were vindicated. Lieff Cabraser attorneys played key roles in negotiating the settlement and defending it on appeal. Discussing the DeBeers case, The National Law Journal noted that Lieff Cabraser was "among the plaintiffs' firms that weren't afraid to take on one of the business world's great white whales."
- 11. Haley Paint Co. v. E.I. Dupont De Nemours and Co. et al., No. 10-cv-00318-RDB (D. Md.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for direct purchasers of titanium dioxide in a nationwide class action lawsuit against Defendants E.I. Dupont De Nemours and Co., Huntsman International LLC, Kronos Worldwide Inc., and Cristal Global (fka Millennium Inorganic Chemicals, Inc.), alleging these corporations participated in a global cartel to fix the price of titanium dioxide. Titanium dioxide, a dry chemical powder, is the world's most widely used pigment for providing whiteness and brightness in paints, paper, plastics, and other products. Plaintiffs charged that defendants coordinated increases in the prices for titanium dioxide despite declining demand, decreasing raw material costs, and industry overcapacity.

Unlike some antitrust class actions, Plaintiffs proceeded without the benefit of any government investigation or proceeding. Plaintiffs overcame attacks on the pleadings, discovery obstacles, a rigorous class certification process that required two full rounds of briefing and expert analysis, and multiple summary judgment motions. In August 2012, the Court certified the class. Plaintiffs prepared fully for trial and achieved a settlement with the final defendant on the last business day before trial. In December 2013, the Court approved a series of settlements with defendants totaling \$163 million.

12. *In re Lupron Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, MDL No. 1430 (D. Mass.). In May 2005, the Court granted final approval to a

settlement of a class action lawsuit by patients, insurance companies and health and welfare benefit plans that paid for Lupron, a prescription drug used to treat prostate cancer, endometriosis and precocious puberty. The settlement requires the defendants, Abbott Laboratories, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited, and TAP Pharmaceuticals, to pay \$150 million, inclusive of costs and fees, to persons or entities who paid for Lupron from January 1, 1985 through March 31, 2005. Plaintiffs charged that the defendants conspired to overstate the drug's average wholesale price ("AWP"), which resulted in plaintiffs paying more for Lupron than they should have paid. Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel.

- Marchbanks Truck Service v. Comdata Network, No. 07-cv-13. 01078 (E.D. Pa.). In July 2014, the Court approved a \$130 million settlement of a class action brought by truck stops and other retail fueling facilities that paid percentage-based transaction fees to Comdata on proprietary card transactions using Comdata's over-the-road fleet card. The complaint challenged arrangements among Comdata, its parent company Ceridian LLC, and three national truck stop chains: defendants TravelCenters of America LLC and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Pilot Travel Centers LLC and its predecessor Pilot Corporation, and Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc. The alleged anticompetitive conduct insulated Comdata from competition, enhanced its market power, and led to independent truck stops' paying artificially inflated transaction fees. In addition to the \$130 million payment, the settlement required Comdata to change certain business practices that will promote competition among payment cards used by over-the-road fleets and truckers and lead to lower merchant fees for the independent truck stops. Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Class Counsel in the litigation.
- 14. **California Vitamins Cases**, JCCP No. 4076 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Liaison Counsel and Co-Chairman of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee on behalf of a class of California indirect vitamin purchasers in every level of the chain of distribution. In January 2002, the Court granted final approval of a \$96 million settlement with certain vitamin manufacturers in a class action alleging that these and other manufacturers engaged in price fixing of particular vitamins. In December 2006, the Court granted final approval to over \$8.8 million in additional settlements.
- 15. **In re Buspirone Antitrust Litigation**, MDL No. 1413 (S.D.N.Y.). In November 2003, Lieff Cabraser obtained a \$90 million cash settlement for individual consumers, consumer organizations, and third party payers that purchased BuSpar, a drug prescribed to alleviate symptoms of anxiety. Plaintiffs alleged that Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. (BMS), Danbury Pharmacal, Inc., Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Watson Pharma, Inc.

entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade under which BMS paid a potential generic manufacturer of BuSpar to drop its challenge to BMS' patent and refrain from entering the market. Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel.

- 16. Meijer v. Abbott Laboratories, Case No. C 07-5985 CW (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as co-counsel for the group of retailers charging that Abbott Laboratories monopolized the market for AIDS medicines used in conjunction with Abbott's prescription drug Norvir. These drugs, known as Protease Inhibitors, have enabled patients with HIV to fight off the disease and live longer. In January 2011, the Court denied Abbott's motion for summary judgment on plaintiffs' monopolization claim. Trial commenced in February 2011. After opening statements and the presentation of four witnesses and evidence to the jury, plaintiffs and Abbott Laboratories entered into a \$52 million settlement. The Court granted final approval to the settlement in August 2011.
- 17. **In re Carpet Antitrust Litigation**, MDL No. 1075 (N.D. Ga.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel and a member of the trial team for a class of direct purchasers of twenty-ounce level loop polypropylene carpet. Plaintiffs, distributors of polypropylene carpet, alleged that Defendants, seven manufacturers of polypropylene carpet, conspired to fix the prices of polypropylene carpet by agreeing to eliminate discounts and charge inflated prices on the carpet. In 2001, the Court approved a \$50 million settlement of the case.
- 18. In re Lasik/PRK Antitrust Litigation, No. CV 772894 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as a member of Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in class actions brought on behalf of persons who underwent Lasik/PRK eye surgery. Plaintiffs alleged that defendants, the manufacturers of the laser system used for the laser vision correction surgery, manipulated fees charged to ophthalmologists and others who performed the surgery, and that the overcharges were passed onto consumers who paid for laser vision correction surgery. In December 2001, the Court approved a \$12.5 million settlement of the litigation.
- 19. *Methionine Cases I and II*, JCCP Nos. 4090 & 4096 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of indirect purchasers of methionine, an amino acid used primarily as a poultry and swine feed additive to enhance growth and production. Plaintiffs alleged that the companies illegally conspired to raise methionine prices to supercompetitive levels. The case settled.
- 20. *In re Electrical Carbon Products Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1514 (D.N.J.). Lieff Cabraser represented the City and County of San Francisco and a class of direct purchasers of carbon brushes and carbon

collectors on claims that producers fixed the price of carbon brushes and carbon collectors in violation of the Sherman Act.

## VII. <u>Environmental and Toxic Exposures</u>

## A. Current Cases

1. In Re Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, MDL No. 2179 (E.D. La.). Lieff Cabraser served on the Courtappointed Plaintiffs' Steering Committee ("PSC") and with co-counsel represented fishermen, property owners, business owners, wage earners, and other harmed parties in class action litigation against BP, Transocean, Halliburton, and other defendants involved in the Deepwater Horizon oil rig blowout and resulting oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010. The Master Complaints alleged that the defendants were insouciant in addressing the operations of the well and the oil rig, ignored warning signs of the impending disaster, and failed to employ and/or follow proper safety measures, worker safety laws, and environmental protection laws in favor of cost-cutting measures.

In 2012, the Court approved two class action settlements to fully compensate hundreds of thousands of victims of the tragedy. The settlements resolved the majority of private economic loss, property damage, and medical injury claims stemming from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, and held BP fully accountable to individuals and businesses harmed by the spill. Under the settlements, there was no dollar limit on the amount BP would have to pay. In 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court denied review of BP's challenge to its own class action settlement. The settlement received final approval, and has so far delivered \$11.2 billion to compensate claimants' losses. The medical settlement also received final approval, and an additional \$1 billion settlement was reached with defendant Halliburton.

2. Andrews, et al. v. Plains All American Pipeline, et al., No. 2:15-cv-04113-PSG-JEM (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser is Court-appointed Class Counsel in this action arising from an oil spill in Santa Barbara County in May 2015. A pipeline owned by Plains ruptured, and oil from the pipeline flowed into the Pacific Ocean, soiling beaches and impacting local fisheries. Lieff Cabraser represents homeowners who lost the use of the beachfront amenity for which they pay a premium, local oil platform workers who were laid off as a result of the spill and subsequent closure of the pipeline, as well as fishers whose catch was impacted by the oil spill. Plaintiffs allege that defendants did not follow basic safety protocols when they installed the pipeline, failed to properly monitor and maintain the pipeline, ignored clear signs that the pipeline was corroded and in danger of bursting, and failed to promptly respond to the oil spill when the inevitable rupture occurred.

The Federal District Court recently certified a plaintiff class composed of fishers whose catch diminished as a result of the spill and fish industry businesses that were affected as a result of the decimated fish population. Lieff Cabraser has recently filed a motion to certify additional classes of groups harmed by the spill, including private property owners and lessees near the soiled shoreline, and oil industry workers and businesses that suffered economic injuries associated with the closure of the pipeline.

3. **Southern California Gas Leak Cases**, JCCP No. 4861. Lieff Cabraser has been selected by the Los Angeles County Superior Court to help lead two important class action cases on behalf of homeowners and businesses that suffered economic injuries in the wake of the massive Porter Ranch gas leak, which began in October of 2015 and lasted into February of 2016. During this time, huge quantities of natural gas spewed out of an old well at Southern California Gas's Aliso Canyon Facility and into the air of Porter Ranch, a neighborhood located adjacent to the Facility and 25 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

This large-scale environmental disaster forced thousands of residents to leave their homes for months on end while the leak continued and for several months thereafter. It also caused local business to dry up during the busy holiday season, as many residents had evacuated the neighborhood and visitors avoided the area. Evidence suggests the leak was caused by at least one old and malfunctioning well used to inject and retrieve gas. Southern California Gas Company allegedly removed the safety valve on the well that could have prevented the leak. As a result, the gas leak has left a carbon footprint larger than the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill.

Together with other firms chosen to pursue class relief for these victims, Lieff Cabraser filed two class action complaints – one on behalf of Porter Ranch homeowners, and another on behalf of Porter Ranch businesses. Southern California Gas argued in response that the injuries suffered by homeowners and businesses cannot proceed as class actions. In May 2017, the Superior Court rejected these arguments. The class action cases are proceeding with discovery into Southern California Gas Company's role in this disaster.

## **B.** Successes

1. **In re Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litigation**, No. 3:89-cv-0095 HRH (D. Al.). The *Exxon Valdez* ran aground on March 24, 1989, spilling 11 million gallons of oil into Prince William Sound. Lieff Cabraser served as one of the Court-appointed Plaintiffs' Class Counsel. The class consisted of fisherman and others whose livelihoods were gravely affected by the disaster. In addition, Lieff Cabraser served on the Class Trial Team

that tried the case before a jury in federal court in 1994. The jury returned an award of \$5 billion in punitive damages.

In 2001, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the original \$5 billion punitive damages verdict was excessive. In 2002, U.S. District Court Judge H. Russell Holland reinstated the award at \$4 billion. Judge Holland stated that, "Exxon officials knew that carrying huge volumes of crude oil through Prince William Sound was a dangerous business, yet they knowingly permitted a relapsed alcoholic to direct the operation of the *Exxon Valdez* through Prince William Sound." In 2003, the Ninth Circuit again directed Judge Holland to reconsider the punitive damages award under United States Supreme Court punitive damages guidelines. In January 2004, Judge Holland issued his order finding that Supreme Court authority did not change the Court's earlier analysis.

In December 2006, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued its ruling, setting the punitive damages award at \$2.5 billion. Subsequently, the U.S. Supreme Court further reduced the punitive damages award to \$507.5 million, an amount equal to the compensatory damages. With interest, the total award to the plaintiff class was \$977 million.

In re Imprelis Herbicide Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2284 (E.D. Pa.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for homeowners, golf course companies and other property owners in a nationwide class action lawsuit against E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company ("DuPont"), charging that its herbicide Imprelis caused widespread death among trees and other nontargeted vegetation across the country. DuPont marketed Imprelis as an environmentally friendly alternative to the commonly used 2,4-D herbicide. Just weeks after Imprelis' introduction to the market in late 2010, however, complaints of tree damage began to surface. Property owners reported curling needles, severe browning, and dieback in trees near turf that had been treated with Imprelis. In August 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency banned the sale of Imprelis.

The complaint charged that DuPont failed to disclose the risks Imprelis posed to trees, even when applied as directed, and failed to provide instructions for the safe application of Imprelis. In response to the litigation, DuPont created a process for property owners to submit claims for damages. Approximately \$400 million was paid to approximately 25,000 claimants. In October 2013, the Court approved a settlement of the class action that substantially enhanced the DuPont claims process, including by adding an extended warranty, a more limited release of claims, the right to appeal the denial of claim by DuPont to an independent arborist, and publication of DuPont's tree payment schedule.

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- 3. In re GCC Richmond Works Cases, JCCP No. 2906 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Liaison Counsel and Lead Class Counsel in coordinated litigation arising out of the release on July 26, 1993, of a massive toxic sulfuric acid cloud which injured an estimated 50,000 residents of Richmond, California. The Coordination Trial Court granted final approval to a \$180 million class settlement for exposed residents.
- 4. **In re Unocal Refinery Litigation**, No. C 94-04141 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as one of two Co-Lead Class Counsel and on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in this action against Union Oil Company of California ("Unocal") arising from a series of toxic releases from Unocal's San Francisco refinery in Rodeo, California. The action was settled in 1997 on behalf of approximately 10,000 individuals for \$80 million.
- 5. **West v. G&H Seed Co., et al.**, No. 99-C-4984-A (La. State Ct.). With co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represented a certified class of 1,500 Louisiana crawfish farmers who charged in a lawsuit that Fipronil, an insecticide sold under the trade name ICON, damaged their pond-grown crawfish crops. In Louisiana, rice and crawfish are often farmed together, either in the same pond or in close proximity to one another.

After its introduction to the market in 1999, ICON was used extensively in Louisiana to kill water weevils that attacked rice plants. The lawsuit alleged that ICON also had a devastating effect on crawfish harvests with some farmers losing their entire crawfish crop. In 2004, the Court approved a \$45 million settlement with Bayer CropScience, which during the litigation purchased Aventis CropScience, the original manufacturer of ICON. The settlement was reached after the parties had presented nearly a month's worth of evidence at trial and were on the verge of making closing arguments to the jury.

6. *Kingston, Tennessee TVA Coal Ash Spill Litigation*, No. 3:09-cv-09 (E.D. Tenn.). Lieff Cabraser represented hundreds of property owners and businesses harmed by the largest coal ash spill in U.S. history. On December 22, 2008, more than a billion gallons of coal ash slurry spilled when a dike burst on a retention pond at the Kingston Fossil Plant operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in Roane County, Tennessee. A wall of coal ash slurry traveled across the Emory River, polluting the river and nearby waterways, and covering nearly 300 acres with toxic sludge, including 12 homes and damaging hundreds of properties. In March 2010, the Court denied in large part TVA's motion to dismiss the litigation. In the Fall of 2011, the Court conducted a four week bench trial on the question of whether TVA was liable for releasing the coal ash into the river system. The issue of damages was reserved for later proceedings. In August 2012, the Court found in favor of plaintiffs on their claims of negligence, trespass, and private nuisance. In August 2014, the case came to a conclusion with TVA's payment of \$27.8 million to settle the litigation.

7. **In re Sacramento River Spill Cases I and II**, JCCP Nos. 2617 & 2620 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). On July 14, 1991, a Southern Pacific train tanker car derailed in northern California, spilling 19,000 gallons of a toxic pesticide, metam sodium, into the Sacramento River near the town of Dunsmir at a site along the rail lines known as the Cantara Loop. The metam sodium mixed thoroughly with the river water and had a devastating effect on the river and surrounding ecosystem. Within a week, every fish, 1.1 million in total, and all other aquatic life in a 45-mile stretch of the Sacramento River was killed. In addition, many residents living along the river became ill with symptoms that included headaches, shortness of breath, and vomiting. The spill considered the worst inland ecological disaster in California history.

Lieff Cabraser served as Court-appointed Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and Lead Class Counsel, and chaired the Plaintiffs' Litigation Committee in coordinated proceedings that included all of the lawsuits arising out of this toxic spill. Settlement proceeds of approximately \$16 million were distributed pursuant to Court approval of a plan of allocation to four certified plaintiff classes: personal injury, business loss, property damage/diminution, and evacuation.

- 8. **Kentucky Coal Sludge Litigation**, No. 00-CI-00245 (Cmmw. Ky.). On October 11, 2000, near Inez, Kentucky, a coal waste storage facility ruptured, spilling 1.25 million tons of coal sludge (a wet mixture produced by the treatment and cleaning of coal) into waterways in the region and contaminating hundreds of properties. This was one of the worst environmental disasters in the Southeastern United States. With cocounsel, Lieff Cabraser represented over 400 clients in property damage claims, including claims for diminution in the value of their homes and properties. In April 2003, the parties reached a confidential settlement agreement on favorable terms to the plaintiffs.
- 9. **Toms River Childhood Cancer Incidents**, No. L-10445-01 MT (Sup. Ct. NJ). With co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represented 69 families in Toms River, New Jersey, each who had a child with cancer, that claimed the cancers were caused by environmental contamination in the Toms River area. Commencing in 1998, the parties—the 69 families, Ciba Specialty Chemicals, Union Carbide and United Water Resources, Inc., a water distributor in the area—participated in an unique alternative dispute resolution process, which lead to a fair and efficient consideration of the factual and scientific issues in the matter. In December 2001, under the

supervision of a mediator, a confidential settlement favorable to the families was reached.

## VIII. False Claims Act

## A. Current Cases

Lieff Cabraser represents whistleblowers in a wide range of False Claims Act cases, including Medicare kickback and healthcare fraud, defense contractor fraud, and securities and financial fraud. We have more than a dozen whistleblower cases currently under seal and investigation in federal and state jurisdictions across the U.S. For that reason, we do not list all of our current False Claims Act and qui tam cases in our resume.

United States ex rel. Matthew Cestra v. Cephalon, No. 14-01842 1. (E.D. Pa.); United States ex rel. Bruce Boise et al. v. Cephalon, No. 08-287 (E.D. Pa.) Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, represents four whistleblowers bringing claims on behalf of the U.S. Government and various states under the federal and state False Claims Acts against Cephalon, Inc., a pharmaceutical company. The complaints allege that Cephalon has engaged in unlawful off-label marketing of certain of its drugs, largely through misrepresentations, kickbacks, and other unlawful or fraudulent means, causing the submission of hundreds of thousands of false claims for reimbursement to federal and state health care programs. The Boise case involves Provigil and its successor drug Nuvigil, limitedindication wakefulness drugs that are unsafe and/or not efficacious for the wide array of off-label psychiatric and neurological conditions for which Cephalon has marketed them, according to the allegations. The Cestra case involves an expensive oncological drug called Treanda, which is approved only for second-line treatment of indolent non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma despite what the relators allege to be the company's off-label marketing of the drug for first-line treatment. Various motions are pending.

## **B.** Successes

 United States ex rel. Mary Hendow and Julie Albertson v. University of Phoenix, No. 2:03-cv-00457-GEB-DAD (E.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser obtained a record whistleblower settlement against the University of Phoenix that charged the university had violated the incentive compensation ban of the Higher Education Act (HEA) by providing improper incentive pay to its recruiters. The HEA prohibits colleges and universities whose students receive federal financial aid from paying their recruiters based on the number of students enrolled, which creates a risk of encouraging recruitment of unqualified students who, Congress has determined, are more likely to default on their loans. High student loan default rates not only result in wasted federal funds, but the students who receive these loans and default are burdened for years with tremendous debt without the benefit of a college degree.

The complaint alleged that the University of Phoenix defrauded the U.S. Department of Education by obtaining federal student loan and Pell Grant monies from the federal government based on false statements of compliance with HEA. In December 2009, the parties announced a \$78.5 million settlement. The settlement constitutes the second-largest settlement ever in a False Claims Act case in which the federal government declined to intervene in the action and largest settlement ever involving the Department of Education. The University of Phoenix case led to the Obama Administration passing new regulations that took away the so-called "safe harbor" provisions that for-profit universities relied on to justify their alleged recruitment misconduct. For his outstanding work as Lead Counsel and the significance of the case, *California Lawyer* magazine recognized Lieff Cabraser attorney Robert J. Nelson with a California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) Award.

- 2. State of California ex rel. Sherwin v. Office Depot, No. BC410135 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). In February 2015, the Court approved a \$77.5 million settlement with Office Depot to settle a whistleblower lawsuit brought under the California False Claims Act. The whistleblower was a former Office Depot account manager. The City of Los Angeles, County of Santa Clara, Stockton Unified School District, and 16 additional California cities, counties, and school districts intervened in the action to assert their claims (including common-law fraud and breach of contract) against Office Depot directly. The governmental entities purchased office supplies from Office Depot under a nationwide supply contract known as the U.S. Communities contract. Office Depot promised in the U.S. Communities contract to sell office supplies at its best governmental pricing nationwide. The complaint alleged that Office Depot repeatedly failed to give most of its California governmental customers the lowest price it was offering other governmental customers. Other pricing misconduct was also alleged.
- 3. **State of California ex rel. Rockville Recovery Associates v. Multiplan**, No. 34-2010-00079432 (Sacramento Supr. Ct., Cal.). In a case that received widespread media coverage, Lieff Cabraser represented whistleblower Rockville Recovery Associates in a qui tam suit for civil penalties under the California Insurance Frauds Prevention Act ("IFPA"), Cal. Insurance Code § 1871.7, against Sutter Health, one of California's largest healthcare providers, and obtained the largest penalty ever imposed under the statute. The parties reached a \$46 million settlement that was announced in November 2013, shortly before trial was scheduled to commence.

The complaint alleged that the 26 Sutter hospitals throughout California submitted false, fraudulent, or misleading charges for anesthesia services (separate from the anesthesiologist's fees) during operating room procedures that were already covered in the operating room bill.

After Lieff Cabraser defeated Sutter Health's demurrer and motion to compel arbitration, California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones intervened in the litigation in May 2011. Lieff Cabraser attorneys continued to serve as lead counsel, and litigated the case for over two more years. In all, plaintiffs defeated no less than 10 dispositive motions, as well as three writ petitions to the Court of Appeals.

In addition to the monetary recovery, Sutter Health agreed to a comprehensive series of billing and transparency reforms, which California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones called "a groundbreaking step in opening up hospital billing to public scrutiny." On the date the settlement was announced, the California Hospital Association recognized its significance by issuing a press release stating that the settlement "compels industry-wide review of anesthesia billing." Defendant Multiplan, Inc., a large leased network Preferred Provider Organization, separately paid a \$925,000 civil penalty for its role in enabling Sutter's alleged false billing scheme.

- 4. United States ex rel. Dye v. ATK Launch Systems, No. 1:06-CV-39-TS (D. Utah). Lieff Cabraser served as co-counsel for a whistleblower who alleged that ATK Launch Systems knowingly sold defective and potentially dangerous illumination flares to the United States military in violation of the federal False Claims Act. The specialized flares were used in nighttime combat, covert missions, and search and rescue operations. A key design specification set by the Defense Department was that these highly flammable and dangerous items ignite only under certain conditions. The complaint alleged that the ATK flares at issue could ignite when dropped from a height of less than 10 feet – and, according to ATK's own analysis, from as little as 11.6 inches – notwithstanding contractual specifications that they be capable of withstanding such a drop. In April 2012, the parties reached a settlement valued at \$37 million.
- 5. **United States ex rel. Mauro Vosilla and Steven Rossow v. Avaya, Inc.**, No. CV04-8763 PA JTLx (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented a whistleblower in litigation alleging that defendants Avaya, Lucent Technologies, and AT&T violated the Federal False Claims Act and state false claims statutes. The complaint alleged that defendants charged governmental agencies for the lease, rental, and post-warranty maintenance of telephone communications systems and services that the governmental agencies no longer possessed and/or were no longer

maintained by defendants. In November 2010, the parties entered into a \$21.75 million settlement of the litigation.

6. State of California ex rel. Associates Against FX Insider State Street Corp., No. 34-2008-00008457 (Sacramento Supr. Ct., Cal.) ("State Street I"). Lieff Cabraser served as co-counsel for the whistleblowers in this action against State Street Corporation. The Complaint alleged that State Street violated the California False Claims Act with respect to certain foreign exchange transactions it executed with two California public pension fund custodial clients. The California Attorney General intervened in the case in October 2009.

# IX. <u>Digital Privacy and Data Security</u>

## A. Current Cases

- 1. Balderas v. Tiny Lab Productions, et al., Case 6:18-cv-00854 (D. New Mexico). Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, is working with the Attorney General of the State of New Mexico to represent parents, on behalf of their children, in a federal lawsuit seeking to protect children in the state from a foreign developer of child-directed apps and its marketing partners, including Google's ad network, Google AdMob. The lawsuit alleges that Google, child-app developer Tiny Lab Productions, and their co-defendants surreptitiously harvested children's personal information for profiling and targeting children for commercial gain, without adequate disclosures and verified parental consent. When children played Tiny Lab's gaming apps on their mobile devices, Defendants collected and used their personal data, including geolocation, persistent identifiers, demographic characteristics, and other personal data in order to serve children with targeted advertisements or otherwise commercially exploit them. The apps at issue, clearly and indisputably designed for children, include Fun Kid Racing, Candy Land Racing, and GummyBear and Friends Speed Racing. The action largely survived a motion to dismiss in spring 2020 and seeks redress under the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act and the common law. The parties are currently in discovery.
- 2. McDonald, et al. v. Kiloo A/S, et al., No. 3:17-cv-04344-JD; Rushing, et al. v. The Walt Disney Co., et al., No. 3:17-cv-04419-JD; Rushing v. ViacomCBS, et al., No. 3:17-cv-04492-JD (N.D. Cal.). In three related actions, Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, represents parents whose children's right to privacy was violated when their personal data was surreptitiously transmitted while playing child-directed mobile gaming apps. Specifically, Plaintiffs allege that app developers and their mobile advertising partners (developers of so-called "software development kits" or "SDKs") collected personally identifying data (e.g., device identifiers and location data) through six apps (Subway Surfers,

Where's My Water? (Paid), Where's My Water (Free/Lite), Where's My Water? 2, Princess Palace Pets, and Llama Spit Spit), and used that data to monetize their apps through targeted behavioral advertising—without the knowledge of child users or their parents. In May 2019, U.S. District Judge James Donato issued an order largely denying the defendants' motions to dismiss. Plaintiffs then pursued their claims (i) for intrusion upon seclusion and a violation of the constitutional right to privacy under California law, (ii) under the California Unfair Competition Law, (iii) under the Massachusetts statutory right to privacy, and (iv) under New York General Business Law Section 349.

On September 24, 2020, the district court preliminarily approved sixteen class settlements with all defendants in these actions. The settlements provide stringent and wide-ranging privacy protections (in many cases exceeding federal regulations) and meaningful changes to defendants' business practices, ensuring participants in the largely unpoliced mobile advertising industry proactively protect children's privacy in thousands of apps popular with children. A final approval hearing is scheduled for December 17, 2020.

3. In re Google LLC Street View Electronic Communications Litigation, No. 3:10-md-021784-CRB (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represents individuals whose right to privacy was violated when Google intentionally equipped its Google Maps "Street View" vehicles with Wi-Fi antennas and software that collected data transmitted by those persons' Wi-Fi networks located in their nearby homes. Google collected not only basic identifying information about individuals' Wi-Fi networks, but also personal, private data being transmitted over their Wi-Fi networks such as emails, usernames, passwords, videos, and documents. Plaintiffs allege that Google's actions violated the federal Wiretap Act, as amended by the Electronic Communications Privacy Act. On September 10, 2013, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals held that Google's actions are not exempt from the Act.

On March 20, 2020, U.S. District Judge Charles R. Breyer granted final approval to a \$13 million settlement over Google's illegal gathering of network data via its Street View vehicle fleet. Given the difficulties of assessing precise individual harms, the innovative settlement, which is intended in part to disincentivize companies like Google from future privacy violations, will distribute its monies to eight nonprofit organizations with a history of addressing online consumer privacy issues. Judge Breyer's order to distribute the settlement funds to nonprofit organizations is currently on appeal.

4. *In re Google LLC Location History Litigation*, No. 5:18-cv-05062-EJD (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel representing individuals whose locations were tracked, and whose location information was stored and used by Google for its own purposes after the consumers disabled a feature that was supposed to prevent Google from storing a record of their locations. Plaintiffs allege that, for years, Google deliberately misled its users that their "Location History" settings would prevent Google from tracking and storing a permanent record of their movements, when in fact despite users' privacy settings, Google did so anyway. Plaintiffs allege that Google's conduct violates its users' reasonable expectations of privacy and is unlawful under the California Constitutional Right to Privacy and the common law of intrusion upon seclusion, as well as giving rise to claims for unjust enrichment and disgorgement.

- 5. In re: Marriott Int'l Customer Data Sec. Breach Litig., No. 19md-2879 (D. Md.). Lieff Cabraser serves as a member of the Steering Committee in class action litigation against Marriott International Inc. and Accenture PLC for a 2018 data breach of Starwood Hotels affecting more than 300 million U.S. citizens. Plaintiffs allege that Marriott failed to fulfill its legal duty to protect its customers' sensitive personal and financial information, causing class members' personally identifying information, including credit cards and passport numbers, to be exfiltrated by cybercriminals. In February 2020, U.S. District Court Judge Paul Grimm granted in part, and denied in part, Marriott's motion to dismiss. Critically, the Court held that Plaintiffs have standing to bring their claims and that they properly alleged several tort, contract, and consumer protection claims.
- 6. In re: American Medical Collection Agency, Inc., Customer Data Sec. Breach Litig., No. 19-md-2904 (D. N.J.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel on the Quest track in class action litigation against Quest Diagnostics Inc., Laboratory Corporation of America, and other blood testing and diagnostic companies that shared, or facilitated the sharing of, customers' personal identifying financial and health information with a third-party debt collector American Medical Collection Agency. Plaintiffs allege that Quest (and other blood-testing labs) failed to fulfill its legal duty to protect customers' sensitive personal, financial, and health information by sharing it with a third-party that lacked adequate data security. The complaints against each lab company allege that they were negligent, unjustly enriched, and violated numerous state consumer protection statutes.
- 7. **In re Plaid Inc. Privacy Litig.**, No. 4:20-cv-03056 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging that Plaid Inc., a financial technology company, invaded consumers' privacy in their financial affairs. Plaid provides third-party bank account authentication services for several well-known payment

apps, such as Venmo, Coinbase, Square's Cash App, and Stripe. Plaintiffs allege that Plaid uses login screens that misleadingly look like those of real banks to obtain consumers' banking account credentials, and subsequently uses consumers' credentials to access their bank accounts and improperly take their banking data. Plaintiffs argue that Plaid's intrusions violate established social norms, and expose consumers to additional privacy risks. The lawsuit asserts claims under state and federal consumer protection and privacy laws and seeks monetary as well as injunctive (practice change) relief to stop the conduct and purge all improperly obtained data.

#### **B.** Successes

In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litig., No. 5:15-md-02617 (N.D. 1. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee representing individuals in a class action lawsuit against Anthem for its alleged failure to safeguard and secure the medical records and other personally identifiable information of its members. The second largest health insurer in the U.S., Anthem provides coverage for 37.5 million Americans. Anthem's customer database was allegedly attacked by international hackers on December 10, 2014. Anthem says it discovered the breach on January 27, 2015, and reported it about a week later on February 4, 2015. California customers were informed around March 18, 2015. The theft included names, birth dates, social security numbers, billing information, and highly confidential health information. The complaint charged that Anthem violated its duty to safeguard and protect consumers' personal information, and violated its duty to disclose the breach to consumers in a timely manner. In addition, the complaint charged that Anthem was on notice about the weaknesses in its computer security defenses for at least a year before the breach occurred.

In August 2018, Judge Lucy H. Koh of the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of California granted final approval to a class action settlement which required Anthem to undertake significant additional cybersecurity measures to better safeguard information going forward, and to pay \$115 million into a settlement fund from which benefits to settlement class members will be paid.

2. **Matera v. Google Inc.**, No. 5:15-cv-04062 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Class Counsel representing consumers in a digital privacy class action against Google Inc. over claims the popular Gmail service conducted unauthorized scanning of email messages to build marketing profiles and serve targeted ads. The complaint alleged that Google routinely scanned email messages that were sent by non-Gmail users to Gmail subscribers, analyzed the content of those messages, and then shared that data with third parties in order to target ads to Gmail users, an invasion of privacy that violated the California Invasion of Privacy Act and the federal Electronic Communications Privacy Act. In February 2018, Judge Lucy H. Koh of the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of California granted final approval to a class action settlement. Under the settlement, Google made business-related changes to its Gmail service, as part of which, Google will no longer scan the contents of emails sent to Gmail accounts for advertising purposes, whether during the transmission process or after the emails have been delivered to the Gmail user's inbox. The proposed changes, which will not apply to scanning performed to prevent the spread of spam or malware, will run for at least three years.

- 3. Campbell v. Facebook, No. 4:13-cv-05996 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Class Counsel in a nationwide class action lawsuit alleging that Facebook intercepts certain private data in users' personal and private messages on the social network and profits by sharing that information with third parties. When a user composes a private Facebook message and includes a link (a "URL") to a third party website, Facebook allegedly scans the content of the message, follows the URL, and searches for information to profile the message-sender's web activity. This enables Facebook to data mine aspects of user data and profit from that data by sharing it with advertisers, marketers, and other data aggregators. In December 2014, the Court in large part denied Facebook's motion to dismiss. In rejecting one of Facebook's core arguments, U.S. District Court Judge Phyllis Hamilton stated: "An electronic communications service provider cannot simply adopt any revenue-generating practice and deem it 'ordinary' by its own subjective standard." In August of 2017, Judge Hamilton granted final approval to an injunctive relief settlement of the action. As part of the settlement, Facebook has ceased the offending practices and has made changes to its operative relevant user disclosures.
- 4. **Ebarle et al. v. LifeLock Inc.**, No. 3:15-cv-00258 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented consumers who subscribed to LifeLock's identity theft protection services in a nationwide class action fraud lawsuit. The complaint alleged LifeLock did not protect the personal information of its subscribers from hackers and criminals, and specifically that, contrary to its advertisements and statements, LifeLock lacked a comprehensive monitoring network, failed to provide "up-to-the-minute" alerts of suspicious activity, and did an inferior job of providing the same theft protection services that banks and credit card companies provide, often for free. On September 21, 2016, U.S. District Judge Haywood Gilliam, Jr. granted final approval to a \$68 million settlement of the case.
- 5. **In re Carrier IQ Privacy Litigation**, MDL No. 2330 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented a plaintiff in Multi-District Litigation against Samsung, LG, Motorola, HTC, and Carrier IQ alleging that smartphone

manufacturers violated privacy laws by installing tracking software, called IQ Agent, on millions of cell phones and other mobile devices that use the Android operating system. Without notifying users or obtaining consent, IQ Agent tracks users' keystrokes, passwords, apps, text messages, photos, videos, and other personal information and transmits this data to cellular carriers. In a 96-page order issued in January 2015, U.S. District Court Judge Edward Chen granted in part, and denied in part, defendants' motion to dismiss. Importantly, the Court permitted the core Wiretap Act claim to proceed as well as the claims for violations of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act and the California Unfair Competition Law and breach of the common law duty of implied warranty. In 2016, the Court granted final approval of a \$9 million settlement plus injunctive relief provisions.

- 6. Perkins v. LinkedIn Corp., No. 13-cv-04303-LHK (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented individuals who joined LinkedIn's network and, without their consent or authorization, had their names and likenesses used by LinkedIn to endorse LinkedIn's services and send repeated emails to their contacts asking that they join LinkedIn. On February 16, 2016, the Court granted final approval to a \$13 million settlement, one of the largest per-class member settlements ever in a digital privacy class action. In addition to the monetary relief, LinkedIn agreed to make significant changes to Add Connections disclosures and functionality. Specifically, LinkedIn revised disclosures to real-time permission screens presented to members using Add Connections, agreed to implement new functionality allowing LinkedIn members to manage their contacts, including viewing and deleting contacts and sending invitations, and to stop reminder emails from being sent if users have sent connection invitations inadvertently.
- 7. Corona v. Sony Pictures Entertainment, No. 2:14-cv-09660-RGK (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel in class action litigation against Sony for failing to take reasonable measures to secure the data of its employees from hacking and other attacks. As a result, personally identifiable information of thousands of current and former Sony employees and their families was obtained and published on websites across the Internet. Among the staggering array of personally identifiable information compromised were medical records, Social Security Numbers, birth dates, personal emails, home addresses, salaries, tax information, employee evaluations, disciplinary actions, criminal background checks, severance packages, and family medical histories. The complaint charged that Sony owed a duty to take reasonable steps to secure the data of its employees from hacking. Sony allegedly breached this duty by failing to properly invest in adequate IT security, despite having already succumbed to one of the largest data breaches in history only three years ago. In October 2015, an \$8 million settlement was

reached under which Sony agreed to reimburse employees for losses and harm.

8. In re Intuit Data Litig., No. 5:15-cv-01778-EJD (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represented identity theft victims in a nationwide class action lawsuit against Intuit for allegedly failing to protect consumers' data from foreseeable and preventable breaches, and by facilitating the filing of fraudulent tax returns through its TurboTax software program. The complaint alleged that Intuit failed to protect data provided by consumers who purchased TurboTax, used to file an estimated 30 million tax returns for American taxpayers every year, from easy access by hackers and other cybercriminals. The complaint further alleged that Intuit was aware of the widespread use of TurboTax exclusively for the filing of fraudulent tax returns. Yet, Intuit failed to adopt basic cyber security policies to prevent this misuse of TurboTax. As a result, fraudulent tax returns were filed in the names of the plaintiffs and thousands of other individuals across America, including persons who never purchased TurboTax. In May 2019, Judge Edward J. Davila of the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of California granted final approval to a settlement that provided all class members who filed a valid claim with free credit monitoring and identity restoration services, and required Intuit to commit to security changes for preventing future misuse of the TurboTax platform.

# X. International and Human Rights Litigation

## A. Successes

1. Holocaust Cases. Lieff Cabraser was one of the leading firms that prosecuted claims by Holocaust survivors and the heirs of Holocaust survivors and victims against banks and private manufacturers and other corporations who enslaved and/or looted the assets of Jews and other minority groups persecuted by the Nazi Regime during the Second World War era. The firm served as Settlement Class Counsel in the case against the Swiss banks for which the Court approved a U.S. \$1.25 billion settlement in July 2000. Lieff Cabraser donated its attorneys' fees in the Swiss Banks case, in the amount of \$1.5 million, to endow a Human Rights clinical chair at Columbia University Law School. The firm was also active in slave labor and property litigation against German and Austrian defendants, and Nazi-era banking litigation against French banks. In connection therewith, Lieff Cabraser participated in multinational negotiations that led to Executive Agreements establishing an additional approximately U.S. \$5 billion in funds for survivors and victims of Nazi persecution.

Commenting on the work of Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel in the litigation against private German corporations, entitled *In re Holocaust Era* 

*German Industry, Bank & Insurance Litigation* (MDL No. 1337), U.S. District Court Judge William G. Bassler stated on November 13, 2002:

Up until this litigation, as far as I can tell, perhaps with some minor exceptions, the claims of slave and forced labor fell on deaf ears. You can say what you want to say about class actions and about attorneys, but the fact of the matter is, there was no attention to this very, very large group of people by Germany, or by German industry until these cases were filed.... What has been accomplished here with the efforts of the plaintiffs' attorneys and defense counsel is quite incredible.... I want to thank counsel for the assistance in bringing us to where we are today. Cases don't get settled just by litigants. It can only be settled by competent, patient attorneys.

2. **Cruz v. U.S., Estados Unidos Mexicanos, Wells Fargo Bank, et al.**, No. 01-0892-CRB (N.D. Cal.). Working with co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser succeeded in correcting an injustice that dated back 60 years. The case was brought on behalf of Mexican workers and laborers, known as Braceros ("strong arms"), who came from Mexico to the United States pursuant to bilateral agreements from 1942 through 1946 to aid American farms and industries hurt by employee shortages during World War II in the agricultural, railroad, and other industries. As part of the Braceros program, employers held back 10% of the workers' wages, which were to be transferred via United States and Mexican banks to savings accounts for each Bracero. The Braceros were never reimbursed for the portion of their wages placed in the forced savings accounts.

Despite significant obstacles including the aging and passing away of many Braceros, statutes of limitation hurdles, and strong defenses to claims under contract and international law, plaintiffs prevailed in a settlement in February 2009. Under the settlement, the Mexican government provided a payment to Braceros, or their surviving spouses or children, in the amount of approximately \$3,500 (USD). In approving the settlement on February 23, 2009, U.S. District Court Judge Charles Breyer stated:

I've never seen such litigation in eleven years on the bench that was more difficult than this one. It was enormously challenging. . . . It had all sorts of issues . . . that complicated it: foreign law, constitutional law, contract law, [and] statute of limitations. . . . Notwithstanding all of these issues that kept surfacing . . . over the years, the plaintiffs persisted. I actually expected, to tell you the truth, at some point that the plaintiffs would just give up because it was so hard, but they never did. They never did. And, in fact, they achieved a settlement of the case, which I find remarkable under all of these circumstances.

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Conference, New York, NY, December 9, 2015; Speaker, "2015 Amendments to Federal Civil Rules," Tennessee Bar Association CLE, Nashville, TN, December 2, 2015; "Discovery Proportionality Guidelines and Practices," 99 Judicature, no. 3, Winter 2015, at 47–60 (Complex Litigation Drafting Team Leader); Speaker, "Check Your Sources: Understanding the Technical Aspects of Data Collection", Georgetown Advanced E-Discovery Institute, Washington, DC, November 19, 2015; Speaker, "The Contentious Battle over Search Protocols in e-Discovery", Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists webinar, October 8, 2015; Speaker, "Proportionality in Preservation and Discovery," The Sedona Conference Working Group 1 Mid-Year Meeting, Dallas, TX, April 30, 2015; Speaker, "Ethical Challenges in eDiscovery: Representing Clients Responsibly," The Sedona Conference Institute, Nashville, TN, March 20, 2015; Speaker, "Issue Classes under Rule 23," Western Trial Lawyers Association CLE, Squaw Valley, NV, February 2015; Speaker, "Issue Classes under Rule 23," American Association for Justice Winter Convention, Palm Desert, CA, February 24, 2015; "An Introduction to Issue Classes under Rule 23(c)(4)," American Association for Justice Winter Convention published materials, February 2015; Speaker, "Shifting and Sharing the Costs of Preservation and Discovery: How, When, and Why," Bloomberg BNA webinar, November 18, 2014; Speaker, "Application of Proportionality in Preservation and Discovery," The Sedona Conference All Voices Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 5, 2014; Speaker, "A Tour of TAR (Technology-Assisted Review)," The Sedona Conference All Voices Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 7, 2014; Speaker, "Data Privacy and Security Are Front and Center in Litigation News - Substantive Claims and eDiscovery Issues Abound," Georgetown Advanced E-Discovery Institute, Tysons Corner, VA, November 21, 2014; Interviewed re class action litigation regarding defective products on China Central Television for China's national "Consumer Protection Week" feature programming – CCTV, March 15, 2014; Organizer & Speaker, "Introduction to TAR," Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein CLE, New York, NY, August 18, 2014; Speaker, "Motions to Strike Class Allegations Using 'Predominance'," Strafford webinar, August 6, 2014; "Wit and Wisdom," Trial Magazine, Volume 49, No. 12, December 2013; Speaker, "Status of Subsistence Claims in BP Oil Spill Settlement," American Association for Justice Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, July 2013; "Stick a Toothbrush Down Your Throat: An Analysis of the Potential Liability of Pro-Eating Disorder Websites," Texas Journal of Women & the Law, Volume 14 Issue 2, Spring 2005; "The Gift of Legal Vision," USC Law, Spring 2003; "Welcome to Law School," monthly column on www.vault.com, 2001 - 2004. Awards and Honors: Selected for inclusion by peers in The Best Lawyers in America in fields of "Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs" 2021; "Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America," Lawdragon, 2020, 2021; "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs' Bar," National Law Journal, 2021; "40 and Under Hot List," Benchmark Litigation, 2018-2020; "Litigation Trailblazer," The National Law Journal, 2020; "Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America," Lawdragon, 2019; "Super Lawyer for New York Metro," Super Lawyers, 2018-2019; "Rising Star for Class Action Law, Law360, 2018; Certificate of Recognition, American Association for Justice, 2018; "Leaders in the Field - Litigation: E-Discovery," Chambers USA, 2017; "Rising Star for New York Metro," Super Lawyers, 2013-2015; Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services awarded by the State Bar of California for voluntary provision of legal services to the poor, 2005. Member: American Association for Justice (Co-Chair, Class Action Litigation Group, 2016); American Association for Justice (Steering Committee of the Public Education Committee); Barrister of the New York American Inn of Court; Emory University Law School Institute for Complex Litigation & Mass Claims (Next Generation Advisory Board Member); Georgetown Law Advanced E-Discovery Institute (Advisory Board and Planning Committee); New York City Bar Association; New York County Lawyer's Association; New York State Bar Association; Swedish American Bar Association; The Sedona Conference Working Group 1 (Steering Committee Member). Languages: Swedish (fluent); French (DFA1-certified in Business French); Spanish (conversational).

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1	DECLARATION OF BRYAN VALDEZ			
2	I, Bryan Valdez, hereby declare:			
3	1. I am employed as a Case Manager by CPT Group, Inc. ("CPT"), the Court-appointed			
4	Settlement Administrator for Le et al. v. Walgreen Co. et al. I am authorized to make this declaration on			
5	behalf of CPT. As the Case Manager for this settlement, I have personal knowledge of the information			
6	provided herein, and if called as a witness, I could and would accurately testify thereto.			
7	2. Settlement Administrator ("CPT") has extensive experience in providing court approved			
8	notice of class actions and administering various types of class action settlements. In the past 30-plus			
9	years, we have provided notification and/or settlement administration services in thousands of class action			
10	cases.			
11	3. CPT was selected by the parties and appointed by the Court to provide notice of the			
12	settlement and process exclusions in this action. In this capacity, CPT was responsible for: (a) processing			
13	and mailing payments to the Class Representatives, Class Counsel, LWDA, and Settlement Class			
14	Members; (b) printing and mailing the Notice Packets to the Class Members as direct by the Court; (b)			
15	printing and mailing the Notice Packets to the Class Members as direct by the Court; (c) receiving and			
16	reporting the objections and requests for exclusion; (d) distributing tax forms to the Settlement Class			
17	Members; (e) providing declaration(s), as necessary, in support of preliminary and/or final approval of			
18	this Settlement; and (f) other tasks as the Parties mutually agree or the Court orders the Settlement			
19	Administrator to perform.			
20	4. On March 5, 2021, CPT received the Notice of Class Action Settlement, Workweek			
21	Dispute Form, and Request For Exclusion Form (collectively referred to as Notice Packet hereinafter)			
22	prepared by the Parties and approved by the Court.			
23	5. On May 3, 2021, the Defendant provided CPT with a mailing list (the "Class List")			
24	which included an MS Excel spreadsheet of each Class Member's: (1) employee identification number;			
25	(2) full name; (3) last known address; (4) last known telephone number; (5) Social Security number; (6)			
26	start and end dates of employment dates. The finalized Class List contained four thousand four hundred			
27	and eighty (4,480) Class Members.			
28	6. The mailing addresses contained in the Class List were processed and updated prior to			

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- the mailing utilizing the National Change of Address Database ("NCOA") maintained by the U.S. Postal
   Service. As a result of the NCOA, four hundred and sixty-two (462) addresses were updated. On May
   20, 2021, the Notice Packets were mailed to Class Members identified in the Class List with a valid
   mailing address by First Class mail.
- 7. As of this date, fifty-seven (57) Notice Packets have been returned by the post office. As
  a result of Skip-Trace or Class Members requesting a copy of their Notice Packets be re-mailed to them,
  a total of fifty-three (53) Notice Packets have been re-mailed to date. As of this date, a total of five (5)
  Notice Packets have been determined to be undeliverable. Per the Parties' request, CPT attempted to
  contact the Class Members via phone call. One (1) Class Member confirmed that their address was
  correct; therefore as of the date of this declaration, there are four (4) undeliverable Notice Packets.
- 8. The deadline for Class Members to opt-out, object, or dispute their Compensable
  Workweeks is July 19, 2021.
- 9. As of the date of this declaration, CPT has received five (5) opt-outs from: Viktoriya
  Ioffe, Payvand Hadjian, Judith Buttolph, Leonard Valdez Jr., and Loanne Do.
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10. As of the date of this declaration, CPT has not received any objections.

- 16 11. As of the date of this declaration, CPT has received one (1) deficient dispute. The
  17 dispute was deficient due to the Class Member not providing any supporting documentation. CPT
  18 mailed the Class Member a deficiency cure letter on June 25, 2021.
- 19 12. As of the date of this declaration, CPT has received one (1) request to be added to the
  20 Class List. CPT provided the request to be added to Defense Counsel for review. After review by
  21 Defense Counsel, the request to be added was approved.
- 13. There is a total of 4,476 (four thousand four hundred and seventy-six) Settlement Class
  Members. Pursuant to the Stipulation of Class Action Settlement and Release of Claims, each Settlement
  Class Member shall be paid from the Net Settlement Amount pro rata based on their Compensable
  Workweeks. The Net Settlement Amount is \$3,808,333.33. As of the date of this declaration, the lowest
  calculated gross Individual Settlement Payment is \$0.39, the average calculated gross Individual
  Settlement Payment is \$850.83, the highest calculated gross Individual Settlement Payment is \$1,531.23.
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14. CPT's costs in connection with the administration of this Settlement are \$30,000.00.

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1	15. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the English Notice Packet template
2	that CPT mailed.
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4	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is
5	true and correct. Executed this 28th day of June, 2021 at Irvine, California.
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# **Exhibit** A

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#### NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARCIE LE and KAREN DAO, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WALGREEN CO., an Illinois corporation; WALGREEN PHARMACY SERVICES MIDWEST, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company; and WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE, a Delaware corporation,

Defendants.

Case No. 8:18-cv-01548 DOC (ADSx) Hon. David O. Carter Courtroom: 9D

IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTICE – THIS LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

A federal court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer. This is not a lawsuit against you, and you are not being sued. However, your legal rights are affected whether you act or don't act.

### IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ENTITLED TO MONEY IF THE COURT APPROVES THE SETTLEMENT DESCRIBED HEREIN.

Mr./Ms. «FullName»:

### THE RECORDS OF WALGREEN CO.; WALGREEN PHARMACY SERVICES MIDWEST, LLC; AND WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE, INC. ("DEFENDANTS") SHOW YOU WERE EMPLOYED BY DEFENDANTS AS A NON-EXEMPT PHARMACIST, PHARMACY MANAGER, STAFF PHARMACIST, MULTI-LOCATION PHARMACIST (BOTH ASSIGNED AND UNASSIGNED), PHARMACY INTERN, OR PHARMACY INTERN GRADUATE IN CALIFORNIA BETWEEN JULY 27, 2014, AND MARCH 14, 2021, AND YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A PAYMENT FROM A CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT YOUR PAYMENT UNDER THIS SETTLEMENT WILL BE «EstAmount».

### IMPORTANT: IF THE COURT APPROVES THIS SETTLEMENT, YOU WILL BE BOUND AND YOUR RIGHTS WILL BE AFFECTED UNLESS YOU EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE CLASS AS EXPLAINED BELOW. PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT:				
Do Nothing	You will receive a payment under the Settlement.			
Exclude Yourself	Receive no payment under the Settlement and retain all rights you may have against Walgreens.			
Object	Write to the Court about why you believe the settlement is unfair.			
Go to a Hearing	Ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the settlement.			

### YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS - AND THE DEADLINES TO EXERCISE THEM -ARE EXPLAINED IN THIS NOTICE.

#### WHY DID YOU RECEIVE THIS NOTICE?

You are receiving this notice because you may be a member of a class on whose behalf the class action lawsuit described in this notice has been brought. As such, you are entitled to a payment under the proposed settlement. The Court has conditionally certified a Class for settlement purposes comprised of:

All persons who are and/or were employed by Defendants in California at any time between July 27, 2014 and March 14, 2021 ("Class Period") as hourly, non-exempt pharmacy interns, pharmacy intern graduates, pharmacists, staff pharmacists, multi-location pharmacists (both assigned and unassigned), and/or pharmacy managers ("Class" or "Class Members").

The Court has appointed as class counsel Elliot Siegel and Julian Burns King of King & Siegel LLP and Daniel Hutchinson and Lin Chan of Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP ("Class Counsel").

### WHAT IS THIS LAWSUIT ABOUT?

This settlement is the result of a lawsuit filed by Plaintiffs Marcie Le and Karen Dao ("Plaintiffs"). On July 27, 2018, Plaintiff Marcie Le filed a Class Action Complaint against Defendants in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Orange, Case No. 30-2018-01008756-CU-OE-CXC (the "Action"). Plaintiff Marcie Le's Class Action Complaint asserted five causes of action for: (1) failure to provide rest and meal periods or premium pay in lieu thereof; (2) failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements; (3) failure to pay earned wages when due; (4) failure to maintain accurate records; and (5) unfair business practices. Defendants removed the case to the United States District Court for the Central District of California, where it was assigned Case No. 8:18-cv-01548 DOC (ADSx). On April 9, 2019, Plaintiff Marcie Le amended her Class Action Complaint to add a cause of action for Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA") penalties recoverable for any of the claims alleged in the Class Action Complaint and to add Plaintiff Karen Dao as a named plaintiff.

Defendants denied the allegations in the Action. Defendants denied any liability or wrongdoing of any kind associated with any of the claims alleged in the Action. In addition, Defendants denied, and continue to deny, that the Action could or should be certified to proceed as a class action.

THE COURT HAS NOT RULED ON THE MERITS OF PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS, DEFENDANTS' DEFENSES, OR THE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENTIONS OF THE PARTIES. NO INFERENCES REGARDING THE MERITS OF THE LITIGATION SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM THE SENDING OF THIS NOTICE. THIS NOTICE IS NOT MEANT TO IMPLY THAT THERE HAS BEEN ANY VIOLATION OF LAW OR WRONGDOING BY ANY PARTY.

### SUMMARY OF THE SETTLEMENT

### A. <u>Why is there a settlement?</u>

After conducting a substantial investigation, including review of Defendants' policies, payroll records and personnel files, both sides agreed to the Settlement with the assistance of a mediator to avoid the cost, risk, and delay of further litigation.

Class Counsel have investigated and researched the facts and circumstances underlying the issues raised in this case and the applicable law.

While Class Counsel believe Plaintiffs' claims in this lawsuit have merit, Class Counsel also believe that the risk and expense of continued litigation justify settlement. Because of this, Class Counsel believe the proposed Settlement is fair, adequate, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Class Members.

Defendants have strongly denied, and continue to deny, Plaintiffs' factual and legal allegations. By agreeing to settle, Defendants are not admitting liability on any of the factual or legal allegations or claims in this case or that this case can or should proceed as a class action.

### B. <u>Who is in the Class?</u>

All Class Members who do not opt out of the settlement as explained below are part of the "Class" (also referred to as a "Class Member").

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### C. Who are the attorneys representing the parties?

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### D. <u>What does the settlement provide?</u>

Under the terms of the Settlement, Defendants agree to pay a "Gross Settlement Amount" of \$6,800,000 (the "Gross Settlement Fund"). Deducted from the Gross Settlement Fund shall be sums approved of by the Court for attorneys' fees (not to exceed \$2,266,666.67), attorney's reasonable costs incurred in the action (not to exceed \$300,000), Plaintiffs' Class Representative Enhancements (not to exceed \$10,000 each), the payment of \$375,000 to the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency, and Settlement Administration Costs (not to exceed \$30,000). It is estimated that the Net Settlement Amount will be approximately three million eight hundred eight thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$3,808,333.33).

Class Members are not required to submit any proof or claim form as a condition of receiving an Individual Settlement Payment. Instead, Class Members will automatically receive an Individual Settlement Payment based on the number of Compensable Workweeks set forth below unless they timely opt out of the Settlement.

The Defendants shall pay, or cause to be paid, cash compensation to each Class Member based on the number of workweeks in which each Class Member worked during the Class Period ("Compensable Workweeks"). All Compensable Workweeks shall be subject to adjustment as follows: (1) Compensable Workweeks prior to June 1, 2018 shall be subject to a 2.0 multiplier; and (2) Compensable Workweeks after June 1, 2018 shall be subject to a 1.0 multiplier. The Individual Settlement Payment shall be determined by dividing the Net Settlement Amount distributable to the Class by the total Compensable Workweeks that have accrued for the Class during the Class Period, and multiplying that amount by the number of Compensable Workweeks applicable to the individual Class Member. Compensable Workweeks will be separately and distinctly calculated for each Class Member. Only Class Members who can be identified by the Settlement Administrator will receive a Settlement Payment. No Settlement Payments will be sent to any Class Member for whom a current address has not been identified.

If any Class Member does not cash his/her settlement check within one hundred eighty (180) days after the Settlement Administrator mails the Settlement Payment to the Class Member, the Settlement Administrator shall transmit the Settlement Payment to the California State Controller's Office's Unclaimed Property Division in the name of the Class Member.

All Individual Settlement Payments shall be allocated for taxes as follows: one-third (33.4%) shall be allocated to wages, subject to applicable withholdings, to be reported on a W-2 form; one-third (33.3%) to penalties, not subject to withholdings and reported on a 1099 form to be issued by the Settlement Administrator; and one-third (33.3%) to interest, not subject to withholdings and reported on a 1099 form to be issued by the Settlement Administrator; and one-third (33.3%) to interest, not subject to withholdings and reported on a 1099 form to be issued by the Settlement Administrator. No taxes will be withheld or paid by Defendants with respect to the Settlement Payments allocated to interest or penalties. Each individual Class Member shall be responsible for his/her share of taxes due on the portion of his or her Settlement Payment. To ensure compliance with requirements imposed by the IRS, we inform you that any United States federal tax advice contained in this Notice was not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, for the purpose of (i) avoiding penalties under the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) promoting, marketing or recommending to another party any transaction or matter addressed herein.

Once the Court grants Final Approval of this Settlement, Plaintiffs' Class Representative Service Awards, the payment to Class Counsel for their awarded attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, and the Individual Settlement Payments to Class Members will be made within 14 calendar days following the date that the Settlement becomes final (*i.e.*, the "Effective Date").

### E. <u>What will I get</u>?

The records of the Defendants indicate that, during the Class Period, the number of workweeks that you worked was: «FinalWorkWeeksTotal» **Compensable Workweeks** 

Based on this number of Compensable Workweeks, it is estimated that your Individual Settlement Payment will be «EstAmount». If you dispute the number of Compensable Workweeks, you must mail a letter to the Settlement Administrator stating the reasons why you dispute your number of estimated workweeks and provide any supporting documentation that you have (*e.g.*, payroll records, paystubs, etc.) evidencing your claim. Your letter should also include the estimated number of weeks that you claim to have performed work for during the Class Period. Compensable Workweeks do not include leaves of absence.

Any dispute over the number of Compensable Workweeks that cannot be resolved by the parties shall be submitted to the Settlement Administrator for a final and binding determination.

Any disputes and supporting documentation must be mailed to the Settlement Administrator at the address listed below by First Class U.S. Mail, postmarked no later than July 19, 2021.

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DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS; DOCUMENTATION SENT TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR WILL NOT BE RETURNED OR PRESERVED.

### F. <u>What is the payment to the Class Representatives?</u>

Subject to Court approval, Plaintiffs Marcie Le and Karen Dao will be paid a "Class Representative Enhancement" in an amount up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) each for their service as class representatives, providing Defendants with a general release of claims they may have, as well as their willingness to accept the risk of paying Defendants' attorneys' fees and costs in the event of an unsuccessful outcome.

### G. <u>How will Class Counsel be paid?</u>

Class Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of reasonable attorneys' fees in an amount up to one-third (33.33%) of six million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$6,800,000) recovered for the Class (*i.e.*, \$2,266,666.67) and reasonable costs of up to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) ("Class Counsel Award").

### H. What are you giving up to get a payment or stay in the Class?

In exchange for the payment provided, Plaintiffs and each Class Member who does not submit a valid Request for Exclusion will release Defendants and their past, present and/or future, parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, predecessors, successors, assigns, joint ventures, and all of their shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, servants, registered representatives, attorneys, insurers, successors and assigns ("Released Parties"), for all claims against Defendants that were plead or could have been plead under the Labor Code, Wage Orders, or state or local wage and hour laws, based on the facts alleged in the Action, including claims for: (a) failure to provide rest periods; (b) failure to provide meal periods; (c) failure to provide

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complete and accurate wage statements; (d) failure to pay earned wages when due; (e) failure to maintain accurate records; (f) Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA") penalties recoverable for any of the foregoing claims; (g) unlawful business practices in violation of Business and Professions Code section 17200 *et seq.* and (h) all damages, including, but not limited to, civil and statutory penalties, interest and other amounts recoverable under said claims, causes of action or legal theories of relief identified above in (a)-(g).

### I. <u>What are the Released Claims?</u>

Plaintiffs and the Class Members fully and finally release the Released Parties from the following claims: any and all claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, penalties, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorney's fees, damages, action or causes of action of whatever kind or nature, whether known or unknown, contingent or accrued, that are alleged, related to or that reasonably could have arisen out of the same facts alleged in the Action on a class or representative basis, including, but not limited to: (1) failure to provide rest periods; (2) failure to provide meal periods; (3) failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements; (4) failure to pay earned wages when due; (5) failure to maintain accurate records; (6) PAGA penalties based on any of the foregoing claims in subsections (1)-(5); and (7) unlawful business practices in violation of Business and Professions Code section 17200 *et seq.* based on any of the foregoing claims in subsections (1)-(5) above. This Release shall include, without limitation, claims that were raised, or that reasonably could have been raised, under the applicable Wage Orders and California Labor Code provisions, including Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 512, 558, 1174(d), 1174.5, 1198 and/or 2698 *et seq.*, based on alleged violations of these Labor Code provisions and applicable Wage Orders (collectively, the "Released Claims"). The period of the Released Claims shall be the Class Period. The Parties agree that the judgment, and release of claims provided herein, shall have *res judicata* effect.

This means that if you currently have a case pending, or plan to file a case based on the above claims, you must exclude yourself from this class action in order to proceed on your own. You will be solely responsible for the costs of hiring your own attorney and proceeding on your own. If you wish instead to receive the benefits of this Settlement, and waive your right to proceed on your own, you should participate in this Settlement (do not exclude yourself).

### THE SETTLEMENT HEARING

The Court will conduct a final fairness hearing regarding the proposed Settlement (the "Final Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing") on August 2, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., in Courtroom 9D of United States District Court for the Central District of California, 411 West Fourth Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701. The Court will determine: (i) whether the Action should be finally certified as a class action solely and exclusively for Settlement purposes; (ii) whether the Settlement should be given the Court's final approval as fair, reasonable, adequate and in the best interests of the Class Members, and if so, whether to enter a judgment fully and finally resolving Plaintiffs' and Class Members' claims against Defendants; (iii) whether the Class Members should be bound by the terms of the Settlement, including the release of claims; (iv) the amount of the attorneys' fees and expenses to be awarded to Class Counsel; and (v) the amount that should be awarded to Plaintiffs Marcie Le and Karen Dao for the Class Representative Enhancements.

At the Final Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing, the Court will hear all timely and properly filed objections, as well as arguments for and against the proposed Settlement. Assuming you do not elect to exclude yourself from the Settlement, you have a right to attend this hearing, <u>but you are not required to do so</u>. You also have the right to hire an attorney to represent you, or to enter an appearance and represent yourself. The Court has reserved the right to adjourn the Final Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing to consider any issue, without further notice of any kind.

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#### WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

**OPTION 1** – *REMAIN A CLASS MEMBER.* IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN A CLASS MEMBER AND **OBTAIN ANY SHARE OF THE SETTLEMENT THAT YOU ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE, <u>YOU</u> <u><b>DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING.**</u> If the Court approves the proposed Settlement, you automatically will be mailed your share of the Settlement proceeds. If the Court does not approve the Settlement, the lawsuit will continue, and you may or may not be designated a Class Member at a later time. If your address information is incorrect or you move, provide your current address to: CPT Group, Inc. (the "Settlement Administrator") at 50 Corporate Park, Irvine, CA 92606.

### **OPTION 2 – REMAIN A CLASS MEMBER AND OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT.**

You can ask the Court to deny approval by filing an Objection. You can't ask the Court to order a different settlement; the Court can only approve or reject the settlement. If the Court denies approval, no settlement payments will be sent out and the lawsuit will continue. If that is what you want to happen, you must object in writing.

Your written objection should be signed and state: (a) your full name; (b) your dates of employment; (c) the last four digits of your Social Security number and/or the Employee ID number; (d) the basis for the objection; (e) whether you intend to appear at the Final Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (f) be submitted to Le v. Walgreen Co. c/o CPT Group, Inc., Settlement Administrator, 50 Corporate Park, Irvine, CA 92606.

To be valid and effective, all objections to approval of the Settlement and all notices of intention to appear must be mailed and postmarked to the Settlement Administrator no later than July 19, 2021. DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT. Any Class Member who fails to object to the proposed Settlement as described above will lose the right to object to it.

**OPTION 3** – *EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE CLASS.* You have a right to exclude yourself ("opt out") from the Class, but if you choose to do so, <u>YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY BENEFITS FROM THE</u> **PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND YOU WILL NOT HAVE STANDING TO OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT.** You will not be bound by a judgment in this case, you will not release your claims against the Defendants, and you will have the right to file your own lawsuit against the Defendants and pursue your own claims in a separate suit. If you want to exclude yourself from the Class, you must complete and sign the written request for exclusion, which is attached to this Notice, and provide your name, address and telephone number to: Le v. Walgreen Co. c/o CPT Group, Inc., Settlement Administrator, 50 Corporate Park, Irvine, CA 92606. Your written request for exclusion must be postmarked on or before July 19, 2021 and received by the Settlement Administrator. Any request for exclusion post-marked after this date or not received by the Settlement Administrator shall be of no force and effect. Any Class Member who files a complete and timely request for exclusion shall, upon receipt by the Settlement Administrator, no longer be a member of the Class, shall be barred from objecting to and participating in any portion of the Settlement, and shall receive no benefits from the Settlement. Any such person, at their own expense, may pursue any claims he/she may have against Defendants.

### ARE THERE MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT?

This notice summarizes the proposed settlement. For the precise terms and conditions of the settlement, please see the settlement agreement, approval papers, and any attorneys' fee motions available at www.cptgroupcaseinfo.com/walgreensettlement, or contact the Settlement Administrator at 1-888-672-0799.

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# ALL OTHER INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS LITIGATION SHOULD BE MADE TO CLASS COUNSEL

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### DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT OR DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL FOR INFORMATION.

### Workweek Dispute Form

### United States District Court, Central District of California Le et al. v. Walgreen Co. et al., Case No. 8:18-cv-01548-DOC (ASDx)

For all individuals who are or were previously employed by Walgreen Co.; Walgreen Pharmacy Services Midwest, LLC; or Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. (collectively, "Defendants") in the State of California as an hourly, non-exempt pharmacy intern, pharmacy intern graduate, pharmacist, staff pharmacist, multi-location pharmacist (both assigned and unassigned), and/or pharmacy manager at any time from July 27, 2014 and March 14, 2021.

### **Your Estimated Payment**

Your Individual Settlement Amount is currently estimated at «EstAmount». Your estimated share of the Net Settlement Amount (as defined in the accompanying Notice) is: «Percentage». Your estimated share may increase depending on factors such as, but not limited to, the number of Class Members who effectively exclude themselves from the Settlement. The Net Settlement Amount to be distributed to all Class Members who do not opt-out of the settlement is currently estimated to be \$3,808,333.33.

Your estimated award is based on your pro-rata percentage of the Net Settlement Amount based on your Compensable Workweeks while employed by Defendants in California as an hourly, non-exempt pharmacy intern, pharmacy intern graduate, pharmacist, staff pharmacist, multi-location pharmacist (both assigned and unassigned), and/or pharmacy manager during the Class Period, as a percentage of all of the Class Members' Compensable Workweeks in California during the Class Period. "Compensable Workweeks" means the number of weeks you were employed and worked as a non-exempt, hourly employee in California during the Class Period according to Defendants' payroll records. All Compensable Workweeks shall be subject to adjustment as follows: (1) Compensable Workweeks prior to June 1, 2018 shall be subject to a 2.0 multiplier; and (2) Compensable Workweeks after June 1, 2018 shall be subject to a 1.0 multiplier. Defendants' records show that during the Class Period (July 27, 2014 to March 14, 2021), after the multipliers are applied, you had a total number of Compensable Workweeks of «FinalWorkWeeksTotal».

# YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING IN ORDER TO RECEIVE MONEY UNDER THE SETTLEMENT.

If you believe the total number of your Compensable Workweeks during the Class Period (listed above) is accurate, you do not need to take any further action in order to receive your payment.

TO CHALLENGE THE NUMBER OF YOUR COMPENSABLE WORKWEEKS AS A NON-EXEMPT, HOURLY PHARMACY INTERN, PHARMACY INTERN GRADUATE, PHARMACIST, STAFF PHARMACIST, MULTI-LOCATION PHARMACIST (BOTH ASSIGNED AND UNASSIGNED), AND/OR PHARMACY MANAGER DURING THE CLASS PERIOD, <u>THE SHARE FORM AND THE CHALLENGE PORTION OF THE FORM BELOW MUST BE SIGNED AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JULY 19, 2021.</u>

NOTE: Defendants' records will control unless you are able to provide information and/or documentation that establishes that Defendants' records are in error. If there is a dispute about whether Defendants' information or yours is accurate, the Settlement Administrator will resolve the dispute and its determination will be final.

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### **CHALLENGE FORM**

### **Important**:

- 1. You do NOT have to complete this Form if the total number of your Compensable Workweeks as a nonexempt, hourly pharmacy intern, pharmacy intern graduate, pharmacist, staff pharmacist, multi-location pharmacist (both assigned and unassigned), and/or pharmacy manager for Defendants during the Class Period as stated above is accurate.
- 2. If you do submit this form, it is strongly recommended that you keep proof of timely mailing this form until receipt of your settlement payment.
- 3. If you change your mailing address, please provide your new mailing address to the Settlement Administrator. It is your responsibility to keep a current address on file with the Settlement Administrator to ensure receipt of your settlement payment.

# Check the box below ONLY if you wish to challenge the total number of your Compensable Workweeks as stated above. All fields on this Challenge Form must be complete for your challenge to be accepted:

I wish to challenge the total number of my Compensable Workweeks. I have included a written statement detailing what I believe to be the correct number of weeks I was employed as a non-exempt, hourly pharmacy intern, pharmacy intern graduate, pharmacist, staff pharmacist, multi-location pharmacist (both assigned and unassigned), and/or pharmacy manager in California by Defendants during the Class Period (July 27, 2014 to March 14, 2021). I have also included information and/or documentary evidence that supports my challenge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Class Member: «EmployeeName» Class Member ID Number: «ID»

I believe that the correct number of Compensable Workweeks I was employed as a non-exempt, hourly pharmacy intern, pharmacy intern graduate, pharmacist, staff pharmacist, multi-location pharmacist (both assigned and unassigned), and/or pharmacy manager for Defendants in California during the Class Period (July 27, 2014 to March 14, 2021) is: \_\_\_\_\_\_.

The following is a statement of my reasons and documentation to support this number of Compensable Workweeks:

### [Attach documentation and use separate page(s) as necessary]

Mail to: Le v. Walgreen Co. c/o CPT Group, Inc. 50 Corporate Park, Irvine, CA 92606

#### **REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION FORM**

#### United States District Court, Central District of California Le et al. v. Walgreen Co. et al., Case No. 8:18-cv-01548-DOC (ASDx)

If you want to receive an Individual Settlement Award, you should <u>not fill</u> out this form; you are <u>not</u> required to do anything at this time. This form is to be used <u>only</u> if you want to exclude yourself from the Settlement.

If you exclude yourself from the Settlement: (1) you will not receive any payments or benefits under the Settlement; (2) you will not be able to object to the Settlement; and (3) you will not be bound by the Settlement if it is ultimately approved by the Court, including the release of Released Claims, as described in the Notice.

#### To be excluded from the Settlement, complete this Request for Exclusion Form and mail it to the Settlement Administrator at the address listed below, postmarked no later than July 19, 2021.

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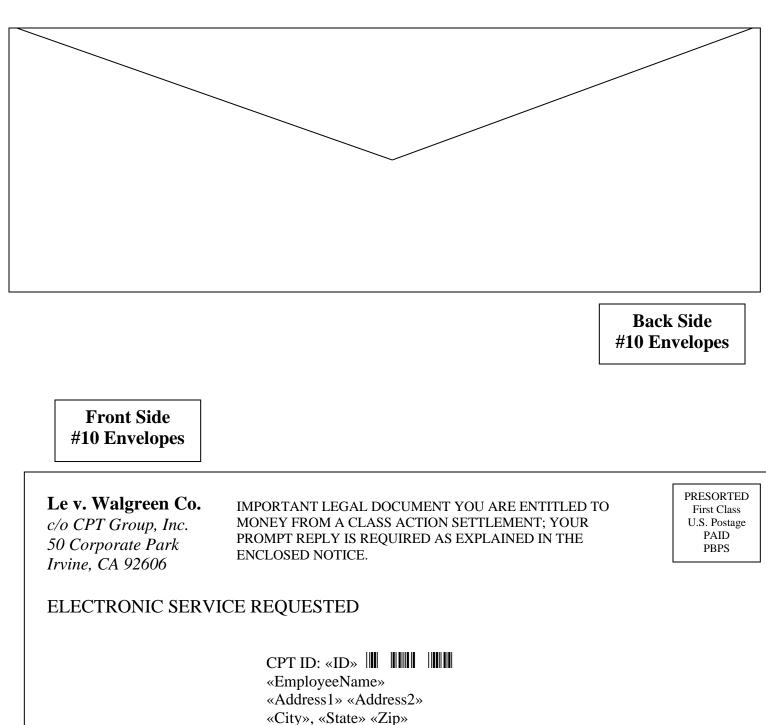
#### **Request for Exclusion**

I hereby certify that I am or was employed by Walgreen Co.; Walgreen Pharmacy Services Midwest, LLC; and/or Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. in California as an hourly, non-exempt pharmacy intern, pharmacy intern graduate, pharmacist, staff pharmacist, multi-location pharmacist (both assigned and unassigned), and/or pharmacy manager at any time from July 27, 2014 and March 14, 2021.

I have received the Notice of Class Action Settlement ("Notice") in the Action captioned above, and I request to be excluded from the Settlement. I understand that by submitting this Request for Exclusion Form, I will not receive any money or other benefits under the Settlement, and I will not be bound by the Settlement, including the release of Released Claims, as described in the Notice and in the Settlement Agreement on file with the Court.

Please print legibly:
Full Name:
Street Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Telephone Number:
Last Four Digits of Class Member's Social Security Number:
Signature of Class Member:
Date:

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### PROPOSED ORDER APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

On August 2, 2021, Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Set-2 tlement and Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Service Awards (together, the "Motions") were heard by the Court. Having Received and considered the 4 Motions, the February 22, 2021 Stipulation of Class Action Settlement and Release of 5 Claims ("Settlement" or "Settlement Agreement"), the declarations of Elliot J. Siegel, 6 Daniel M. Hutchinson, Marcie Le, Karen Dao, and Byran Valdez, the evidence and 8 argument received by the Court before entering its April 1, 2021 Order Directing Notice (Dkt. No. 159) and at the Final Approval Hearing, and all other papers and pleadings on file in this action, the Court grants final approval of the Settlement, enters this Order and Judgment, and HEREBY ORDERS and MAKES DETERMINATIONS as 12 follows:

13 1. The Court previously preliminarily approved the Settlement in its April 1, 2021 Order Directing Notice. Dkt. No. 159. In accordance with the Order Directing 14 Notice, Class Counsel and CPT Group, Inc. (the "Administrator"), provided notice of 15 the terms of the Settlement to the Class Members pursuant to the terms of the Settle-16 ment and Order Directing Notice. As part of that notice process, Class Members have 17 had the opportunity to comment on, object to, or exclude themselves from the Settle-18 19 ment.

Except as otherwise specified, the terms in this Order shall have the same 2. 20 meaning as they are defined in the Settlement, which is incorporated by reference into 21 this Order. 22

The Court has jurisdiction over the Class, Defendants, the Action, and the 3. 23 Settlement under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1132(a), 1332(d). 24

25 4. The Court finds that the Notice provided to the Class comports with and satisfied all requirements of the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. § 26 1711, et seq. 27

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5. For settlement purposes only, the Court confirms and finally approves the 1 certification of the Class as set forth in its Order Directing Notice. For purposes of this 2 Order, the Class is defined as "All persons who are and/or were employed by Defend-3 ants in California at any time during the Class Period as hourly, non-exempt pharmacy 4 interns, pharmacy intern graduates, pharmacists, staff pharmacists, multi-location 5 pharmacists (both assigned and unassigned), and/or pharmacy managers (classified un-6 der job code RXH; RXMHC; RXHSF; RXHCA; RXHLS; PHI5; PHIG; PHI3; PHI6; 7 PHI4; SPHI4; or SPHI5)." The following Class Members served timely and valid re-8 9 quests for exclusion and are not Class Members: Ioffe, Viktoriya; Hadjian, Payvand; Buttolph, Judith; Valdez Jr., Leonard; Do, Loanne. 10

6. In accordance with the Order Directing Notice, Class Members were provided Notice of the Settlement by first-class mail. The Notice apprised Class Members of the pendency of the Action, the terms of the proposed Settlement, their right to receive a settlement share, their right to appear, object to, or exclude themselves from the proposed Settlement, the amount of attorneys' fees and costs sought, their right to appear in person or by counsel at the final approval hearing, and the information for that hearing. The Notice provided 60 days for Class Members to take action in response to the Notice.

The Court finds that the Notice (a) provides the best practicable notice; 19 7. (b) is reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of the 20 pendency of the Action, the terms of the proposed Settlement, and of their right to 21 appear, object to, or exclude themselves from the proposed Settlement; (c) are reason-22 able and constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive 23 notice; and (d) fully comply with federal law, the United States Constitution, and all 24 other applicable laws. The Notice was conducted with sufficient protections that the 25 Court may make an informed decision regarding approval of the Settlement based on 26 the responses of the Class Members. 27

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No Class Members filed written objections the Settlement.

2 9. The Court finds that the Settlement Agreement has been reached as a result of informed and non-collusive arm's-length negotiations. The Court further finds 3 that the Parties have conducted extensive investigation and research, and their attor-4 neys were able to reasonably evaluate their respective positions. The Court also finds 5 that the Settlement now will avoid additional and potentially substantial litigation 6 costs, as well as delay and risks if the Parties were to continue to litigate the case. 7 Additionally, after considering the monetary recovery provided as part of the Settle-8 ment in light of the challenges posed by continued litigation, the Court concludes that 9 Class Counsel secured significant relief for Class Members. 10

The Court finds that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate in all 10. respects to the participating Class Members. The Court further finds that:

- Named Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have vigorously represented a. the class;
  - the Settlement arose out of arm's-length, informed, and non-collub. sive negotiations between counsel for Plaintiffs and Defendants, who convened multiple times to discuss settlement under the supervision of a mediator;

the relief provided by the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adec. quate in light of the (i) the costs, risks, and delay of appeal and any further proceedings in the trial court; (ii) the effectiveness and straightforwardness of the proposed Settlement distribution process, which does not require proposed Class Members to affirmatively make a claim; (iii) the reasonableness of the request for award of attorney' fees, both as a percentage of common fund and on a lodestar basis; and (iv) the absence of any agreement required to be identified under Rule 23(e)(3); and

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d. the Settlements treats Class Members equitably relative to each other.

11. The Court orders the Parties to comply with and carry out all terms and provisions of the Settlement to the extent that the Settlement does not conflict with this Order and Judgment, in which case the provisions of this Order and Judgment shall take precedence.

12. The Court approves Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees in the amount of \$2,266,666.67, which shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Fund. The Court finds that the fees sought are fair and reasonable in light of the results obtained for the Class; the strengths of Plaintiff's case and the risk, expense, complexity, and duration of further litigation; the contingent nature of the engagement and risks undertaken; the skill and experience of counsel; and awards in similar cases.

13 13. The Court approves Class Counsel's request for reimbursement of litiga14 tion expenses and costs of suit in the amount of \$254,810.92, which shall be paid from
15 the Gross Settlement Fund.

16 14. The Court approves a payment in the amount of \$375,000 to the California
17 Labor & Workforce Development Agency, representing the State of California's por18 tion of civil penalties under PAGA, which shall be paid from the Gross Settlement
19 Fund.

20 15. The Court approves an incentive payment to the Named Plaintiffs and
21 Class Representatives in this action, Marcie Le and Karen Dao, in the amount of
22 \$10,000.00 each, which shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Fund.

16. The Court approves the payment of reasonable settlement administration
costs to the Settlement Administrator, CPT Group, Inc., in the amount of \$30,000,
which shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Fund.

26 17. By operation of this Order and Judgment, the claims in this Action of each
27 Class Member against Defendants are released as set forth in the Stipulation, except

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for those Class Members that have validly requested exclusion. The claims of Named 1 Plaintiffs are released as set forth in the Stipulation. Nothing in this Order shall prevent 2 any action to enforce the Parties' obligations under the Settlement or this Order, in-3 cluding as to payment of the Gross Settlement Fund. 4

In the event that the Settlement does not become effective in accordance 18. 5 with the terms of the Stipulation, then this Order and Judgment shall be rendered null 6 and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation and shall be 7 vacated, and, in such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection 8 herewith shall be null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation, and each party shall retain his, her or its rights to proceed with litigation of the Action.

Without affecting the finality of this Order and Judgment, the Court re-19. 12 serves exclusive and continuing jurisdiction over the Action; Named Plaintiffs; the 13 Class; and Defendants for the purposes of supervising the administration, implementa-14 tion, enforcement, construction, and interpretation of the Settlement and this Order and 15 Judgment. 16

20. The Court finds that there is no just reason for delay of entry of this Order 17 and Judgment and hereby directs its entry. Each Party is to bear its own costs and 18 attorneys' fees except as provided in the Settlement and this Order. 19

By means of this Order, the Court hereby enters final judgment pursuant 20 21. to Fed. R. Civ. P. 58(1). 21

### IT IS SO ORDERED, AD UDGED, AND DECREED.

Dated: , 2021 26

The Honorable David O. Carter United States District Court Judge

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