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2025|LIEFF CABRASER YEAR IN REVIEW

ANTHROPIC COPYRIGHT CLAIMHOLDERS' CLASS ACTION (N.D. CAL.)

Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Class Counsel in *Bartz v. Anthropic*, one of the major copyright class action lawsuits brought by rightsholders against AI companies. Plaintiffs alleged that Anthropic wrongfully acquired troves of books from pirated sources and used those books to train large language models without consent or payment.

In June 2025, U.S. District Judge William Alsup issued a partial ruling on summary judgment, holding that

ACADEMIC JOURNAL PUBLISHERS ANTITRUST LITIGATION (S.D.N.Y.)

In September 2024, Lieff Cabraser and Justice Catalyst Law filed a federal antitrust lawsuit in New York on behalf of plaintiff Lucina Uddin and a proposed class of scholars and scientists. The lawsuit targets six major academic journal publishers—including Elsevier, Springer Nature, Taylor & Francis, Sage, Wiley, and Wolters Kluwer—alleging they conspired to monopolize billions of dollars that would otherwise fund scientific research. The complaint outlines three



RIGANIAN V. LIVERAMP (N.D. CAL.)

Building on the legal framework established in the Oracle litigation, Lieff Cabraser brought a major privacy class action against LiveRamp, one of the world's largest and most opaque data brokers. The case challenges LiveRamp's alleged surreptitious collection, aggregation, and sale of vast quantities of personal data through its proprietary "RampID" system, which links online and offline information into persistent identity profiles without consumer consent or any direct consumer relationship. In July 2025, District Court Judge Jon. S. Tigar issued a detailed decision denying LiveRamp's motion to dismiss in full, allowing claims to proceed under the California Constitution, common law privacy and unjust enrichment doctrines, and state wiretapping statutes. The ruling represents an

important evolution of judicial scrutiny of the invasiveness of the ad tech ecosystem and positions the case as a leading vehicle for testing the legality of large-scale corporate surveillance practices. Discovery is now underway.

GOOGLE WORKSPACE FRAUD (N.D. CAL.)

Lieff Cabraser represents a nationwide class of early adopters of Google Workspace who were promised the service would remain free for as long as Google offered it. Plaintiffs allege that Google broke this "free-for-life" commitment in 2022 by requiring longstanding users to start paying or give up the service. The complaint asserts claims for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, and violations of California's Unfair Competition Law, and seeks restitution, specific performance, and injunctive relief. Plaintiffs have successfully defeated two motions to dismiss, and



Anthropic's reproduction of pirated books from shadow libraries was not fair use even if training on other lawfully-acquired books was defensible. In July 2025, the court certified a class of legal and beneficial owners of the wrongfully acquired copyright registered books. A settlement agreement in which Anthropic agreed to pay \$1.5 billion in damages, delete pirated books, and certify that it did not train on the at-issue books for its commercial large language models was preliminarily approved in September 2025 as the parties were gearing up for a December trial.

main elements of the alleged scheme: coercing scholars to provide unpaid peer review labor under threat of delayed publication, restricting competition by requiring one-journal-at-a-time submissions, and prohibiting scholars from freely sharing their research under lengthy review processes. This scheme, plaintiffs assert, hinders scientific progress and unfairly appropriates publicly-funded research into private hands. The suit seeks treble damages and injunctive relief to dissolve these practices and ensure a competitive landscape in academic publishing.



in 2025 secured certification for the class. The litigation is ongoing.

SOCIAL MEDIA INJURIES (N.D. CAL.)

Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel in Multi-District Litigation against Meta, TikTok, Snap and Google for the harms their social media platforms—Instagram, TikTok, SnapChat and YouTube—have caused to kids. There are two categories of plaintiffs: 1) kids and their families who have suffered mental health harms due to the addictive design of the platforms, including anxiety, depression, suicidal behavior, and eating disorders; and 2) school districts that have been on the front lines in dealing with these harms and



the resulting distraction in the classroom and draining of school resources. After surmounting motions to dismiss based on Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act and other grounds in prior years, this past year we completed discovery and have now put forward extensive evidence, covered widely in the national press, that the big tech companies knew their platforms were harmful to kids—at times referring internally to their products as drugs or akin to tobacco—but chose to prioritize maximizing engagement and their profits instead of implementing changes to

2025 | CIVIL RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE CASES

UC RESEARCHERS GRANT TERMINATIONS LITIGATION (THAKUR, ET AL. V. TRUMP (N.D. CAL.))

Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel, including Berkeley Law Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, represent a group of University of California faculty and other researchers in class action litigation against the Trump Administration on behalf of UC researchers whose previously-approved agency grants were terminated under Executive Orders or other directives of President Trump, including as implemented through the Department of Government Efficiency (“DOGE”). Plaintiffs allege the federal government improperly terminated research grants to the University of California educational system in violation of the constitutional principle of separation of powers, the First Amendment guarantee of free speech, and the Fifth Amendment guarantee of due process, as well as statutes that govern agencies’ missions and grantmaking and the Administrative Procedure Act. The court quickly certified a provisional class of researchers who received grants from the Environmental Protection Agency, National Science Foundation, and National Endowment for the Humanities, and granted a preliminary injunction reversing the government’s termination of the research grants at issue. In the subsequent months, Plaintiffs successfully amended their complaint

and expanded the class and preliminary injunction to cover grants from the Department of Defense, Department of Transportation, and National Institutes of Health. Plaintiffs are currently seeking to add the Department of Energy. Over the course of 2025, Plaintiffs successfully fought the government’s request that the Ninth Circuit stay the preliminary injunction, and moved the district court to enforce the injunction after the Trump administration illegally canceled grants to UCLA in an effort to force UCLA to adopt the administration’s ideological agenda. Lieff Cabraser’s work has resulted in the reinstatement of hundreds of millions of dollars across the UC system, allowing researchers to continue their important work.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES DEI TERMINATION LITIGATION (D.D.C.)

Lieff Cabraser, along with the ACLU of the District of Columbia and Kalijarvi, Chuzi, Newman & Fitch PC, filed a lawsuit in March 2025 against the Trump Administration. Filed alongside numerous discrimination charges submitted to federal EEO offices, the complaint alleges that mass terminations and other attacks on employees perceived as participating in DEI violated their First Amendment rights. It further alleges that the Trump Administration targeted workers it associated with DEI—including those no longer performing DEI-related duties and those whose only involvement was a training or employee resource group—and that this targeting shows the Administration sought to punish employees



for what it perceived as their political views. The lawsuit also challenges the gender and racial impacts of the anti-DEI executive orders, which disproportionately singled out federal workers who were not white men for hostility, job interference, and termination, in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

HAIR RELAXER INJURY LITIGATION (N.D. ILL.)

Lieff Cabraser was appointed by the federal court to the Plaintiff’s Executive Committee overseeing multidistrict litigation involving approximately 9,000 claims brought predominantly by Black and Afro-Latinx women who have suffered ovarian and uterine cancers after using hair relaxers. Amidst a wide range of plaintiff firms in the case, Lieff Cabraser has partnered with co-counsel the Equal Justice Society in raising awareness of the ways in which racial stereotypes and the colonization of beauty have injured Black women. The litigation is ongoing and no trial date has been set.



improve children's safety. There will be bellwether trials in both state and federal courts in 2026, including the first trial involving a school district plaintiff in the MDL in June.

TRIBAL OPIOIDS CASES (VARIOUS)

We continue to resolve Opioids cases for the benefit of tribes and tribal health organizations. In 2018, we filed injury and malicious marketing cases against the country's major opioid pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors on behalf of tribes, Alaskan Native Villages, and tribal health organizations located in

Prescription Opiate Litigation. McKinsey agreed to pay over \$340 million to resolve most of the litigation, including \$39.5 million for participating federally-recognized Native American Tribes.

MAUI FIRES (HAWAII STATE COURT)

In August 2023, the deadliest and most devastating wildfires in Hawai'i's recorded history burned thousands of acres and over 2,000 structures on the island of Maui. Our firm led the class piece of the settlement that will provide finality in resolution to the fire's victims. Final approval has been granted to a \$4.037 billion

American Petroleum Institute. The Attorney General alleges that these companies knowingly misled the public about the catastrophic effects of fossil fuels, delaying action on climate change and causing significant harm to California. Thus far in the litigation, the Attorney General has defeated the defendants' motion to quash for lack of subject matter jurisdiction, as well as Chevron's anti-SLAPP motion. Four demurrers are currently pending, which have been fully briefed.

The lawsuit seeks damages and penalties, and also seeks to establish an abatement fund to address climate harms such as sea level rise.

IN RE: AME CHURCH EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT FUND LITIGATION (W.D. TENN.)

Lieff Cabraser represents plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit against the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC) and its retirement plan managers regarding allegations that AMEC failed to monitor the church plan's retirement plan manager, Rev. Dr. Jerome Harris, for roughly 20 years. The complaint alleges that Harris initiated a long-running conspiracy to embezzle plan funds and defraud plaintiffs, starting in 2001. This included establishing business organizations to further his allegedly fraudulent activities with the help of co-conspirators. It is believed that between \$80 million and \$90 million in assets could not be accounted for.

Our firm is a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the ongoing MDL. In August 2025, the Court approved a partial class



settlement of \$60 million against certain defendants, including the Church, and trial is set for April 2026 against the remaining defendants.

GONSALVES V. BLOCK, INC. (N.D. CAL.)

Lieff Cabraser represents Lead Plaintiff the New York City Pension Funds in securities fraud class action litigation alleging Block Inc. and certain of its senior executives knowingly misrepresented the Company's compliance and anti-money laundering programs on its payment platform Cash App, as well as the number of active users on the platform. Partial disclosures, including multiple whistleblower allegations, revealed Block intentionally ignored its compliance obligations in order to grow its user base and revenues by facilitating payments linked to illegal and fraudulent activity. These failures triggered extensive regulatory scrutiny, including consent orders with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and 49



California, Washington, and Alaska. Lieff Cabraser serves on the Tribal Leadership Committee in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation, where the Committee has obtained over \$1.5 billion in settlements so far for federally-recognized Tribes and Tribal health organizations to address the opioids crisis.

We also serve as Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel in the McKinsey & Co. National

global settlement, and a \$135 million class settlement fund was established in late 2025.

CALIFORNIA CLIMATE CHANGE (CAL. SUP. CT)

Lieff Cabraser has been hired by the California Attorney General to represent the AG and the People of the State of California in litigation against Exxon Mobil, Shell, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, BP, and the



state financial regulators, resulting in hundreds of millions in settlements. In April 2025, Lieff Cabraser was appointed Co-Lead Counsel for the Lead Plaintiff NYC Funds. The motion to dismiss is under submission.

ZF-TRW AIRBAGS (C.D. CAL.)

We represent plaintiffs in *In re ZF-TRW Airbag Control Units Products Liability Litigation*, involving an alleged defect in airbag control units found in more than 15 million vehicles nationwide. Plaintiffs allege the defendants misled consumers and caused them to overpay for vehicles with dangerously defective airbag and seat belt systems. We have secured over \$232 million in settlement benefits from several of

reached a settlement worth \$445.5 million—including a cash fund of \$237.5 million and an extended warranty valued at \$208 million—that paid thousands of dollars for every affected truck. The settlement was a big success, as evidenced by a participation rate exceeding 90%, and a clear demonstration of the effectiveness of class actions in addressing widespread corporate misconduct.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE V. 3M COMPANY, BASF, DUPONT, TYCO, ET AL. (D.S.C.)

In September 2025, on behalf of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, a federally recognized Native American tribe, Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel filed a lawsuit against 3M, BASF, DuPont,

and sky that sustain the Ojibwe people. As the Tribe stated in announcing the lawsuit, corporations responsible for poisoning their environment “must be held accountable for the damage they have caused in the name of profits.” As alleged in the complaint, defendants knew the dangers PFAS posed to human health and the environment yet continued to manufacture and distribute PFAS-containing products. The Tribe filed this suit to hold them accountable.

BAKER V. SAVE MART SUPERMARKETS (N.D. CAL.)

In 2022, Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel filed a federal class action against Save Mart Supermarkets alleging it breached its fiduciary duties by misrepresenting to employees that retiree medical benefits would be provided for life if they worked long enough to qualify. In reality, the terms of the plan allowed Save Mart to terminate the benefits at any time. Many plaintiffs and class members spent their careers – often 20 to 30+ years – working for sub-market pay in reliance on this promise of lifetime benefits. In September 2025, the court granted final approval to a \$20.5 million settlement of the case. With more than 650 class members, the settlement amounts to roughly half of their expected lifetime benefits.

PERRIGO COMPANY PLC SECURITIES OPT-OUT LITIGATION (D.N.J.)

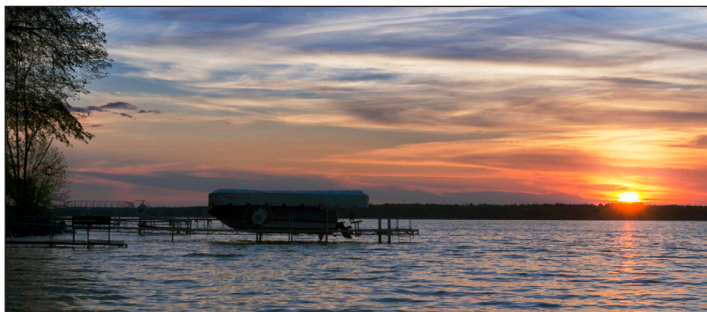
Lieff Cabraser represented certain funds and accounts of BlackRock in an individual securities fraud action against Perrigo Company plc and related individuals for



violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The action, which contained additional liability theories separate from the related securities class case, alleged that defendants concealed from investors that Perrigo was engaged in a generic drug price-fixing scheme, faced significant pricing pressures in the generic pharmaceuticals market, and had not successfully integrated its largest acquisition, Omega Pharma NV. In 2025, the parties reached a favorable settlement after extensive litigation in the District of New Jersey.

HOTCHKISS ABUSE CLASS ACTION (D. CONN.)

We represent former students in a class action lawsuit against The Hotchkiss School, a private boarding and day school in Lakeville, Connecticut, alleging the students were subjected to grooming, inappropriate touching, and sexual abuse by an English teacher/athletic trainer. The suit asserts that Hotchkiss knowingly fostered an environment that



the automotive defendants and continue to litigate claims against the remaining defendants.

HINO EMISSIONS FRAUD (S.D.FL.)

Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in this nationwide class action alleging that truck manufacturer Hino engaged in multiple forms of vehicle emissions cheating and deceived class members into overpaying for their trucks.

After several years of hard-fought litigation, the parties

Tyco, and related companies for PFAS contamination in the water supplies and natural resources on the Leech Lake Reservation in northern Minnesota. After PFAS were first detected in the public water system at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, testing later revealed contamination in the Tribe's lakes, fish, and wild game, threatening Tribal members' health and endangering subsistence and cultural practices central to their way of life.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is committed to protecting the water, land,



2025 Munich Office | CASES IN GERMANY & EUROPE

EUROPEAN TRUCK CARTEL LITIGATION

We serve as Lead Counsel for Plaintiffs in several antitrust damages actions against the members of the European truck cartel in Germany, the Netherlands, and France. In 2016 and 2017, the European Commission sanctioned the truck manufacturers with record fines of almost €4 billion for having engaged in price-fixing

overcharged prices, as well as a Polish transportation company that suffered damages from the purchase and lease of 60 trucks during the cartel period. Following the European Court of Justice's 2024 rejection of Scania's appeals, we filed six new actions against Scania on behalf of multiple SPVs and affected European companies—covering more than 21,000 damages claims with a total value exceeding

imposed fines of €155 million on eight wholesalers of plant protection products and their responsible employees for agreeing on anticompetitive price lists, discounts, and individual sales prices to retailers and end customers in Germany between 1998 and March 2015. With more than 260,000 farmers in Germany working roughly 17 million acres of agricultural land, the negative impact of the cartel was tremendous. As Lead Counsel, we filed the first cartel damages litigation before the Regional Court of Dortmund. Overall, farmers or their legal successors represented by Lief Cabraser could have suffered damages of more than €150 million plus interest.



that acquired cartel damages claims from companies in various industries including the construction and the energy sector. In 2024, Lief Cabraser filed the first cartel damages action against members of the quarto steel cartel, seeking compensation of more than €100 million plus interest. The first instance proceedings are ongoing.

GERMAN STAINLESS STEEL CARTEL LITIGATION

Lief Cabraser has been retained by multiple companies that were damaged by the German stainless steel cartel. As stated in the press release and findings of the German Federal Cartel Office, the stainless steel cartel involved eleven German, Swiss and Austrian steel companies and two German steel associations. The German Federal Cartel Office found that the cartelists, between July 2002 and January 2016, engaged in illegal price setting practices and exchanged sensitive



and the improper pass-on of emissions compliance costs to the detriment of truck purchasers all over Europe. In what is one of the largest damages cases in Europe, we represent SPVs aggregating nearly 50,000 damages claims amounting to €518 million (including interest to date) from truck cartel victims that had to pay inflated prices for their trucks over a period of 14 years. We also represent one of the most well-known European dairy producers claiming damages of roughly €50 million plus interest from having purchased and leased nearly 4,500 trucks at

€140 million plus interest—and continue to represent several litigation vehicles and German legal services providers in their claims.

GERMAN PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS CARTEL LITIGATION

Lief Cabraser serves as Counsel for more than 4,000 German farmers as well as an SPV that purchased damages claims from hundreds of German farmers seeking compensation for damages suffered in connection with the German plant protection products cartel. In 2020, the German Federal Cartel Office

GERMAN QUARTO PLATES CARTEL LITIGATION

At the end of 2019, the German Federal Cartel Office imposed record fines of €646 million on steel manufacturers for improperly exchanging information and agreeing on certain price supplements and surcharges for quarto steel plates in Germany. Lief Cabraser serves as Lead Counsel representing not only two large steel fabricators from Germany and Austria but also one of the largest shipbuilders in the world as well as an SPV



competitive information in violation of competition laws. Based on this illegal conduct, the German Federal Cartel Office issued a fine against the cartelists in the amount of €355 million.

GERMAN POSTAL SERVICE LITIGATION

Lieff Cabraser is serving as strategic advisor to Deutsche Versand Service, one of Germany's largest postal-market consolidation providers, in multiple litigations against Deutsche Post AG. Deutsche Post is Germany's former monopolist in the postal sector. It abused its dominant market position and has driven competitors out of the market, inter alia by mislabeling postal services between 2010 and 2020. This conduct enabled Deutsche Post to offer prices below the levels permitted by the postal regulator. Based on this unlawful conduct, Deutsche Versand Service is seeking damages exceeding €1 billion.

CAPACITORS CARTEL LITIGATION

Lieff Cabraser is representing European purchasers of capacitors, used to store and regulate current in electronic circuits and computers, phones, appliances, and cameras, in pursuing cartel damages claims against the world's largest manufacturers of capacitors. This follows a decision by the European Commission from March 2018 fining the cartelists more than €250 million.

allowed abuse for decades, protecting the abuser despite his long history of predatory behavior toward students. The suit seeks to certify the issues of Hotchkiss's duty to its students, and its breach of that duty, on a classwide basis, so others coming forward will not have to prove those elements again from scratch each time.

IN RE FOX CORPORATION DERIVATIVE LITIGATION (DEL. CH.)

Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of Co-Lead Plaintiffs the New York City Funds and the State of Oregon in this shareholder derivative



action against certain directors and officers of Fox Corporation. The suit arises from Fox News' propagation of unfounded, defamatory conspiracy theories about the 2020 U.S. presidential election and alleges breaches of fiduciary duty for: (1) the adoption of an illegal business model by which Fox News pursues profits by committing actionable defamation; (2) the lack of good faith efforts to establish systems or practices for minimizing, mitigating, or monitoring defamation risk; and (3) inaction in the face of red flags of defamation risk. In December 2025, plaintiffs successfully defeated Fox's motion to dismiss, and the case is in discovery.

IN RE THE TRADE DESK CONSUMER PRIVACY LITIGATION (N.D. CAL.)

We serve as Lead Counsel in the consolidated privacy class action against The Trade Desk, a dominant ad-tech platform alleged to operate pervasive real-time consumer surveillance. The case targets The Trade Desk's Unified ID 2.0 system and extensive data broker partnerships, which plaintiffs allege enable the creation and deployment of detailed, cradle-to-grave consumer dossiers encompassing sensitive information such as health, political activity, financial data, and geolocation. In December 2025, District Court Judge



achieved significant settlements against major telecommunications companies, including AT&T and Verizon, for their alleged failure to remit access line taxes to the City and County of San Francisco.

We are also litigating, alongside multiple intervening states, a case against CVS based on its failure to provide the Medicaid program its usual and customary prices for a range of drugs. The litigation has already led to one settlement in 2025, with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts securing a \$12.25 million payment from CVS. *U.S. ex rel. Doe v. CVS Health Corp.*, 16-CV-02359 (D.D.C. 2025).

Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, was proud to represent a former Director of Engineering at Raytheon who blew the whistle on non-compliance with cybersecurity requirements in federal contracts, resulting in an \$8.4 million settlement in 2025 between defense contractors and the government.

Charles Breyer denied The Trade Desk's motion to dismiss in its entirety, allowing all substantive claims to proceed. The decision marks a significant early victory and reinforces the viability of applying constitutional, common law, and statutory privacy theories to modern ad-tech infrastructure.

WHISTLEBLOWER/ FALSE CLAIMS ACT CASES

2025 brought the end to some long-running whistleblower cases, and the launch of multiple new investigations and cases. In *Schneider v. AT&T Corp.*, No. CGC-20-582552 (SF Super. Ct.), Lieff Cabraser



Reflecting the substantive breadth of our practice, the firm has also filed numerous new under seal cases spanning a variety of cutting-edge subject matters, including mobile health/telehealth, environmental harm, and tax avoidance schemes.

DEVEREUX SEXUAL ABUSES (E.D. PA.)

Lieff Cabraser represents several dozen individuals and a putative class of thousands of children across the U.S. in a federal class action lawsuit against Devereux Foundation (Devereux Advanced

concerns were a nonissue. As of 2025, we began settling our clients' cases.

THIRD-PARTY PAYOR OPIATES LITIGATION (IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION)

Lieff Cabraser represents third-party payors—entities other than patients (first party) or healthcare providers (second party) that are responsible for paying for some or all of the cost of healthcare services—in successful litigation against opioid manufacturers and distributors over the significant harm caused by the opioid crisis, in

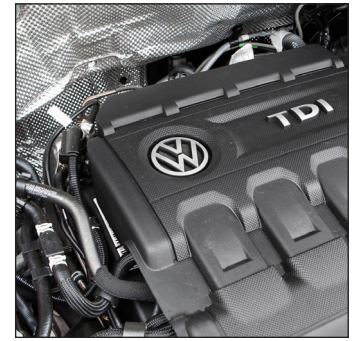
Diesel” litigation in the Netherlands in which Dutch consumers alleged they were misled by Volkswagen about the emissions of its diesel engine vehicles.

The Dutch settlement—with individual payments ranging from €300 to €2,500—offers compensation to eligible owners of several hundred thousand Volkswagen, Audi, Seat, and Škoda vehicles in Holland.

The Dutch settlement resolved legal proceedings for three plaintiff interest groups (known in Dutch as stichtings) against Volkswagen in Holland. Lieff Cabraser funded and advised one of the three groups, Volkswagen Group Diesel Efficiency Foundation (VGDES). Leading up to the settlement, VGDES, with Lieff Cabraser, had represented the interests of Dutch Volkswagen owners since 2020, including filing and winning enforceable damages judgments in four individual lawsuits, strategically developed to serve as bellwethers of VW's exposure in the Dutch market.

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF RHODE ISLAND V. ELON MUSK, ET AL. (DEL. CH.)

Lieff Cabraser represents the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island in this stockholder derivative action against Elon Musk and certain current and former members of the Board of Directors of Tesla, Inc. alleging billions of dollars in harm to Tesla shareholders principally arising from Elon Musk's activities surrounding his acquisition of Twitter (now X). The action alleges breaches of fiduciary duty



relating to, inter alia, Musk's disposition of Tesla stock in order to finance his purchase of Twitter, the usurpation of Tesla's corporate opportunity as to X.AI, the diversion of Tesla's employees to work for both Twitter and X.AI, and breaches of Tesla's Code of Ethics. Defendants' motion to dismiss the case is under submission, with a decision expected soon.

DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES CREDIT CARD MISCLASSIFICATION (N.D. ILL.)

Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represent consumers in a federal class action lawsuit alleging that Discover engaged in a years' long practice of misclassifying credit card transactions. Plaintiffs allege that for millions of credit card transactions, Discover misclassified the cards used as being Commercial cards when they were really Consumer cards (which are generally subject to lower per-transaction fees than Commercial cards). Plaintiffs



Behavioral Health) and QualityHealth Staffing, LLC, in Pennsylvania. The complaint alleges multiple state and federal law violations by Devereux, one of the nation's largest behavioral health organizations, with 7,500 staff members in 13 states. Claims include rape and sexual abuse of inpatient clients and alleged abuses among inpatients that were overlooked or suppressed by Devereux staff and management. In January 2023, the Court denied multiple motions by the defendants to dismiss the class action. By February 2023, the Court ordered Devereux to produce records related to alleged abuse at its facilities, stating that its protestations about privacy

which TPPs claimed they wrongfully had to pay large costs for opioid prescriptions and treatment of opioid use disorder. As Co-Lead Counsel, we oversaw discovery, briefing (including leading the drafting of the bellwether and class preservation complaints), and expert development, and served as principal settlement co-counsel. This work helped secure a settlement for TPPs valued at \$300 million that received final approval in January 2025.

VW EMISSIONS NETHERLANDS

In 2025, Lieff Cabraser helped secure a multi-million Euro collective settlement in the Volkswagen “Clean



claim this misclassification led the class members to incur hundreds of millions in excessive fees. In 2025, the parties reached a settlement, under which Discover will provide refunds of no less than \$540 million for the alleged overcharges.

UBER SEX ASSAULT LAWSUIT (N.D. CAL.)

Lieff Cabraser represents plaintiffs in the Uber Passenger Sexual Assault Multi-District Litigation (MDL), where over 10,000 reported incidents of sexual assault and rape have been consolidated in federal

presenting to the Court and defendants the position of the plaintiffs on all matters arising during pretrial proceedings. Notably, the MDL is led by an all-female team, a first in MDL history. In February 2024, plaintiffs filed a master complaint to define discovery scope and address common legal issues. Lieff Cabraser has filed dozens of cases on behalf of plaintiffs in the MDL and in the parallel proceeding in California state court.

MISSION HEALTH ANTITRUST (W.D.N.C.)

Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represent the city of



court. Plaintiffs allege Uber misled users into believing its rides were safe despite numerous reports of assault, and failed to implement adequate safety measures. They seek compensatory and punitive damages, as well as injunctive relief to enforce changes in Uber's practices. In October 2023, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ordered centralization of the case under Judge Charles R. Breyer in the Northern District of California. In December 2023, Lieff Cabraser was named Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and Co-Lead Counsel for Plaintiffs in the MDL, and tasked with overseeing the Plaintiff Steering Committee's responsibilities and

Asheville and several other municipalities in Western North Carolina in litigation against HCA Healthcare/ Mission Health alleging the hospital giant abused its market power by preventing insurers from offering patients financial incentives to use lower-cost or higher-quality services offered by competitors. In August 2025, the parties announced a settlement under which Mission Health will create a new charity fund to provide assistance with healthcare costs for families and individuals with incomes up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. Additional provisions ensure continued operation of Transylvania Regional Hospital for at least three years and require Mission

Health to support restoring adult daycare services in Brevard. Mission Hospital will also seek quality verification as a trauma center from the American College of Surgeons, and plaintiff municipalities and counties will receive increased transparency through expanded access to advisory board materials.

FIRSTENERGY CORP. OPT-OUT CASES (S.D. OHIO)

Lieff Cabraser represents certain entities managed by MFS Investment Management in direct (non-class) actions against FirstEnergy Corp. and former senior executives arising from an illegal bribery and money laundering scheme in the state of Ohio. Plaintiffs allege defendants conducted the scheme while concealing the truth about unlawful payments made to former Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives Larry Householder and former Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Samuel Randazzo in exchange for official actions to benefit FirstEnergy. Revelations of the unlawful conduct in July 2020 and thereafter caused the value of plaintiffs' investments in FirstEnergy stock to drop precipitously, causing losses in the hundreds of millions of dollars. The cases were filed in late 2021 and early 2022 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, have passed the pleading stage, and are in discovery.

IN RE GENERIC PHARMACEUTICALS PRICING ANTITRUST LITIGATION (E.D. PA.)

As a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee representing Third-Party



Payers, our firm continues to play a central role in the landmark antitrust litigation challenging an alleged nationwide conspiracy among generic drug manufacturers to fix prices and allocate markets. Often described as one of the largest cartel cases in history, the action involves dozens of defendants and potential damages in the billions.

In 2025, the case reached a critical milestone with significant additional settlements. Several major defendants agreed to resolve the claims this year, bringing total settlements in the litigation to \$533 million to date, following the \$275 million settlement with Sandoz reached late last year. These resolutions reflect the strength of the liability case developed through years of intensive discovery and trial preparation and represent substantial recoveries for the affected purchasers.

The litigation remains ongoing against non-settling defendants, with trial preparation continuing.



2025 | ATTORNEY LEADERSHIP

KATHERINE LUBIN BENSON - Northern District Practice Program, Board of Directors; National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, Securities Litigation Committee

EDWARD A. BAKER - Federal Bar Association Qui Tam Section, Programming Committee

KEVIN R. BUDNER - Member of Board of Directors, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area; Federal Bar Association, Executive Committee

ELIZABETH J. CABRASER - American Law Institute Council (emeritus); American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Fellow; Legal Aid at Work, Vice-Chair/ Executive Committee; Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, Board of Directors; National Consumer Law Center, Board of Directors; RAND Center for Catastrophic Risk Management and Compensation, Advisory Board; NYU School of Law Center on Civil Justice, Board of Advisors; Federal Judicial Conference Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Standing Committee"), Member; Board of Directors, National Consumer Law Center; Lecturer in Law, Berkeley Law and Yale Law Schools

MARK P. CHALOS - Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, Past President; American Association for Justice, Class Action Litigation Section, Past Co-Chair; American Association for Justice, Committee on the Judiciary, Appointed Member; Lawyers Involved for Tennessee, Trustee; Tennessee Innocence Project, Board Member; Vanderbilt Law School, Adjunct Faculty

LIN Y. CHAN - Northern District of California Lawyer Representatives Committee, Co-Chair; Bar Association of San Francisco, Board of Directors; American Antitrust Institute, Advisory Board; Asian Law Caucus Leadership Council

JALLÉ DAFA - ACLU Foundation of Northern California (ACLU NorCal), Board Member; Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights; Bar Association of San Francisco, Litigation Section, Executive Committee

KELLY M. DERMODY - International Forum of Senior Executive Advisers (IFSEA), Board of Advisors

NIMISH DESAI - The Anti-Fraud Coalition, Public Education Committee

DAN DRACHLER - American Antitrust Institute, Advisory Board

WILSON M. DUNLAVEY - American Association for Justice, Class Action Litigation Section, Secretary (present); Content Curator (2024–2025)

STEVEN E. FINEMAN - Anti-Defamation League, National Board of Directors (Governance Committee, Audit Committee, and Litigation Oversight Subcommittee), and NY/NJ Regional Board of Directors; Stanford Law School, Deborah L. Rhode Center on the Legal Profession, Advisory Board

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