

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**LOGAN LANDES and JAMES GODDARD,
individually and on behalf of all others similarly
situated,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**SONY MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS
(U.S.A.), INC. and SONY ELECTRONICS,
INC.,**

Defendants.

Case No. 2:17-cv-2264-JFB-SIL

**DECLARATION OF NANCY A.
KULESA IN SUPPORT OF (A) FINAL
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT; AND (2)
APPLICATION FOR AN AWARD OF
ATTORNEYS' FEES,
REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION
EXPENSES, AND PLAINTIFFS'
INCENTIVE AWARD**

DECLARATION OF NANCY A. KULESA

I, NANCY A. KULESA, declare:

1. I am a partner in the law firm of Levi & Korsinsky LLP, attorneys of record for Plaintiffs Logan Landes (“Landes”) and James Goddard (“Goddard” and, collectively, “Plaintiffs”), admitted to practice law in the state bar of Connecticut, and the federal district courts for the districts of Connecticut and the Southern District of New York, and the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and if called as a witness could testify competently thereto.

2. On January 13, 2016, pursuant to Section 1782 of the CLRA, my firm provided written notice to the Sony Electronics, Inc. (“Sony Electronics”), Sony Mobile Communications (U.S.A.), Inc. (“Sony Mobile” and with Sony Electronics, “Sony” or “Defendants”) of alleged violations of the CLRA as a prerequisite to commencing a lawsuit seeking damages for such violations.

3. After Plaintiffs sent the CLRA Demand, counsel for the Parties engaged in several meetings and telephonic discussions to discuss a potential resolution of the Class’ claims. During the course of the Parties’ extensive arm’s length negotiations, Plaintiffs served discovery requests on the Defendants. The Defendants produced over 11,000 documents, including documents related to the following topics that were included in Plaintiffs’ discovery requests: (1) warranty documents, including complaints; (2) users guides and white papers for the Mobile Devices; (2) product specifications; (4) package inserts; (5) Intellectual Property certifications and test results establishing the water-resistant capabilities of the Mobile Devices; (6) water resistance test instructions; (7) advertising and marketing pictures; (8) website advertising; (9) package artwork; (10) Profit and Loss Statements; and (11) Sales Charts.

4. In December 2016, Plaintiffs' Class Counsel conducted an interview of the Director of Sony Customer Services for the Americas in order to assess the merits of Plaintiffs' claims and the Defendants' defenses and valuation issues. Plaintiffs' Class Counsel also contacted the Director on two occasions to ask follow up questions regarding the warranty after the interview.

5. Additionally, the parties engaged a highly-skilled class action mediator, Patrick A. Juneau, and participated in in-person meetings and telephonic conferences on several occasions during 2016 with Mr. Juneau. The parties also attended an in-person mediation before Mr. Juneau on March 17, 2017. While this mediation was not successful on this date, the parties met subsequently, over a period of six months, to negotiate the terms of the settlement presently before the Court. The parties then reviewed the terms of the settlement with Patrick A. Juneau.

6. The Parties' detailed and informed negotiations, which have taken place in conjunction with the informal discovery process, have been in progress for approximately one year. During this time, Class Counsel conducted a thorough review of the documents mentioned above. Over the course of the litigation, counsel for the parties were able to obtain an in-depth understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of their clients' respective positions. Class Counsel exercised due diligence to confirm the adequacy, reasonableness, and fairness of the Settlement and consulted a damages expert concerning potential damages related to the Plaintiffs' claims. The Parties appreciate the costs and uncertainty attendant to any litigation, and agreed to a proposed settlement agreement.

7. Class Counsel agreed to settle the Action pursuant to the provisions of the Settlement, after considering, among other things: (i) the benefits to Plaintiffs and the Class under the terms of the Settlement; (ii) the uncertainty of being able to prevail at trial; (iii) the

uncertainty relating to Defendants' defenses and the expense of motion practice in connection therewith; (iv) the attendant risks, difficulties, and delays inherent in litigation, especially in complex actions such as this; and (v) the desirability of consummating this Settlement promptly in order to provide substantive relief to Plaintiffs and the Class without unnecessary delay and expense.

8. Plaintiffs and Defendants, jointly moved for preliminary approval of the settlement on July 14, 2017. Dkt. No. 16. The Preliminary Approval Order: 1) found that the Settlement Agreement was sufficiently fair, reasonable, and adequate as to warrant providing Notice of the Settlement to Class Members; 2) directed Notice to the Class Members; 3) preliminarily certified, for the purposes of effectuating the Settlement, the Class pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; and 4) set a final settlement approval hearing date for December 1, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. EST.

9. Pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order, the Notice was mailed to 1,351 Class Members on August 30, 2017. Between August 17, 2017 and September 26, 2017 Notice was also sent via the media, print ads, internet banner ads, and social media ads. Collectively, the Notice reached over 92% of the target audience. *See* Declaration of Jeanne C. Finegan, APR at ¶ 4. To date, only one objection has been received and no requests for exclusion from the Settlement have been received.

10. The Mobile Devices were sold in major retailers across the United States, including stores such as Verizon and T-Mobile, as well as major online retailers such as Amazon.com. 293 claims have been submitted thus far; thus, Plaintiffs' counsel believes there are thousands of estimated class members.

11. Class Counsel respectfully submits that, based on an understanding of the facts and circumstances concerning the subject matter of this Action, the principles of law applicable to them, the procedural posture of the Action, and the risks of continued litigation against the Defendants, the Settlement represents an extremely favorable result for the Class and should be approved by this Court.

12. In connection with the litigation of this matter, Class Counsel spent 1,160.05 hours amounting to a total lodestar of \$669,478.25. The following is a detailed summary indicating the amount of time, spent by each of my firm's attorneys and legal professionals who were involved in the prosecution of this Action, and the lodestar calculation based on my firm's current billing rates. The schedule was prepared using contemporaneous, daily time records regularly prepared and maintained by my firm, which are available at the request of the Court:

ATTORNEY	HOURS	RATE	LODESTAR
Eduard Korsinsky (P)	2.00	\$ 995.00	\$ 1,990.00
Joseph Levi (P)	24.50	\$ 995.00	\$ 24,377.50
Shannon L. Hopkins (P)	187.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 158,950.00
Rosemary Rivas (P)	1.20	\$ 835.00	\$ 1,002.00
Nancy A. Kulesa (P)	295.50	\$ 765.00	\$ 226,057.50
Andrea Clisura (A)	154.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 88,550.00
Courtney Maccarone (A)	0.50	\$ 575.00	\$ 287.50
Stephanie A. Bartone (A)	49.50	\$ 525.00	\$ 25,987.50
Michelle Thompson (Staff Attorney)	7.25	\$ 425.00	\$ 3,081.25
Yekaterina Kovtunova (Staff Attorney)	162.10	\$ 350.00	\$ 56,735.00
Julia Kim (Staff Attorney)	245.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 73,500.00
Megha Jain (LC)	17.50	\$ 300.00	\$ 5,250.00
Samantha Halliday (Para)	14.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 3,710.00
TOTAL	1160.05		\$ 669,478.25

(P) – Partner; (A) – Associate, (LC) – Law Clerk, (Para) – Paralegal.

13. The hourly rates for the attorneys and legal professionals above are rates that have been approved by state and/or federal courts across the country in other consumer class action litigation matters.

14. The following is a list of expenses my firm has incurred in the amount of \$13,846.34 in unreimbursed expenses in connection with the prosecution of the Action. The expenses incurred in the Action are reflected on the books and records of my firm. These books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records, and other source materials and are an accurate recordation of the expenses incurred:

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Experts	\$ 12,025.00
Postage and Delivery	\$ 16.56
Travel Expenses	\$ 877.92
Filing Fees	\$ 588.00
Meals	\$ 338.86
TOTAL	\$13,846.34

15. Accordingly, I respectfully submit this Declaration, together with the attached exhibits, in support of two related motions: 1) Plaintiffs’ Joint Notice of Motion and Unopposed Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement (“Final Approval Motion”); and 2) Plaintiffs’ Notice of Motion and Unopposed Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees, Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and Plaintiffs’ Incentive Award (“Fee Motion”). Annexed hereto are true and correct copies of the following exhibit:

Exhibit 1: Firm Resume of Levi & Korsinsky LLP.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing facts are true and correct.

Executed this 13th day of October 2017 at Stamford, Connecticut.

/s/ Nancy A. Kulesa

Nancy A. Kulesa

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE (CM/ECF)

I hereby certify that on October 13, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing Declaration with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

/s/ Nancy A. Kulesa
Nancy A. Kulesa

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Levi & Korsinsky, LLP is a national law firm with decades of combined experience litigating complex securities, class, and consumer actions in state and federal courts throughout the country. Our main office is located in New York City and we also maintain offices in Connecticut, California, and Washington, D.C.

We represent the interests of aggrieved shareholders in class action and derivative litigation through the vigorous prosecution of corporations that have committed securities fraud and boards of directors who have breached their fiduciary duties. We have served as Lead and Co-Lead Counsel in many precedent-setting litigations, recovered millions of dollars for shareholders via securities fraud lawsuits, and obtained fair value, multi-billion dollar settlements in merger transactions.

We also represent clients in high-stakes consumer class actions against some of the largest corporations in America. Our legal team has a long and successful track record of litigating high-stakes, resource-intensive cases and consistently achieving results for our clients.

Our attorneys are highly skilled and experienced in the field of securities class action litigation. They bring a vast breadth of knowledge and skill to the table and, as a result, are frequently appointed Lead Counsel in complex shareholder and consumer litigations in various jurisdictions. We are able to allocate substantial resources to each case, reviewing public documents, interviewing witnesses, and consulting with experts concerning issues particular to each case. Our attorneys are supported by exceptionally qualified professionals including financial experts, investigators, and administrative staff, as well as cutting-edge technology and e-discovery systems. Consequently, we are able to quickly mobilize and produce excellent litigation results. Our ability to try cases, and win them, results in substantially better recoveries than our peers.

We do not shy away from uphill battles – indeed, we routinely take on complex and challenging cases, and we prosecute them with integrity, determination, and professionalism.

“...a model for how [the] great legal profession should conduct itself.”

Justice Timothy S. Driscoll in *Grossman v. State Bancorp, Inc.*,
Index No. 600469/2011 (Nassau Cnty., New York Supreme Court 2011)

PRACTICE AREAS

Securities Fraud Class Actions

We prosecute claims on behalf of investors to recover losses suffered as a result of securities fraud, including the manipulation of a company’s stock price by its executives, officers, directors, and advisors such as underwriters and accountants, through the issuance of false and misleading information. Our firm has been appointed Lead Counsel in numerous class actions filed in both federal and state courts across the country.

In *E-Trade Financial Corp. Securities Litigation*, No. 07-cv-8538 (S.D.N.Y. 2007), we were selected from a crowded field as Co-Lead Counsel for a landmark securities fraud class action that arose out of the mortgage crisis. Our successful prosecution of the case resulted in a \$79 million recovery for the shareholder class.

We have been appointed Lead or Co-Lead Counsel in the following securities class actions:

- *In re U.S. Steel Consolidated Cases*, Civil Action No. 17-559-CB (W.D. Pa. Aug. 16, 2017)
- *Hinshaw v. Neurotrope, Inc.*, 1:17-cv-03718-LGS (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 10, 2017)

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- *Ohren v. Amyris, Inc.*, 3:17-cv-002210-WHO (N.D. Cal. Aug. 8, 2017)
 - *Rodriguez v. Gigamon Inc.*, 5:17-cv-00434-EJD (N.D. Cal. July 26, 2017)
 - *Beezley v. Fenix Parts, Inc.*, 2:17-cv-00233 (D.N.J. June 28, 2017)
 - *In re Inventure Foods, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 2:17-cv-0910 (C.D. Cal. June 27, 2017)
 - *M & M Hart Living Trust v. Global Eagle Entertainment, Inc.*, 2:17-cv-01479 (C.D. Cal. June 26, 2017)
 - *Maurer v. Argos Therapeutics, Inc.*, 1:17-cv-00216 (M.D.N.C. June 23, 2017)
 - *Ruedelstei v. U.S. Concrete, Inc.*, 4:17-cv-266 (N.D. Tex. June 22, 2017)
 - *In re Aratana Therapeutics, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 1:17-cv-880 (S.D.N.Y. June 6, 2017)
 - *In re Insys Therapeutics, Inc.*, 1:17-cv-1954 (S.D.N.Y. May 31, 2017)
 - *Clevlen v. Anthera Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 3:17-cv-00715 (N.D. Cal. May 18, 2017)
 - *In re Agile Therapeutics, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 3:17-cv-00119-AET-LHG (D.N.J. May 15, 2017)
 - *Chupka v. Pearson Plc.*, 1:17-cv-1422 (S.D.N.Y. May 9, 2017)
 - *Roper v. SITO Mobile Ltd.*, 2:17-cv-01106-ES-MAH (D.N.J. May 8, 2017)
 - *In re Egalet Corporation Sec. Litig.*, 2:17-cv-00617 (E.D.Pa. May 1, 2017)
 - *In re Illumina, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 3:16-cv-03044-L-KSC (S.D. Cal. Mar. 30, 2017)
 - *In re Arrowhead Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 2:16-cv-08505-PSG-PJW (C.D. Cal. Mar. 8, 2017)
 - *Michael Gregory v ProNAi*, 1:16-cv-08703-PAE (Mass. Sup. Ct. Feb. 1, 2017)
 - *Rossbach v. VASCO Data Security Int'l Inc.*, 1:15-cv-06605 (N.D. Ill. Dec. 1, 2016)
 - *In re PTC Therapeutics, Inc.*, 2:16-cv-01224-KM-MAH (D.N.J. Nov. 14, 2016)
 - *Schwab v. E*Trade Financial Corporation*, 1:16-cv-05891-JGK (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 9, 2016)
 - *Wilbush v. Ambac Financial Group, Inc.*, Civ. No. 1:16-cv-05076 RMB (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 11, 2016)
 - *The TransEnterix Investor Group v. TransEnterix, Inc.*, 5:16-cv-00313-D (E.D.N.C. Aug. 30, 2016)
 - *Magro v. Freeport-McMoran Inc.*, 2:16-cv-00186-DJH (D. Ariz. Aug. 19, 2016)
 - *Gormley v. magicJack VocalTec Ltd.*, 1:16-cv-01869-VM (S.D.N.Y. July 12, 2016)
 - *Azar v. Blount Int'l Inc.*, Civ. No. 3:16-cv-00483-SI (D. Or. July 1, 2016)
 - *Plumley v. Sempra Energy*, 3:16-cv-00512-BEN-RBB (S.D. Cal. June 6, 2016)
 - *Francisco v. Abengoa, S.A.*, 1:15-cv-06279-ER (S.D.N.Y. May 24, 2016)
 - *Harrington v. Tetrphase Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, Civ. No. 1:16-cv-10133-LTS (D. Mass. May 13, 2016)
 - *De Vito v. Liquid Holdings Group, Inc.*, 2:15-cv-06969-KM-JBC (D.N.J. Apr. 7, 2016)
 - *In re OvaScience Inc. Stockholder Litig.*, C.A. No. 15-3087-BLS2 (Mass. Super. Ct. Apr. 2, 2016)
 - *Ford v. Natural Health Trends Corp.*, 2:16-cv-00255-TJH-AFM (C.D. Cal. Mar. 29, 2016)
 - *Bai v. TCP International Holdings Ltd.*, 1:16-cv-00102-DCN (N.D. Ohio Mar. 18, 2016)
 - *Meier v. Checkpoint Systems, Inc.*, 1:15-cv-08007 (D.N.J. Jan. 1, 2016)
 - *Messner v. USA Technologies, Inc.*, 2:15-cv-05427-MAK (E.D. Pa. Dec. 15, 2015)
 - *Levin v. Resource Capital Corp.*, 1:15-cv-07081-LLS (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 24, 2015)
 - *Messerli v. Root 9B Technologies, Inc.*, 1:15-cv-02152-WYD (D. Colo. Oct. 14, 2015)
 - *Martin v. Altisource Residential Corp.*, 1:15-cv-00024 (D.V.I. Oct. 7, 2015)
 - *Paggos v. Resonant, Inc.*, 2:15-cv-01970 SJO (VBKx) (C.D. Cal. Aug. 7, 2015)

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- *Fragala v. 500.com Ltd.*, 2:15-cv-01463-MMM (C.D. Cal. July 7, 2015)
- *Stevens v. Quiksilver Inc.*, 8:15-cv-00516-JVS-JCGx. (C.D. Cal. June 26, 2015)
- *In re Ocean Power Technologies, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 14-3799 (FLW) (LHG) (D.N.J. Mar. 17, 2015)
- *In re Energy Recovery Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 3:15-cv-00265 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 20, 2015)
- *Klein v. TD Ameritrade Holding Corp.*, 3:14-cv-05738 (D. Neb. Dec. 2, 2014)
- *In re China Commercial Credit Sec. Litig.*, 1:15-cv-00557 (ALC) (D.N.J. Oct. 31, 2014)
- *In re Violin Memory, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 4:13-cv-05486-YGR (N.D. Cal. Feb. 26, 2014)
- *Berry v. Kior, Inc.*, 4:13-cv-02443 (S.D. Tex. Nov. 25, 2013)
- *In re OCZ Technology Group, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 3:12-cv-05265-RS (N.D. Cal. Jan. 4, 2013)
- *In re Digital Domain Media Group, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 12-CIV-14333 (JEM) (S.D. Fla. Sept. 20, 2012)
- *Zaghian v. THQ, Inc.*, 2:12-cv-05227-GAF-JEM (C.D. Cal. Sept. 14, 2012)

Derivative, Corporate Governance & Executive Compensation

We protect shareholders by enforcing the obligations of corporate fiduciaries. We are a leader in achieving important corporate governance reforms for the benefit of shareholders. Our efforts include the prosecution of derivative actions in courts around the country, making pre-litigation demands on corporate boards to investigate misconduct and taking remedial action for the benefit of shareholders. In situations where a company's board responds to a demand by commencing its own investigation, we frequently work with the board's counsel to assist with and monitor the investigation, ensuring that the investigation is thorough and conducted in an appropriate manner.

We also have successfully prosecuted derivative and class action cases to hold corporate executives and board members accountable for various abuses and to help preserve corporate assets through long-lasting and meaningful corporate governance changes, thus ensuring that prior misconduct does not reoccur. We have extensive experience challenging executive compensation, recapturing assets for the benefit of companies and their shareholders. In addition, we have secured corporate governance changes to ensure that executive compensation is consistent with shareholder-approved compensation plans, company performance, and federal securities laws.

In *MacCormack v. Groupon, Inc.*, C.A. No. 13-940-GMS (D. Del. 2013), we caused the cancellation of \$2.3 million worth of restricted stock units granted to a company executive in violation of a shareholder-approved plan, as well as the adoption of enhanced corporate governance procedures designed to ensure that the board of directors complies with the terms of the plan; we also obtained additional material disclosures to shareholders in connection with a shareholder vote on amendments to the plan.

In *Scherer v. Lu*, (Diodes Incorporated), No. 13-358-GMS, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 196440 (D. Del. 2014), we secured the cancellation of \$4.9 million worth of stock options granted to the company's CEO in violation of a shareholder-approved plan, and obtained additional disclosures to enable shareholders to cast a fully-informed vote on the adoption of a new compensation plan at the company's annual meeting.

In *Edwards v. Benson*, (Headwaters Incorporated), (D. Utah 2014), we caused the cancellation of \$3.2 million worth of stock appreciation rights granted to the company's CEO in violation of a shareholder-approved plan and the adoption of enhanced corporate governance procedures designed to ensure that the board of directors complies with the terms of the plan.

In *Pfeiffer v. Begley*, (DeVry, Inc.), (Cir. Ct. DuPage Cty., Ill. 2012), we secured the cancellation of \$2.1 million worth of stock options granted to the company's CEO in 2008-2012 in violation of a shareholder-approved incentive plan.

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In *Basch v. Healy* (D. Del. 2014), we obtained a cash payment to the company to compensate for equity awards issued to officers in violation of the company's compensation plan and caused significant changes in the company's compensation policies and procedures designed to ensure that future compensation decisions are made consistent with the company's plans, charters and policies. We also impacted the board's creation of a new compensation plan and obtained additional disclosures to stockholders concerning the board's administration of the company's plan and the excess compensation.

In *Pfeiffer v. Toll* (Toll Brothers Derivative Litigation), C.A. No. 4140-VCL (Del. Ch. 2010), we prevailed in defeating defendants' motion to dismiss in a case seeking disgorgement of profits that company insiders reaped through a pattern of insider-trading. After extensive discovery, we secured a settlement returning \$16.25 million in cash to the company, including a significant contribution from the individuals who traded on inside information.

In *Kleba v. Dees*, C.A. 3-1-13 (Tenn. Cir. Ct. Knox Cty. 2014), we recovered approximately \$9 million in excess compensation given to insiders and the cancellation of millions of shares of stock options issued in violation of a shareholder-approved compensation plan. In addition, we obtained the adoption of formal corporate governance procedures designed to ensure that future compensation decisions are made independently and consistent with the plan.

In *Lopez v. Nudelman*, (CTI BioPharma Corp.), 14-2-18941-9 SEA (Wash. Super. Ct. King Cnty. 2015), we recovered approximately \$3.5 million in excess compensation given to directors and obtained the adoption of a cap on director compensation, as well as other formal corporate governance procedures designed to implement best practices with regard to director and executive compensation.

In *In re i2 Technologies, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, C.A. No. 4003-CC (Del. Ch. 2008), as Counsel for the Lead Plaintiff, we challenged the fairness of certain asset sales made by the company and secured a \$4 million recovery.

“[P]laintiff's [counsel] went the distance... did real work... took on real contingency risk and... obtained an injunction...”

Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster in *Chen v. Howard-Anderson*, C.A. No. 5878-VCL (Del. Ch. 2010)

In *In re Activision, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, No. 06-cv-04771-MRP (JTLX) (C.D. Cal. 2008), we were Co-Lead Counsel and challenged executive compensation related to the dating of options. This effort resulted in the recovery of more than \$24 million in excessive compensation and expenses, as well as the implementation of substantial corporate governance changes.

In *In re Corinthian Colleges, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, 8:06cv777-AHS (C.D. Cal. 2006), we were Co-Lead Counsel and achieved a \$2 million benefit for the company, resulting in the re-pricing of executive stock options and the establishment of extensive corporate governance changes.

In *Pfeiffer v. Alpert (Beazer Homes Derivative Litigation)*, C.A. No. 10-cv-1063-PD (D. Del. 2010), we successfully challenged certain aspects of the company's executive compensation structure, ultimately forcing the company to improve its compensation practices.

In *In re Cincinnati Bell, Inc., Derivative Litigation*, Case No. A1105305 (Ohio, Hamilton Cty. 2012), we achieved significant corporate governance changes and enhancements related to the company's compensation policies and practices in order to better align executive compensation with company performance. Reforms included the formation of an entirely independent compensation committee with staggered terms and term limits for service.

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In *Woodford v. Mizel (M.D.C. Holdings, Inc.)*, 1:2011cv00879 (D. Del. 2012), we challenged excessive executive compensation, ultimately obtaining millions of dollars in reductions of that compensation, as well as corporate governance enhancements designed to implement best practices with regard to executive compensation and increased shareholder input.

In *Bader v. Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.*, No. 10-4364-cv, 2011 WL 6318037 (2d Cir. Dec. 19, 2011), we persuaded the Second Circuit Court of Appeals to reverse the District Court's dismissal of derivative claims seeking to recover excessive compensation granted to officers and directors of Goldman Sachs.

In *In re Google Inc. Class C Shareholder Litigation*, C.A. No. 7469-CS (Del. Ch. 2012), we challenged a stock recapitalization transaction to create a new class of nonvoting shares and strengthen the corporate control of the Google founders. We helped achieve an agreement that provided an adjustment payment to shareholders in the event of certain discounts in the price of Google stock, and provided enhanced board scrutiny of the Google founders' ability to transfer stock, including the implementation of a new procedure for a waiver or modification of the founders' Transfer Restriction Agreement.

Mergers & Acquisitions

We have achieved an impressive record in obtaining injunctive relief for shareholders and are one of the premier law firms engaged in mergers & acquisitions and takeover litigation, where we strive to maximize shareholder value. In these cases, we regularly fight to obtain settlements that enable the submission of competing buyout bid proposals, thereby increasing consideration for shareholders.

We have litigated landmark cases that have altered the landscape of mergers & acquisitions law and resulted in multi-million dollar awards to aggrieved shareholders.

In *In re Great Wolf Resorts, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, C.A. No. 7328-VCN (Del. Ch. 2012), we achieved tremendous results for shareholders, including partial responsibility for a \$93 million (57%) increase in merger consideration and the waiver of several "don't-ask-don't-waive" standstill agreements that were restricting certain potential bidders from making a topping bid for the company.

In *In re CNX Gas Corp. Shareholder Litigation*, 4 A.3d 397 (Del. Ch. 2010), as Plaintiffs' Executive Committee Counsel, we obtained a landmark ruling from the Delaware Chancery Court that set forth a unified standard for assessing the rights of shareholders in the context of freeze-out transactions and ultimately led to a common fund recovery of over \$42.7 million for the company's shareholders.

In *In re Talecris Biotherapeutics Holdings Shareholder Litigation*, C.A. No. 5614-VCL (Del. Ch. 2010), we served as counsel for one of the Lead Plaintiffs, achieving a settlement that increased the merger consideration to Talecris shareholders by an additional 500,000 shares of the acquiring company's stock and providing shareholders with appraisal rights.

In *In re Minerva Group LP v. Mod-Pac Corp.*, Index No. 800621/2013 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. Erie Cty. 2013), we obtained a settlement in which defendants increased the price of an insider buyout from \$8.40 to \$9.25 per share, representing a recovery of \$2.4 million for shareholders.

In *Stephen J. Dannis v. J.D. Nichols*, C.A. No. 13-CI-00452 (Ky. Cir. Ct. Jefferson Cty. 2014), as Co-Lead Counsel, we obtained a 23% increase in the merger consideration (from \$7.50 to \$9.25 per unit) for shareholders of NTS Realty Holdings Limited Partnership. The total benefit of \$7.4 million was achieved after two years of hard-fought litigation, challenging the fairness of the going-private, squeeze-out merger by NTS's controlling unitholder and Chairman, Defendant Jack Nichols. The unitholders bringing the action alleged that Nichols' proposed transaction grossly undervalued NTS's units. The 23% increase in consideration was a remarkable result given that on October 18, 2013, the Special Committee appointed by the Board of Directors had terminated the existing merger agreement with Nichols. Through counsel's tenacious efforts the transaction was resurrected and improved.

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In *In re Craftmade International, Inc. Shareholders Litigation*, C.A. No. 6950-VCL (Del. Ch. 2011), we served as Co-Lead Counsel and successfully obtained an injunction requiring numerous corrective disclosures and a “Fort Howard” release announcing that the Craftmade Board of Directors was free to conduct discussions with any other potential bidders for the company.

In *Dias v. Purches*, C.A. No. 7199-VCG (Del. Ch. 2012), Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock, III of the Delaware Chancery Court partially granted shareholders’ motion for preliminary injunction and ordered that defendants correct a material misrepresentation in the proxy statement related to the acquisition of Parlux Fragrances, Inc. by Perfumania Holding, Inc.

In *Forgo v. Health Grades, Inc.*, C.A. No. 5716-VCS (Del. Ch. 2010), as Co-Lead Counsel, our attorneys established that defendants had likely breached their fiduciary duties to Health Grades’ shareholders by failing to maximize value as required under *Revlon, Inc. v. MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings, Inc.*, 506 A.2d 173 (Del. 1986). We secured an agreement with defendants to take numerous steps to seek a superior offer for the company, including making key modifications to the merger agreement, creating an independent committee to evaluate potential offers, extending the tender offer period, and issuing a “Fort Howard” release affirmatively stating that the company would participate in good faith discussions with any party making a bona fide acquisition proposal.

“I think you’ve done a superb job and I really appreciate the way this case was handled.”

Judge Ronald B. Rubin in *Teoh v. Ferrantino*, C.A. No. 356627 (Cir. Ct. for Montgomery Cty., MD 2012)

In *Chen v. Howard-Anderson*, C.A. No 5878-VCL (Del. Ch. 2010), we represented shareholders in challenging the merger between Occam Networks, Inc. and Calix, Inc., obtaining a preliminary injunction against the merger after showing that the proxy statement by which the shareholders were solicited to vote for the merger was materially false and misleading. We then took the case to trial and recovered \$35 million for the shareholders.

In *In re Pamrapo Bancorp Shareholder Litigation*, Docket C-89-09 (N.J. Ch. Hudson Cty. 2011) & HUD-L-3608-12 (N.J. Law Div. Hudson Cty. 2015), we defeated defendants’ motion to dismiss shareholders’ class action claims for money damages and a motion for summary judgment, ultimately securing a settlement recovering \$1.95 million for the Class plus the Class’s legal fees and expenses up to \$1 million (representing an increase in consideration of 15-23% for the members of the Class). The case stemmed from the sale of Pamrapo Bancorp to BCB Bancorp at an allegedly unfair price through an unfair process. In addition to obtaining this recovery, the Court also found that our efforts substantially benefited the shareholders by obtaining supplemental disclosures for shareholders ahead of the merger vote.

In *In re Complete Genomics, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, C.A. No. 7888-VCL (Del. Ch. 2012), we obtained preliminary injunctions of corporate merger and acquisition transactions, and Plaintiffs successfully enjoined a “don’t-ask-don’t-waive” standstill agreement.

In *In re Integrated Silicon Solution, Inc. Stockholder Litigation*, Lead Case No. 115CV279142 (Super. Ct. Santa Clara, CA 2015), we won an injunction requiring corrective disclosures concerning “don’t-ask-don’t-waive” standstill agreements and certain financial advisor conflicts of interests, and contributed to the integrity of a post-agreement bidding contest that led to an increase in consideration from \$19.25 to \$23 per share, a bump of almost 25 percent.

In *In re Bluegreen Corp. Shareholder Litigation*, Case No. 502011CA018111 (Cir. Ct. for Palm Beach Cty., FL), as Co-Lead Counsel, we achieved a common fund recovery of \$36.5 million for minority shareholders in connection with a management-led buyout, increasing gross consideration to shareholders in connection

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with the transaction by 25% after three years of intense litigation.

Consumer Litigation

Levi & Korsinsky works hard to protect consumers by holding corporations accountable for defective products, false and misleading advertising, overcharging, and unfair or deceptive business practices.

Our litigation and class action expertise combined with our in-depth understanding of federal and state laws enables us to fight for consumers who purchased defective products, including automobiles, appliances, electronic goods, and home products, as well as consumers who were deceived by consumer service providers such as banks and insurance, credit card, or phone companies.

In appointing the Firm Lead Counsel, the Honorable Gary Allen Feess cited the Firms' "significant prior experience in securities litigation and complex class actions."

Zaghian v. THQ, Inc., 2:12-cv-05227-GAF-JEM (C.D. Cal. Sept. 14, 2012)

In *NV Security, Inc. v. Fluke Networks*, Case No. CV05-4217 GW (SSx) (C.D. Cal. 2005), we negotiated a settlement on behalf of purchasers of Test Set telephones in an action alleging that the Test Sets contained a defective 3-volt battery. We benefited the consumer class by obtaining the following relief: free repair of the 3-volt battery, reimbursement for certain prior repair, an advisory concerning the 3-volt battery on the outside of packages of new Test Sets, an agreement that defendants would cease to market and/or sell certain Test Sets, and a 42-month warranty on the 3-volt battery contained in certain devices sold in the future.

In *Bustos v. Vonage America, Inc.*, Case No. 06 Civ. 2308 (HAA) (D.N.J. 2006), our firm achieved a common fund settlement of \$1.75 million on behalf of class members who purchased Vonage Fax Service in an action alleging that Vonage made false and misleading statements in the marketing, advertising, and sale of Vonage Fax Service by failing to inform consumers that the protocol Defendant used for the Vonage Fax Service was unreliable and unsuitable for facsimile communications.

In *Masterson v. Canon U.S.A.*, Case No. BC340740 (Cal. Super. Ct. L.A. Cty. 2006), we represented purchasers of Cannon SD Cameras in an action alleging that liquid crystal display ("LCD") screens on Cannon SD Cameras cracked, broke, or otherwise malfunctioned, and obtained refunds for certain broken LCD repair charges and important changes to the product warranty.

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Eduard Korsinsky

For more than 20 years Eduard Korsinsky has represented clients in securities cases, derivative actions, consumer fraud, and complex commercial matters. He has been named a New York “Super Lawyer” by Thompson Reuters and is recognized as one of the country’s leading practitioners in class and derivative matters. Mr. Korsinsky also has served as an editor of the American Bar Association’s Securities Litigation Section’s newsletter and is a member of the American Bar Association’s Derivative Suits Subcommittee.

Cases which he has litigated include:

- *E-Trade Financial Corp. Sec. Litig.*, No. 07-cv-8538 (S.D.N.Y. 2007), \$79 million recovery
- *In re Activision, Inc. S’holder Derivative Litig.*, No. 06-cv-04771-MRP (JTLX)(C.D. Cal. 2006), recovered \$24 million in excess compensation
- *Corinthian Colleges, Inc., S’holder Derivative Litig.*, SACV-06-0777-AHS (C.D. Cal. 2009), obtained repricing of executive stock options providing more than \$2 million in benefits to the company
- *Pfeiffer v. Toll*, C.A. No. 4140-VCL (Del. Ch. 2010), \$16.25 million in insider trading profits recovered
- *In re Net2Phone, Inc. S’holder Litig.*, Case No. 1467-N (Del. Ch. 2005), obtained increase in tender offer price from \$1.70 per share to \$2.05 per share
- *In re Pamrapo Bancorp S’holder Litig.*, C-89-09 (N.J. Ch. Hudson Cty. 2011) & HUD-L-3608-12 (N.J. Law Div. Hudson Cty. 2015), obtained supplemental disclosures following the filing of a motion for preliminary injunction, pursued case post-closing, defeated motion for summary judgment, and obtained an increase in consideration of between 15-23% for the members of the Class
- *In re Google Inc. Class C S’holder Litig.*, C.A. No. 19786 (Del. Ch. 2012), obtained payment ladder indemnifying investors up to \$8 billion in losses stemming from trading discounts expected to affect the new stock
- *Woodford v. M.D.C. Holdings, Inc.*, 1:2011cv00879 (D. Del. 2012), one of a few successful challenges to say on pay voting, recovered millions of dollars in reductions to compensation
- *i2 Technologies, Inc. S’holder Litig.*, C.A. No. 4003-CC (Del. Ch. 2008), \$4 million recovered, challenging fairness of certain asset sales made by the company
- *Pfeiffer v. Alpert (Beazer Homes)*, C.A. No. 10-cv-1063-PD (D. Del. 2011), obtained substantial revisions to an unlawful executive compensation structure
- *In re NCS Healthcare, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, C.A. CA 19786, (Del. Ch. 2002), case settled for approximately \$100 million
- *Paraschos v. YBM Magnex Int’l, Inc.*, No. 98-CV-6444 (E.D. Pa.), United States and Canadian cases settled for \$85 million Canadian

Education

- New York University School of Law, LL.M. Master of Law(s) Taxation (1997)

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- Brooklyn Law School, J.D. (1995)
- Brooklyn College, B.S., Accounting, *summa cum laude* (1992)

Admissions

- New York (1996)
- New Jersey (1996)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (1998)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (1998)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2006)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2010)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York (2011)
- United States District Court of New Jersey (2012)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2013)

Publications

- Delaware Court Dismisses Compensation Case Against Goldman Sachs, ABA Section of Securities Litigation News & Developments (Nov. 7, 2011)
- SDNY Questions SEC Settlement Practices in Citigroup Settlement, ABA Section of Securities Litigation News & Developments (Nov. 7, 2011)
- New York Court Dismisses Shareholder Suit Against Goldman Sachs, ABA Section of Securities Litigation News & Developments (Oct. 31, 2011)

Joseph E. Levi

Joseph E. Levi is a central figure in shaping and managing the Firm's securities litigation practice. Mr. Levi has been lead or co-lead in dozens of cases involving the enforcement of shareholder rights in the context of mergers & acquisitions and securities fraud. In addition to his involvement in class action litigation, he has represented numerous patent holders in enforcing their patent rights in areas including computer hardware, software, communications, and information processing, and has been instrumental in obtaining substantial awards and settlements.

Mr. Levi and the attorneys achieved success on behalf of the former shareholders of Occam Networks, Inc. in litigation challenging the Company's merger with Calix, Inc., obtaining a preliminary injunction against the merger due to material representations and omissions in the proxy statement by which the shareholders were solicited to vote. See *Chen v. Howard-Anderson*, No. 5878-VCL (Del. Ch. Jan. 24, 2011). Vigorous litigation efforts continued to trial, recovering \$35 million for the shareholders.

Another victory for Mr. Levi and the attorneys was in litigation challenging the acquisition of Health Grades, Inc. by affiliates of Vestar Capital Partners, L.P., where it was successfully demonstrated to the Delaware Court of Chancery that the defendants had likely breached their fiduciary duties to Health Grades' shareholders by failing to maximize value as required by *Revlon, Inc. v. MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings, Inc.*, 506 A.2d 173 (Del. 1986). See *Weigard v. Hicks*, No. 5732-VCS (Del. Ch. Sept. 3, 2010). This ruling was used to reach a favorable settlement in which defendants agreed to a host of measures designed to increase the likelihood of superior bid. Vice Chancellor Strine "applaud[ed]" the litigation team for their preparation and the extraordinary high-quality of the briefing. He and the attorneys also played a

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prominent role in the matter of *In re CNX Gas Corp. Shareholders Litigation*, C.A. No. 5377-VCL (Del. Ch. 2010), in which plaintiffs recovered a common fund of over \$42.7 million for stockholders.

Education

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude* (1995)
- Polytechnic University, B.S., *summa cum laude* (1984); M.S. (1986)

Admissions

- New York (1996)
- New Jersey (1996)
- United States Patent and Trademark Office (1997)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (1997)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (1997)

Partners

Donald J. Enright

During his 20 years as a litigator and trial lawyer, Mr. Enright has handled matters in the fields of securities, commodities, consumer fraud and commercial litigation, with a particular emphasis on shareholder M&A and securities fraud class action litigation. He has been named as a Washington, D.C. "Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters for several consecutive years, and as one of Washington's "Top Lawyers" by *Washingtonian* magazine.

Mr. Enright has shown a track record of achieving victories in federal trials and appeals, including:

- *Nathenson v. Zonagen, Inc.*, 267 F. 3d 400, 413 (5th Cir. 2001)
- *SEC v. Butler*, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 7194 (W.D. Pa. April 18, 2005)
- *Belizan v. Hershon*, 434 F. 3d 579 (D.C. Cir. 2006)

Most recently, as Co-Lead Counsel in *In re Bluegreen Corp. Shareholder Litigation*, Case No. 502011CA018111 (Cir. Ct. for Palm Beach Cnty., Fla.), Mr. Enright achieved a \$36.5 million common fund settlement in the wake of a majority shareholder buyout, representing a 25% increase in total consideration to the minority stockholders. Similarly, in *In re CNX Gas Corp. Shareholders Litigation*, C.A. No. 53377-VCL (Del. Ch. 2010), in which Levi & Korsinsky served upon plaintiffs' Executive Committee, Mr. Enright helped obtain the recovery of a common fund of over \$42.7 million for stockholders.

Mr. Enright has also played a leadership role in numerous securities and shareholder class actions from inception to conclusion. His leadership has produced multi-million dollar recoveries in shareholder class actions involving such companies as:

- Allied Irish Banks PLC
- Iridium World Communications, Ltd.
- En Pointe Technologies, Inc.
- PriceSmart, Inc.
- Polk Audio, Inc.
- Meade Instruments Corp.
- Xicor, Inc.

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- Streamlogic Corp.
 - Interbank Funding Corp.
 - Riggs National Corp.
 - UTStarcom, Inc.
 - Manugistics Group, Inc.

Mr. Enright also has a successful track record of obtaining injunctive relief in connection with shareholder M&A litigation, having won preliminary injunctions or other injunctive relief in the cases of:

- *In re Portec Rail Products, Inc. S'holder Litig.*, G.D. 10-3547 (Ct. Com. Pleas Pa. 2010)
- *In re Craftmade International, Inc. S'holder Litig.*, C.A. No. 6950-VCL (Del. Ch. 2011)
- *Dias v. Purches*, C.A. No. 7199-VCG (Del. Ch. 2012)
- *In re Complete Genomics, Inc. S'holder Litig.*, C.A. No. 7888-VCL (Del. Ch. 2012)
- *In re Integrated Silicon Solution, Inc. Stockholder Litig.*, Lead Case No. 115CV279142 (Sup. Ct. Santa Clara, CA 2015)

Mr. Enright has also demonstrated considerable success in obtaining deal price increases for shareholders in M&A litigation. As Co-Lead Counsel in the matter of *In re Great Wolf Resorts, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, C.A. No. 7328-VCN (Del. Ch. 2012), Mr. Enright was partially responsible for a \$93 million (57%) increase in merger consideration and waiver of several "don't-ask-don't-waive" standstill agreements that were precluding certain potential bidders from making a topping bid for the company.

*Then Vice Chancellor Leo E. Strine, Jr. praised our
"exceedingly measured and logical" argument*

Forgo v. Health Grades, Inc., C.A. No. 5716-VCS (Del. Ch. 2010)

Similarly, Mr. Enright served as Co-Lead Counsel in the case of *Berger v. Life Sciences Research, Inc.*, No. SOM-C-12006-09 (NJ Sup. Ct. 2009), which caused a significant increase in the transaction price from \$7.50 to \$8.50 per share, representing additional consideration for shareholders of approximately \$11.5 million.

And most recently, representing a substantial institutional investor, Mr. Enright served as Co-Lead Counsel in *Minerva Group, LP v. Keane*, Index No. 800621/2013 (NY Sup. Ct. of Erie Cnty.), and obtained a settlement in which Defendants increased the price of an insider buyout from \$8.40 to \$9.25 per share.

The courts have consistently recognized and praised the quality of Mr. Enright's work. In *In re Interbank Funding Corp. Securities Litigation* (D.D.C. 02-1490), Judge Bates of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia observed that Mr. Enright had "...skillfully, efficiently, and zealously represented the class, and... worked relentlessly throughout the course of the case."

Similarly, in *Freeland v. Iridium World Communications*, LTD, (D.D.C. 99-1002), Judge Nanette Laughrey stated that Mr. Enright had done "an outstanding job" in connection with the recovery of \$43.1 million for the shareholder class.

In *In re Schuff International Shareholders Litigation*, C.A. No. 10323-VCL (Del. Ch. 2015), Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster stated that Mr. Enright and LK "have done an excellent job in this Court getting results."

And, in the matter of *Osieczanek v. Thomas Properties Group*, C.A. No. 9029-VCG (Del. Ch. 2013), Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock of the Chancery Court of Delaware observed that "it's always a pleasure to

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have counsel [like Mr. Enright] who are articulate and exuberant in presenting their position,” and that Mr. Enright’s prosecution of a merger case was “wholesome” and served as “a model of . . . plaintiffs’ litigation in the merger arena.”

Education

- George Washington University School of Law, J.D. (1996), where he was a Member Editor of The George Washington University Journal of International Law and Economics from 1994 to 1996
- Drew University, B.A., Political Science and Economics, *cum laude* (1993)

Admissions

- Maryland (1996)
- New Jersey (1996)
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland (1997)
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (1997)
- District of Columbia (1999)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1999)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1999)
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia (1999)
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (2004)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2005)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2006)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2017)

Publications

- “SEC Enforcement Actions and Investigations in Private and Public Offerings,” *Securities: Public and Private Offerings*, Second Edition, West Publishing 2007
- “Dura Pharmaceuticals: Loss Causation Redefined or Merely Clarified?” *J. Tax’n & Reg. Fin. Inst.* September/October 2007, Page 5

Shannon L. Hopkins

Shannon L. Hopkins manages the Firm’s Connecticut office. She was selected in 2013 as a New York “Super Lawyer” by Thomson Reuters. For more than a decade Ms. Hopkins has been prosecuting a wide range of complex class action matters in securities fraud, mergers and acquisitions, and consumer fraud litigation on behalf of individuals and large institutional clients. Ms. Hopkins has played a lead role in numerous shareholder securities fraud and merger and acquisition matters and has been involved in recovering multi-million dollar settlements on behalf of shareholders, including:

- *In re Force Protection, Inc. S’holder Litig.*, C.A. No. A-11-651336-B (D. Nev. 2015), \$11 million shareholder recovery
- *Craig Telke v. New Frontier Media, Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:12-cv-02941-JLK (D. Co. 2015), \$2.25 million shareholder recovery
- *Shona Investments v. Callisto Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, C.A. No. 652783/2012 (NY Sup. Ct. 2015),

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shareholder recovery of \$2.5 million and increase in exchange ratio from 0.1700 to 0.1799

- *E-Trade Financial Corp. S'holder Litig.*, No. 07-cv-8538 (S.D.N.Y. 2007), \$79 million recovery for the shareholder class
- *In re Cogent, Inc. S'holder Litig.*, C.A. No. 5780-VCP (Del. Ch. 2010), \$1.9 million shareholder recovery and corrective disclosures relating to the Merger
- *In re CMS Energy Sec. Litig.*, Civil No. 02 CV 72004 (GCS) (E.D. Mich. Sept. 6, 2007), \$200 million recovery
- *In re Sears, Roebuck and Co. Sec. Litig.*, No. 02-cv-07527 (N.D. Ill. Jan. 8, 2007), \$200 million recovery
- *In re El Paso Electric Co. Sec. Litig.*, C.A. No. 3:03-cv-00004-DB (W.D. Tex. Sept. 15, 2005), \$10 million recovery
- *In re Novastar Fin. Sec. Litig.*, 4:04-cv-00330-ODS (W.D. Mo. Apr. 14, 2009), \$7.25 million recovery

The quality of Ms. Hopkin's work has been noted by courts. In *In re Health Grades, Inc. Shareholder Litigation*, C.A. No. 5716-VCS (Del. Ch. 2010), where Ms. Hopkins was significantly involved with the briefing of the preliminary injunction motion, then Vice Chancellor Strine "applaud[ed]" Co-Lead Counsel for their preparation and the extraordinary high-quality of the briefing.

In addition to her legal practice, Ms. Hopkins is a Certified Public Accountant (1998 Massachusetts). Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Hopkins was a senior auditor with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, where she led audit engagements for large publicly held companies in a variety of industries.

Education

- Suffolk University Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude* (2003), where she served on the Journal for High Technology and as Vice Magister of the Phi Delta Phi International Honors Fraternity
- Bryant University, B.S.B.A., Accounting and Finance, *cum laude* (1995), where she was elected to the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society

Admissions

- Massachusetts (2003)
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (2004)
- New York (2004)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2004)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2004)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2004)
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (2008)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2010)
- Connecticut (2013)

Publications

- Cybercrime Convention: A Positive Beginning to a Long Road Ahead, 2 J. High Tech. L. 101 (2003)

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Nancy A. Kulesa

Nancy A. Kulesa has extensive experience in complex litigation in federal and state courts, including securities litigation, Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) litigation, consumer fraud litigation, mergers and acquisitions cases, and antitrust litigation.

Ms. Kulesa is involved in all of the Firm's practice areas, with a primary focus on securities litigation and institutional investor relations. She directs the Firm's Portfolio Monitoring Services and assists clients in identifying material losses in their securities portfolios caused by corporate wrongdoing. She consults with investors regarding securities litigation, corporate governance, and shareholder rights. She has been involved in numerous securities fraud litigations which have recovered millions of dollars for shareholders, including:

- *In re CIT Group Sec. Litig.*, 1:08-06613 (S.D.N.Y. 2008), \$75 million
- *Klugmann v. American Capital Ltd.*, 09-cv-0005 (D. Md. 2009), \$18 million
- *In re Nuvelo, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 07-cv-4056 (N.D. Cal. 2007), \$8.9 million
- *Bauer v. Prudential, Inc.*, 09-cv-1120 (JLL) (D.N.J. 2009), \$16.5 million

Prior to joining the Firm, Ms. Kulesa practiced at Izard Nobel, LLP, where she represented investors in securities class actions and employees under ERISA. Ms. Kulesa has experience in representing corporations seeking antitrust clearance of mergers and acquisitions and has also handled commercial litigation matters and contractual disputes.

Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D. (2001)
- Fordham University, B.A., International Politics (1998)

Admissions

- Connecticut (2001)
- United States District Court for the District of Connecticut (2004)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2015)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2016)

Nicholas I. Porritt

Nicholas I. Porritt prosecutes securities class actions, shareholder class actions, derivative actions, and mergers and acquisitions litigation. He has extensive experience representing plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of complex commercial litigation, including civil fraud, breach of contract, and professional malpractice, as well as defending SEC investigations and enforcement actions. Mr. Porritt has helped recover hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of shareholders. He was one of the Lead Counsel in *In re Google Inc. Class C Shareholder Litigation*, C.A. No. 7469-CS (Del. Ch. 2012) **that resulted in a payment of \$522 million to shareholders and overall benefit of over \$3 billion to Google's minority shareholders**. He was one of the lead counsel in *Chen v. Howard-Anderson*, No. 5878-VCL (Del. Ch. Jan. 24, 2011) that settled during trial resulting in a \$35 million payment to the former shareholders of Occam Networks, Inc., one of the largest quasi-appraisal recoveries for shareholders. Some of Mr. Porritt's recent cases include:

- *Zaghian v. Farrell*, 675 Fed. Appx. 718, (9th Cir. 2017)
- *SEC v. Cuban*, 620 F.3d 551 (5th Cir. 2010)

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- *Cozzarelli v. Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 549 F.3d 618 (4th Cir. 2008)
- *Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana v. Hunter*, 477 F.3d 162 (4th Cir. 2007)
- *In re PTC Therapeutics Sec. Litig.*, 2017 WL 3705801 (D.N.J. Aug. 28, 2017)
- *Gormley v. magicJack VocalTec Ltd.*, 220 F. Supp. 3d 510 (S.D.N.Y. 2016)
- *Carlton v. Cannon*, 184 F. Supp. 3d 428, (S.D. Tex. 2016)
- *Zola v. TD Ameritrade, Inc.*, 172 F. Supp. 3d 1055, (D. Neb. 2016)
- *In re Energy Recovery Sec. Litig.*, 2016 WL 324150 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 27, 2016)
- *In re EZCorp Inc. Consulting Agreement Deriv. Litig.*, 2016 WL 301245 (Del. Ch. Jan. 25, 2016)
- *In re Violin Memory Sec. Litig.*, 2014 WL 5525946 (N.D. Cal. October 31, 2014)
- *Garnitschnig v. Horovitz*, 48 F. Supp. 3d 820 (D. Md. 2014)

Mr. Porritt speaks frequently on current topics relating to securities laws and derivative actions, including presentations on behalf of the Council for Institutional Investors, Nasdaq, and the Practising Law Institute. He is the author of the chapter "Current Trends in Securities Litigation: How Companies and Counsel Should Respond" published in *Inside the Minds Recent Developments in Securities Law* (Aspatore Press 2010). He currently serves as co-chair of the American Bar Association Sub-Committee on Derivative Actions.

Mr. Porritt is also qualified as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England & Wales and advises international clients in the United States and Europe on the recovery of losses suffered to their investment portfolios attributable to financial fraud or other misconduct, including participation in shareholder class actions and other representative litigation in the United States, England, and in other jurisdictions.

Before joining the Firm, Mr. Porritt practiced as a partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and prior to that was a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC.

Education

- University of Chicago Law School, J.D., With Honors (1996)
- University of Chicago Law School, LL.M. (1993)
- Victoria University of Wellington, LL.B. (Hons.), With First Class Honors, Senior Scholarship (1990)

Admissions

- New York (1997)
- District of Columbia (1998)
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia (1999)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2004)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2004)
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (2006)
- United States Supreme Court (2006)
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland (2007)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2012)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2014)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2015)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2015)

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- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (2016)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (2017)

Rosemary M. Rivas

Rosemary M. Rivas is a partner in Levi & Korsinsky's San Francisco office. She has dedicated her legal career to representing consumers in complex, class action litigation involving false advertising and defective product claims. Most recently, in a highly competitive application process, Judge Charles R. Breyer appointed Ms. Rivas to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" MDL*, Case No. 15-MDL-2672-CRB (JSC), which settled for over \$10 billion dollars on behalf of consumers.

Ms. Rivas has served in a leadership role in a number of cases, including:

- *Lima v. Gateway*, Case No. SACV-09-1366 (C.D. Cal.), Co-Lead Class Counsel in nationwide class action involving defective monitor; achieved \$195 refund for each monitor purchased
- *Pappas v. Naked Juice*, Case No. 2:11-cv-08276 (C.D. Cal.), Co-Lead Class Counsel; achieved \$9 million settlement and changes to the company's testing procedures and product labels)
- *Garcia v. Allergan, Inc.*, Case No. 09-cv-7088 PSG (Ex) (C.D. Cal.), Co-Lead Class Counsel; achieved \$7.75 million settlement and changes to the company's training procedures

She has also been instrumental in obtaining favorable appellate decisions on behalf of consumers in the areas of false advertising, federal preemption, and arbitration, such as:

- *Lilly v. ConAgra Foods, Inc.*, 743 F.3d 662 (9th Cir. 2014)
- *In re Sony PS3 "Other OS" Litig.*, 551 Fed. App. 916 (9th Cir. 2014)
- *Probst v. Superior Court (Health Net of California)*, 2012 Cal. LEXIS 4476 (Ct. Appeal, 1st Dist., May 9, 2012)

From 2009-2011, Ms. Rivas was selected as a Rising Star by Law & Politics Magazine, which recognizes the best lawyers 40 years old or under or in practice for ten years or less. In 2015, Bay Area Legal Aid presented her with the Guardian of Justice award, for her work achievements in the law and her role in helping direct cy pres funds to ensure equal access to the civil justice system.

Ms. Rivas has presented at a number of speaking engagements, including: Section 17200: The Fertility of Man's Invention, 2016 (The Bar Association of San Francisco); Data Privacy Law 101: U.S. Data Privacy and Security Laws 2015 (The Bar Association of San Francisco); Food Labeling and False Advertising Class Actions, 2015 (The Bar Association of San Francisco); and Class Actions: New Developments & Approaches for Strategic Response, 2013 (American Bar Association).

Previously, Ms. Rivas served as a Board Member and Diversity Director of the Barristers Club of the San Francisco Bar Association. Ms. Rivas is fluent in Spanish.

Education

- University of California, Hastings College of Law, J.D. (2000)
- San Francisco State University, B.A., Political Science (1997)

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Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2001)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California (2001)
- United States District Court for the Central District of California (2002)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California (2005)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California (2005)

Michael H. Rosner

Michael H. Rosner focuses his practice on representing shareholders of public companies in class action and derivative litigation seeking recovery for corporate wrongdoing, particularly with respect to mergers and acquisitions and executive compensation. He also prosecutes class actions on behalf of consumers damaged by harmful products, and was selected as a “Rising Star” by Super Lawyers in 2014.

Recent successes on behalf of shareholders include the obtaining of a preliminary injunction against the merger of Occam Networks, Inc. and Calix, Inc., due to material misrepresentations and omissions in the proxy statement by which the shareholders were solicited to vote for the merger. See *Chen v. Howard-Anderson*, No. 5878-VCL (Del. Ch. Jan. 24, 2011). Mr. Rosner continued to lead the litigation effort on behalf of former Occam shareholders, taking the case to trial and recovering \$35 million for the shareholders.

Another of Mr. Rosner’s victories for shareholders was in litigation challenging the acquisition of Health Grades, Inc. by affiliates of Vestar Capital Partners, L.P. In that case, Mr. Rosner and his co-counsel successfully demonstrated to the Delaware Court of Chancery that the defendants had likely breached their fiduciary duties to Health Grades’ shareholders by failing to maximize value as required by *Revlon, Inc. v. MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings, Inc.*, 506 A.2d 173 (Del. 1986). See *Weigard v. Hicks*, No. 5732-VCS (Del. Ch. Sept. 3, 2010) (“Health Grades”).

Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock said “it’s always a pleasure to have counsel [from Levi & Korsinsky] who are articulate and exuberant...” and referred to our approach to merger litigation as “wholesome” and “a model of... plaintiffs’ litigation in the merger arena.”

Ocieczanek v. Thomas Properties Group, C.A. No. 9029-VCG (Del. Ch. 2014)

Using the Court’s favorable ruling, Mr. Rosner and co-counsel in Health Grades were successful in reaching a settlement in which defendants agreed to, among other things, modify the merger agreement (including by reducing the termination fee, imposing a “majority of the minority” requirement, and reducing the period of notice to the buyer before Health Grades could enter into a superior proposal), as well as to create and empower an independent committee, extend the tender offer so as to allow other potential bidders an opportunity to make a competing bid, and issue a “Fort Howard” press release affirmatively stating that the company “will provide information to, and engage and participate in good faith discussions and negotiations with, any third party” making a bona fide written acquisition proposal. Vice Chancellor Strine “applaud[ed]” Mr. Rosner and co-counsel for their preparation and the extraordinarily high quality of the briefing.

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Mr. Rosner has also had success at the appellate level, persuading the Second Circuit Court of Appeals to reverse a district court's dismissal of derivative claims seeking to recover excessive compensation granted to officers and directors of Goldman Sachs. See *Bader v. Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.*, No. 10-4364-cv, 2011 WL 6318037 (2d Cir. Dec. 19, 2011).

Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Rosner practiced as an associate at Sullivan & Cromwell (2000-2006).

Education

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude* (2000), where he served on the Fordham Law Review and was President of the Chess Club
- State University of New York at Albany, B.A., *summa cum laude* (1997), where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

- New York (2001)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2001)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2001)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2005)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (2016)

Publications

- Co-authored "Seeking Subprime Solutions: Fed Action, Legislation and Litigation Address the Subprime Mess," Global Securitization Guide (May 2008)
- Co-authored "Legislative and Regulatory Developments in U.S. Securitizations," Global Securitization Guide (May 2007)
- Assisted in the preparation of "Pay, Performance and Proxies: The Latest in Executive Compensation," Fund Management Legal & Regulatory Report (March 2007)

Elizabeth K. Tripodi

Elizabeth K. Tripodi focuses her practice on shareholder M&A litigation, representing shareholders of public companies impacted by mergers, acquisitions, tender offers, and other change-in-control transactions. Ms. Tripodi has been named as a Washington, DC "Super Lawyer" and was selected as a "Rising Star" by Thomson Reuters for several consecutive years.

Ms. Tripodi has played a lead role in obtaining monetary *recoveries* for shareholders in M&A litigation:

- *In re Bluegreen Corp. S'holder Litig.*, Case No. 502011CA018111 (Circuit Ct. for Palm Beach Cty., FL), creation of a \$36.5 million common fund settlement in the wake of a majority shareholder buyout, representing a 25% increase in total consideration to the minority stockholders
- *In re Cybex International S'holder Litig.*, Index No. 653794/2012 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2014), recovery of \$1.8 million common fund, which represented an 8% increase in stockholder consideration in connection with management-led cash-out merger

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- *In re Great Wolf Resorts, Inc. S'holder Litig.*, C.A. No. 7328-VCN (Del. Ch. 2012), where there was a \$93 million (57%) increase in merger consideration
- *Minerva Group, LP v. Keane*, Index No. 800621/2013 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2013), settlement in which Defendants increased the price of an insider buyout from \$8.40 to \$9.25 per share

Ms. Tripodi has played a key role in obtaining injunctive relief while representing shareholders in connection with M&A litigation, including obtaining preliminary injunctions or other injunctive relief in the following actions:

- *In re Portec Rail Products, Inc. S'holder Litig.*, G.D. 10-3547 (Ct. Com. Pleas Pa. 2010)
- *In re Craftmade International, Inc. S'holder Litig.*, C.A. No. 6950-VCL (Del. Ch. 2011)
- *Dias v. Purches*, C.A. No. 7199-VCG (Del. Ch. 2012)
- *In re Complete Genomics, Inc. S'holder Litig.*, C.A. No. 7888-VCL (Del. Ch. 2012)
- *In re Integrated Silicon Solution, Inc. Stockholder Litig.*, Lead Case No. 115CV279142 (Sup. Ct. Santa Clara, CA 2015)

Prior to joining Levi & Korsinsky, Ms. Tripodi was a member of the litigation team that served as Lead Counsel in, and was responsible for, the successful prosecution of numerous class actions, including: *Rudolph v. UTStarcom* (stock option backdating litigation obtaining a \$9.5 million settlement); *Grecian v. Meade Instruments* (stock option backdating litigation obtaining a \$3.5 million settlement).

Education

- American University Washington College of Law, *cum laude* (2006), where she served as Editor in Chief of the Business Law Brief, was a member of the National Environmental Moot Court team, and interned for Environmental Enforcement Section at the Department of Justice
- Davidson College, B.A., Art History (2000)

Admissions

- Virginia (2006)
- District of Columbia (2008)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2006)
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia (2010)

Of Counsel

Amy Miller

Amy Miller is Of Counsel with the Firm. Over the last fifteen years, Ms. Miller has represented clients in stockholder derivative law suits, corporate governance litigation, securities class actions, and appraisal proceedings. Ms. Miller currently prosecutes these cases on behalf of stockholders seeking accountability from corporate management on issues ranging from breach of fiduciary duties to corporate waste. Ms. Miller has secured significant monetary recoveries and corporate governance reforms on behalf of stockholders, including:

- *In re Jefferies Group, Inc. Shareholders Litig.*, C.A. No. 8059-CB (Del. Ch. 2015) (\$70 million recovery)

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- *In re News Corp. S'holder Deriv. Litig.*, C.A. No. 6285-VCN (Del. Ch. 2013) (\$139 million recovery and a variety of corporate governance enhancements)
- *In re ACS S'holder Litig.*, C.A. No. 4940-VCP (Del. Ch. 2010) (\$69 million recovery)

Prior to joining the Firm, Ms. Miller practiced at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP for more than seven years before working at two boutique plaintiffs firms in New York. While in law school, Ms. Miller participated in an externship with the Honorable George B. Daniels of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Education

- New York Law School, J.D., *summa cum laude*, where she served as a Member & Articles Editor on the New York Law School Law Review, and was awarded Merit Based Scholarships from 1997 through 2001 (2001)
- Boston University, B.A., *magna cum laude* (1995)

Admissions

- New York (2002)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Publications

- Co-Author of "Coaches Should Stick to the Sidelines: Why the Federal Rules Should Track Delaware Rules Regarding Conferences Between Deponents and Counsel," used in conjunction with Practising Law Institute's Corporate Law and Practice Course Handbook Series

Associates

Adam M. Apton

Adam M. Apton focuses his practice on investor protection. He represents institutional investors and high net worth individuals in securities fraud, corporate governance, and shareholder rights litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Apton defended corporate clients against complex mass tort, commercial, and products liability lawsuits. Thomson Reuters selected Mr. Apton to the Super Lawyers Washington, DC "Rising Stars" list for the years 2016 and 2017, a distinction given to only the top 2.5% of lawyers.

Mr. Apton currently serves as court-appointed lead counsel in several class action lawsuits throughout the United States:

- *Carlton v. Cannon (KiOR Inc.)*, 4:13-cv-02443 (LHR) (S.D. Tex.), federal class action securities fraud lawsuit against former officers of biofuel firm KiOR, Inc., featured on CBS's "60 Minutes"
- *In re Energy Recovery Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 3:15-cv-00265 (N.D. Cal.), federal class action lawsuit alleging securities fraud violations against company and former chief executive officer for false projections and reports of finances and operations

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- ***Cortina v. Anavex Life Sciences Corp.***, 1:15-cv-10162-JMF (S.D.N.Y.), federal class action lawsuit for market manipulation against biopharmaceutical company for promoting itself as extraordinary investment opportunity based on supposed cure for Alzheimer's Disease
- ***Rux v. Meyer (Sirius XM Holdings Inc.)***, No. 11577 (Del. Ch.), shareholder rights lawsuit against SiriusXM's Board of Directors for engaging in harmful related-party transactions with controlling stockholder, John. C. Malone and Liberty Media Corp.
- ***Stadnick v. Vivint Solar, Inc.***, No. 16-65 (2d Cir.), federal class action lawsuit alleging violations under the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with misleading initial public offering documents

Mr. Apton's past representations and successes include:

- ***In re Violin Memory Inc. Sec. Litig.***, 4: 13-cv-05486-YGR (N.D. Cal.) (settlement of \$7.5 million over allegations of false statements in initial public offering documents concerning sales to government sector)
- ***Roby v. Ocean Power Technologies, Inc.***, 3:14-cv-3799-FLW-LHG (D.N.J.) (settlement fund of \$3 million and 380,000 shares of common stock in response to allegations over failed technology)
- ***Maritime Asset Management, LLC v. NeurogesX, Inc.***, 4: 12-cv-05034-YGR (N.D. Cal.) (recovery of \$1.25 million on behalf of private offering class)
- ***Monson v. Friedman (Associated Estates Realty Corp.)***, 1:14-cv-01477-PAG (N.D. Ohio) (revoking improperly awarded stock options and implementing corporate governance preventing reoccurrence of similar violations)
- ***In re OCZ Technology Group, Inc. Sec. Litig.***, 3:12-cv-05265-RS (N.D. Cal.) (settlement fund of \$7.5 million over allegations of accounting fraud relating to improper revenue recognition)

Education

- New York Law School, J.D., *cum laude* (2009), where he served as Articles Editor of the *New York Law School Law Review* and interned for the New York State Supreme Court, Commercial Division
- University of Minnesota, B.A., Entrepreneurial Management & Psychology, With Distinction (2006)

Admissions

- New York (2010)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2010)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2010)
- District of Columbia (2013)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2015)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2016)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2016)

Stephanie A. Bartone

Stephanie A. Bartone practices in all areas of the firm, with a focus on consumer class action litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Bartone worked for the Connecticut Judicial System where she assisted State court

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judges in civil and family matters. Ms. Bartone also previously worked for a firm specializing in civil litigation and criminal defense at the state and federal level.

Education

- The University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D. (2012), where she served as Symposium Editor of the Connecticut Law Review
- University of New Hampshire, B.A., Psychology and Justice Studies, *summa cum laude* (2008)

Admissions

- Connecticut (2012)
- Massachusetts (2012)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2013)
- United States District Court for the District of Connecticut (2015)
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (2016)

Jordan A. Cafritz

Jordan Cafritz is an Associate with the Firm's Washington, D.C. office. While attending law school at American University he was an active member of the American University Business Law Review and worked as a Rule 16 attorney in the Criminal Justice Defense Clinic. After graduating from law school, Mr. Cafritz clerked for the Honorable Paul W. Grimm in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

Education

- American University Washington College of Law, J.D. (2014)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A., Economics & History (2010)

Admissions

- Maryland (2014)

Cecille B. Cargill

Cecille B. Cargill manages the Firm's client development services. She advises shareholders of their rights related to securities litigation, complex class actions, and shareholder and derivative litigation, and also responds to shareholder inquiries pertaining to the Firm and specific cases.

Education

- Boston University School of Law, J.D. (1994)
- State University at Buffalo, B.A., History & Legal Studies (1990)

Admissions

- Massachusetts (1995)

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Andrea Clisura

Andrea Clisura focuses her practice on prosecuting consumer class actions. Prior to joining Levi & Korsinsky, she was an associate at a boutique law firm in New York specializing in class action litigation. While attending Brooklyn Law School, Ms. Clisura served as an Associate Managing Editor of the Journal of Law and Policy and was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society, Appellate Advocacy Division. Her note, "None of Their Business: The Need for Another Alternative to New York's Bail Bond Business," was published in Brooklyn Law School's Journal of Law and Policy.

Ms. Clisura also gained experience in law school as an intern to the Honorable David G. Trager of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York and as a summer law intern with the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, and a New York Legal Services office engaged in foreclosure defense.

Education

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude* (2011)
- New York University, B.A., *magna cum laude* (2005)

Admissions

- New Jersey (2011)
- New York (2012)
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (2012)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2012)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2012)

"[The court] appreciated very much the quality of the argument, the obvious preparation that went into it, and the ability of counsel..."

Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock, III in *Dias v. Purches*, C.A. No. 7199-VCG (Del. Ch. 2012)

William J. Fields

William J. Fields is a member of the New York City Bar Association and serves on the New York City Affairs Committee. Before joining the Firm, Mr. Fields was a Law Clerk in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals – Staff Attorney's Office.

Education

- Cornell Law School, J.D. (2011)
- University of Connecticut, B.A., *cum laude* (2008)

Admissions

- New York (2012)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (2016)

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Michelle Gruesbeck

Michelle Gruesbeck practices in the Washington, D.C. office, focusing on securities class actions and stockholder derivative suits. While attending law school, Ms. Gruesbeck gained experience as an intern at the Securities and Exchange Commission in the Office of Compliance Inspections Examinations, the Division of Enforcement, the Division of International Corporation Finance, and the Division of Corporation Finance (AD 5). She also served as an editor of the *Journal of Land and Development* and was a member of the Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Team.

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M., Securities and Financial Regulation (2015)
- University of Baltimore School of Law, J.D., *cum laude* (2013)
- Purdue University, B.A., Biology (2003)

Admissions

- Maryland (2013)

Alexander Krot

Education

- The George Washington University, B.B.A., Finance and International Business (2003)
- American University Washington College of Law, J.D. (2010)
- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M., Securities and Financial Regulation, With Distinction (2011)
- American University, Kogod School of Business, M.B.A. (2012)

Admissions

- Maryland (2011)
- District of Columbia (2014)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2015)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (2016)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin (2017)

Christopher J. Kupka

Christopher J. Kupka represents victims of wrongdoing in employment, consumer, and securities class actions and stockholder derivative suits. In law school, Mr. Kupka was awarded the M.H. Goldstein Memorial Prize for excellence in labor law. Mr. Kupka was also the recipient of an Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Fellowship.

Education

- University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D. (2010), where he served as an editor of the *Journal of International Law*
- Cornell University, A.B. (2007)

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Admissions

- New York (2011)
- United States District Courts for the Southern District of New York (2012)
- United States District Courts for the Eastern District of New York (2012)
- Illinois (2013)
- United States District Courts for the Northern District of Illinois (2014)

Publications

- "Remediation of Unfair Labor Practices and the EFCA: Justifications, Criticisms, and Alternatives," 38 Rutgers L. Rec. 197 (May 2011)
- Co-author of "Turning Tides For Employee Arbitration Agreements" as featured on Law360.com (October 2016)

Jonathan Lindenfeld

Jonathan Lindenfeld is an Associate with the Firm in the New York office. Mr. Lindenfeld's practice focuses on securities class actions and stockholder derivative suits. While attending law school, Mr. Lindenfeld gained experience as an intern at the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of New York and a boutique law firm specializing in derivatives and forex exchanges. Mr. Lindenfeld also served as an editor of the Hofstra Journal of International Business and Law.

Education

- Hofstra University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, where he received Honors in Business Law, and was awarded Merit Based Scholarships from 2012 through 2015 (2015)
- City University of New York-Queens College, B.A., Economics (2012)

Admissions

- New Jersey (2015)
- New York (2016)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2016)

Publications

- The CFTC's Substituted Compliance Approach: An Attempt to Bring About Global Harmony and Stability in the Derivatives Market, 14 J. INT'L BUS. & L. 125 (2015)

Courtney E. Maccarone

Courtney E. Maccarone focuses her practice on prosecuting consumer class actions. Prior to joining Levi & Korsinsky, Ms. Maccarone was an associate at a boutique firm in New York specializing in class action litigation. While attending Brooklyn Law School, Ms. Maccarone served as the Executive Symposium Editor of the *Brooklyn Journal of International Law* and was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society. Her note, "Crossing Borders: A TRIPS-Like Treaty on Quarantines and Human Rights" was published in the Spring 2011 edition of the *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*.

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Ms. Maccarone also gained experience in law school as an intern to the Honorable Martin Glenn of the Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Court and as a law clerk at a New York City-based class action firm. Ms. Maccarone was selected as a New York Super Lawyers "Rising Star" in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Education

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude* (2011), where she served as the Executive Symposium Editor of the *Brooklyn Journal of International Law* and was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society
- New York University, B.A., *magna cum laude* (2008)

Admissions

- New Jersey (2011)
- New York (2012)
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (2012)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2012)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2012)

Publications

- "Crossing Borders: A TRIPS-Like Treaty on Quarantines and Human Rights," published in the Spring 2011 edition of the *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*

Adam C. McCall

Adam C. McCall is an Associate with the Firm. Prior to joining Levi & Korsinsky, Mr. McCall was a Summer Analyst at Moelis & Company and an intern at Fortress Investment Group. While attending the Georgetown University Law Center, he was an extern at the Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Corporate Finance.

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M., Securities and Financial Regulation (2015)
- California Western School of Law, J.D., *cum laude* (2013)
- Santa Clara University, Certificate of Advanced Accounting Proficiency (2010)
- University of Southern California, B.A., Economics (2008)

Admissions

- California (2014)
- United States District Court for the Central District of California (2015)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California (2015)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California (2015)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California (2015)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2016)
- Admission to DC Bar pending

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Gregory M. Potrepka

Gregory M. Potrepka is an Associate in Levi & Korsinsky's Connecticut office. Mr. Potrepka is an experienced lawyer having litigated cases in State, Federal, and Tribal courts, at both the trial and appellate levels. While in law school, Mr. Potrepka clerked in the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.

Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D. (2015)
- University of Connecticut Department of Public Policy, M.P.A. (2015)
- University of Connecticut, B.A., Political Science (2010)

Admissions

- Connecticut (2015)
- Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court (2015)
- United States District Court for the District of Connecticut (2016)

Quentin A. Roberts

Quentin A. Roberts is an Associate in Levi & Korsinsky's San Francisco office. While attending law school, Mr. Roberts was a member of the Law Review and worked on class action litigation as a law clerk. Mr. Roberts concentrates on litigating class action matters, particularly those involving consumer fraud. He has worked on a number of high-profile cases, such as *In re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices, & Prods. Liab. Litig.*, No. 15-md-2672 (N.D. Cal.), pending in the Northern District of California.

Education

- University of San Francisco School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude* (2015)
- University of California, San Diego, B.A., Economics (2010)

Admissions

- California (2015)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California (2016)
- United States District Court for the Central District of California (2017)

Justin G. Sherman

Justin G. Sherman is a member of the New York City Bar Association and the New York County Lawyers Association.

Education

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- New York Law School, J.D., *cum laude* (2011), where he was a Notes & Comments Editor on the New York Law School Law Review
- Hamilton College, B.A., World Politics and Spanish (2008)

Admissions

- New Jersey (2011)
- New York (2012)
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (2012)

Samir Shukurov

Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Shukurov worked for a corporate and securities law firm where he represented clients in exempted securities offerings and 1934 Securities Exchange Act reporting matters. Mr. Shukurov also worked as the General Counsel for Ernst & Young's Azerbaijan office.

Education

- Boston University School of Law, LL.M., Outstanding Achievement Award (2015)
- Baku State University, LL.M., Civil Law, With Honors (2012)
- Baku State University, LL.B. (2009)

Admissions

- Massachusetts (2015)
- New York (2016)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2016)

Brian Stewart

Brian Stewart is an Associate with the Firm practicing in the Washington, D.C. office. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Stewart was an associate at a small litigation firm in Washington D.C. and a regulatory analyst at the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). During law school, he interned for the Enforcement Divisions of the SEC and CFPB.

Education

- American University Washington College of Law, J.D. (2012)
- University of Washington, B.S., Economics and Mathematics (2008)

Admissions

- Maryland (2012)
- District of Columbia (2014)

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Sebastian Tornatore

Prior to joining the Firm, Sebastian Tornatore worked for the Connecticut Judicial System, where he gained significant experience working for various state judges.

Education

- The University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D. (2012), where he served as Executive Editor of the Connecticut Law Review and was a member of the Connecticut Moot Court Board
- Boston College, B.A., Political Science (2008)

Admissions

- Massachusetts (2012)
- Connecticut (2012)
- New York (2014)
- United States District Court for the District of Connecticut (2014)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2016)
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (2016)

Staff Attorneys

Thaddeus Jacques

Thaddeus Jacques is a Staff Attorney in the New York office. While attending law school, he was a member of the *American Journal of Law and Medicine*.

Education

- Boston School of Law, J.D. (2004)
- New York University, B.A., English and American Literature (1998)

Admissions

- Massachusetts (2004)
- New York (2005)

Yekaterina Kovtunova

Yekaterina Kovtunova is a Staff Attorney in the New York office. Ms. Kovtunova concentrates on litigating class action matters, and represents the victims of wrongdoing in employment, securities and consumer fraud. She has worked on a number of high-profile cases, including *In re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices, & Prods. Liab. Litig.*, No. 15-md-2672 (N.D. Cal.). During law school Ms. Kovtunova clerked in the Chambers of the Honorable Anthony Fiorella of New York Supreme Court, Kings County.

Education

- New York Law School, J.D. (2011)
- State University of New York at Buffalo, B.S. (2008)

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Admissions

- New York (2012)

Michelle Thompson

Michelle Thompson is a Staff Attorney in the New York office. Mrs. Thompson has corporate experience in the U.S. as well as in Brazil.

Education

- The University of Texas School of Law, L.L.M. (2015)
- Universidade Gama Filho, Brazil, Post-graduate law degree (2009)
- Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Goiás, Brazil, L.L.B. (2005)
- Universidade Federal de Goiás, Brazil, B.A., Communications (2003)

Admissions

- Brazil (2006)
- Texas (2015)

Law Clerks

John Carriel

John Carriel is a Law Clerk with the Firm in the Washington, D.C. office. During law school, he interned for the Enforcement and Investment Management Divisions of the SEC and the Legal Division of the CFPB. In addition, he worked as a summer associate for a midsize business law firm in New York.

Education

- The George Washington University Law School, J.D., With Honors (2017)
- Universidad Pontificia Comillas (ICADE), LL.M., International and European Business Law, With Honors (2015)
- Drew University, B.A., Business Studies (2013)

Admissions

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