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**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

DANIEL PATZ, JOAN MANN CHESNER, *ET AL.*,

PLAINTIFFS,

V.

CITY OF SAN DIEGO,

DEFENDANT.

Case No. 37-2015-00023413-CU-MC-CTL

**CERTIFIED CLASS ACTION**

**DECLARATION OF STEVEN M. TINDALL IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS SETTLEMENT**

Date: July 31, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept: C-67
Judge: Hon. Michael T. Smyth

Plaintiffs' counsel Steven Tindall of Gibbs Mura LLP declares under penalty of perjury:

1. I, Steven Tindall, represent Plaintiffs in this certified class action and respectfully submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below and if called as a witness, could and would testify competently to them except where I make a statement on information and belief, in which case I am informed and believe the statement to be true.

2. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is the proposed Settlement Agreement, entered into between Plaintiffs and Defendant City of San Diego. Shortly before Plaintiffs submitted the preliminary approval motion, the City of San Diego advised Counsel for Plaintiffs to file the settlement agreement with Plaintiffs' signatories, and that the City would submit a fully executed version of the Settlement Agreement as soon as it is able.

**Complaint Allegations**

3. This case arises from allegations concerning the City of San Diego's 2013 and 2015 water ratemakings with respect to San Diego's single-family residential customers. Plaintiffs alleged that these two ratemakings instituted single-family residential water rates that violated Section 6(b)(3) of the California Constitution and were not proportional to the City of San Diego's cost of providing water service. Plaintiffs sought declaratory and injunctive relief for the entire class, along with a refund for class members who were overcharged as a result of the unconstitutional rates.

4. Plaintiffs' allegations target these two ratemakings, and the cost-of-service studies and additional data regarding the 2013 and 2015 water ratemakings were part of the administrative record in the trial court below. It is my understanding that, after the trial court's judgment in favor of the class, the City of San Diego changed the at-issue water rates, with new rates taking effect on December 1, 2023.

**The Proposed Settlement**

5. During the course of this litigation, my fellow Plaintiffs' Counsel attorneys and I extensively investigated the facts, aggressively litigated the case, and developed a strong understanding of the strengths and weaknesses and value of the claims.

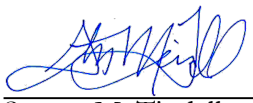
6. We believe the proposed settlement with the City of San Diego is fair, reasonable, and adequate, provides substantial benefits to the Class, and avoids the delay and uncertainty of continued,

protracted litigation with the City of San Diego. The Court (Judge Sturgeon (Ret.)) has previously reviewed our resumes in support of our application for class counsel. (Decl. of Steven Tindall in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification (July 19, 2019); Decl. of Daniel Rottinghaus in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification (July 19, 2019).) An updated firm resume for Gibbs Mura is attached as **Exhibit 2.**

7. To my knowledge, there are no other cases that will be impacted by the settlement.

8. Plaintiffs' counsel solicited bids from three reputable settlement administrators to administer the proposed class action settlement here. We carefully compared those bids, conferred with each administrator to obtain additional information and to secure a more favorable bid for the Class, and ultimately determined the administrator that was the best suited to work on this case based on experience, services offered, and cost to the class.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed on July 9, 2026 in Oakland, California.



Steven M. Tindall
Gibbs Mura LLP

# EXHIBIT 1

# CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ("**Agreement**") is entered into by and between (i) Plaintiffs Daniel Patz and Joan Chesner ("**Plaintiffs**"), on their own behalf and on behalf of all members of the Settlement Class, as defined below, on the one hand, and (ii) Defendant City of San Diego ("**Defendant**" or "**San Diego**"), on the other hand (each, a "**Party**," and collectively, the "**Parties**"). This Agreement is effective as of its execution by all Parties through their respective authorized representatives.

A. On July 14, 2015, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, filed their Complaint as part of the class complaint in the legal action entitled *Coziahr v. Otay Water District*, Case No. 37-2015-00400000-CU-MC-CTL. The action by the plaintiff Mark Coziahr was later severed from this action by Plaintiffs, and proceeded separately as *Patz v. City of San Diego*, Case No. 37-2015-00023413-CU-MC-CTL ("**Action**"), which is pending in the San Diego Superior Court ("**Court**"). Defendant answered the Third Amended Complaint on June 19, 2017.

B. On July 19, 2019, Plaintiffs moved for Class Certification. On August 2, 2019, Defendant filed an Opposition to Plaintiffs' Class Certification Motion.

C. On August 16, 2019, the Court granted Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification.

D. The Parties proceeded to a bifurcated trial.

E. On September 13, 2021, the trial court issued its statement of decision on Phase I of trial.

F. On March 30, 2022, the trial court entered judgment in favor of the class.

G. Defendant timely appealed the trial court's judgment, and Plaintiffs cross-appealed as to the amount of the refund awarded.

H. On December 1, 2023, Defendant implemented new single-family residential water rates.

I. On July 30, 2025, the Court of Appeal issued its opinion and certified that opinion for publication. The Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment with directions and remanded the case to the trial court.

J. The parties set a briefing schedule to brief the scope of the remand.

K. Over the course of this Action, the Parties, by and through their counsel, engaged in extensive discovery, including the production and review of voluminous documents and billing data. Both Parties also conducted substantial expert discovery, preparing detailed expert reports in the initial liability and remedies trials.



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L. Beginning in March 2026, the Parties' counsel engaged in extensive settlement negotiations. These negotiations included a full-day mediation before the Honorable Herbert B. Hoffman, a retired judge of the San Diego Superior Court.

M. As a result of the mediation sessions, the Parties agreed to accept a mediator's proposal presented by Judge Hoffman, settling the remaining issues in the Action for monetary consideration in the amount of $40 million. These negotiations were intensive, arm's-length, and required significant time and resources of the Parties.

N. By executing this Agreement, the Parties intend to settle and dispose of the Action, fully and completely, both individually and on a classwide basis, as more fully set forth in this Agreement.

O. The Court will be asked to certify for settlement purposes only, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, a Settlement Class as defined below. The Settlement Class is identical to the class previously certified in the Court's Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification, except that it replaces the open-ended end date for the liability period with a fixed end date of December 1, 2023.

P. The mutual costs, risks, and hazards of continuing to prosecute and defend the Action have led the Parties to seek to resolve the matter by way of settlement.

Q. Plaintiffs' Counsel have concluded, taking into account the benefits of the settlement set forth in this Agreement and the risks and delay of further litigation, as well as having evaluated the strengths and weaknesses of Plaintiffs' claims and Defendant's defenses, that this settlement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Plaintiffs and all members of the Settlement Class.

R. Defendant denies that it owes any monetary relief to the Settlement Class in this Action. Defendant asserts that it has complied with all laws and that it has not overcharged class members and that no monetary refund is owed.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

## 1. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise defined in this Agreement, the following terms used in this Agreement will have the meanings ascribed to them as set forth below:

1.1. "**Class Counsel**" means counsel appointed by the Court as representatives of the Settlement Class including for settlement purposes.

1.2. "**Class Period**" means August 14, 2014 through December 1, 2023.

1.3. "**Court**" means the San Diego Superior Court.

1.4. "**Date of Finality**" means one business day after the last of the following events: (a) the date upon which the time expires for filing or noticing any appeal of the Final Approval



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Order, (b) if there is an appeal or appeals, the date of completion, in a manner that finally affirms and leaves in place the Final Approval Order without any modification (except insofar as agreed upon by the Parties), of all proceedings arising out of the appeal or appeals (including, but not limited to, the expiration of all deadlines for noticing appeals, filing motions for reconsideration or petitions for review and/or certiorari, all proceedings ordered on remand, and all proceedings arising out of any subsequent appeal or appeals following decisions on remand); or (c) the date of final dismissal of any appeal of the Final Approval Order or the final dismissal of any proceeding on review.

1.5. "**Execution Date**" means the date on which the last of the Parties signs the Agreement.

1.6. "**Final Fairness and Approval Hearing**" means the hearing at or as a result of which the Court enters the Final Approval Order as set forth in Section 13.

1.7. "**Final Approval Order**" means the formal court order and/or judgment that the Court signs and enters at or as a result of the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing approving this Agreement without modification.

1.8. "**Net Settlement Fund**" means the Settlement Fund less all of the following: (i) Class Counsel's attorneys' fees, (ii) Class Counsel's reasonable litigation expenses, (iii) Class Representative service award, as awarded by the Court, (iv) any notice and Settlement Administration Costs attributable to the administration of the Settlement Class and (v) any taxes that are paid and due and owing from the Qualified Settlement Fund.

1.9. "**Notice Plan**" means the notice plan as set forth in Section 5.

1.10. "**Participating Settlement Class Member**" means a Settlement Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely request for exclusion as described in Section 6.

1.11. "**Person**" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company or partnership, limited partnership, professional corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, unincorporated association, government, or any political subdivision or agency thereof, any other type of legal or political entity, any representative, and, as applicable, their respective spouses, heirs, predecessors, successors-in-interest, representatives, and assigns.

1.12. "**Plaintiffs' Released Parties**" means the parties released under Section 14 of this Agreement.

1.13. "**Preliminary Approval Date**" means the date on which the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order.

1.14. "**Preliminary Approval Order**" means the order that the Court enters approving preliminarily the Settlement embodied in this Agreement, including the Notice Plan and plan of allocation.

1.15. **"Qualified Settlement Fund"** means a fund that complies with Title 26, United States Code, section 468b.



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1.16. **"Request for Exclusion"** means a written request by a class member to exclude themselves from the certified settlement class pursuant to the procedures set out in Section 6 below.

1.17. "**Response Deadline**" is the deadline set by the Settlement Administrator and approved by the Court as the deadline by which Class Members must exclude themselves from the Settlement or object to the Settlement.

1.18. "**Settlement Administration Costs**" means all costs and fees incurred by the Settlement Administrator in administering the settlement, including, without limitation: preparing and distributing the settlement notice and any other means of following up with Class Members; establishing and maintaining any settlement website; Distribution to the Settlement Class and any related documents or materials; receiving requests for exclusion; resolving any disputed claims; generating Settlement Class Settlement Distribution and related tax reporting forms; generating payment to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and expenses and to Plaintiffs for the Service Award; performing administrative work related to unclaimed payments; reporting periodically to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel; and preparing and providing any declaration or reports required by this Agreement or the Court.

1.19. "**Settlement Administrator**" means the settlement administration firm proposed by Class Counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, as set forth in Section 4.

1.20. "**Settlement Class**" means all single-family residential customers of the City of San Diego who received water service between August 14, 2014, and December 1, 2023. Excluded from the Class are: officers and directors of the City of San Diego, Class Counsel, Judge Michael T. Smyth, and any members of Judge Smyth's immediate family and judicial staff. Also excluded from the Class are individuals who timely submitted valid opt-outs by the Response Deadline when the class was originally certified.

1.21. "**Settlement Class Member**" means a person who is a member of the Settlement Class.

1.22. "**Settlement Class Representative**" means Plaintiffs Daniel Patz and Joan Chesner, who have been appointed to act as representatives of the Settlement Class.

1.23. "**Settlement Class Settlement Distribution**" means the amount of money from the Net Settlement Fund that will be paid to each Participating Settlement Class Member.

1.24. "**Settlement Escrow Account**" means the Account managed by the Settlement Administrator for the benefit of the Settlement Class Representatives and the Settlement Class until the Date of Finality, as set forth in Sections 8-9.

1.25. **"Settlement Failure"** is deemed to occur where this Agreement is not approved by any court or is terminated for any reason, a Final Approval Order is not entered, the Settlement set forth in this Agreement is declared null and void, or where the Date of Finality does not come to pass, but does not include any modification to the Service Award as set forth in Section 10.

1.26. "**Settlement Fund**" means the non-reversionary cash fund as set forth in Section 9.



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## 2. CERTIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT CLASS

2.1. Plaintiffs will request the Court to certify the Settlement Class solely for purposes of the Settlement of the Action. If a Final Approval Order is not entered or a Settlement Failure occurs, then (i) Defendant may assert any and all objections and defenses to class certification; (ii) neither the Agreement nor any order or other action relating to the Agreement or this settlement may be offered by any person, party, or entity as evidence in the Action or any other action or proceeding; (iii) the settlement proposed herein shall become null and void and shall have no legal effect and may never be mentioned at trial or in dispositive or class motions or motion papers; and (iv) the Parties will return to their respective positions existing immediately before the execution of the Agreement.

## 3. APPOINTMENT OF SETTLEMENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES AND CLASS COUNSEL

3.1. Plaintiffs will request the Court to appoint Plaintiffs Daniel Patz and Joan Chesner as the Settlement Class Representatives for the purpose of the settlement of the Action only. Defendant will not oppose Plaintiffs' request to have Plaintiffs appointed Settlement Class Representatives.

3.2. Plaintiffs will request the Court to appoint Plaintiffs' Counsel as Class Counsel for the purpose of the settlement of the Action only. Defendant will not oppose Plaintiffs' request to have Plaintiffs' Counsel appointed as Class Counsel.

3.3. If the Court does not enter a Final Approval Order or if a Settlement Failure occurs, no Party may use the provisions of this Section 3 or the appointment of any Settlement Class Representative or Class Counsel for any purpose whatsoever in the Action or in any other action or proceeding.

## 4. APPOINTMENT OF SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR

4.1. Class Counsel will seek the Court's order appointing a settlement administration firm to act as the Settlement Administrator.

4.2. The Settlement Administrator will agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement relating to its administration.

4.3. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for the administration of the settlement, which will include, among other tasks,

- implementing the notice to the Class according to the Notice Plan and any other means of following up with Settlement Class Members relating to the settlement;
- receiving and processing Requests for Exclusion and objections; calculating Settlement Class Settlement Distribution amounts for Participating Class Members based on Defendant's Expert, Mark Hildebrand's, report and the terms of this Settlement;



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- Settlement Class Settlement Distributions to Participating Class Members and related tax reporting forms;

- generating payment to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and expenses and to Plaintiff for service award payments, if any such payments are approved by the Court;

- reporting periodically to Class Counsel; and

- preparing and providing any declaration or reports required by this Agreement or the Court.

4.4. The Settlement Administrator's reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses incurred in administering the Settlement will be recoverable out of the Settlement Fund, subject to approval by the Court.

## 5. NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT TO THE SETTLEMENT CLASS

5.1. The certified class received notice in March 2020. CPT Group was approved as the class action notice provider and informed the parties that it notified 319,485 class members. CPT Group informed the parties on July 10, 2020 that class notice was complete, and that 1,068 class members had opted out of the certified class.

5.2. Upon the Court's entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, the Settlement Class members will be notified of the settlement and the availability of funds by the Claims Administrator using the most up-to-date contact information in Defendant's records or in CPT Group's records from previous communications with class members. Plaintiffs' counsel shall submit to the Court the form and content of notice as part of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Plaintiffs' counsel will confer with Defendant regarding the form and content of Notice before submitting their Motion for Preliminary Approval. The form, content, and method of distribution of the Notice, once approved by the Court, is the "**Notice Plan**".

5.3. Defendant shall provide the most up-to-date contact information Defendant has available for all class members to the Settlement Administrator, in order to effectuate notice of the settlement.

## 6. RIGHT TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS

6.1. 319,485 Settlement Class Members already received notice of class certification in this case and an opportunity to exclude themselves from the certified class. 1,068 individuals exercised that right and opted out of the certified class by the deadline of May 30, 2020. Because the class is defined to include single-family residential water customers of Defendant through December 1, 2023, certain class members have not yet received notice or an opportunity to exclude himself or herself from the Settlement Class (that is, those class members who moved into Defendant's service district after notice was sent out on March 24, 2020). Based on Defendant's records, the updated total class size is approximately 436,069, reflecting the addition of class



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members who received water service from Defendant between the original notice date and December 1, 2023.

6.2. All Settlement Class members will receive notice from the Settlement Administrator and an opportunity to opt out of the class action settlement here. (*Bates v. Rubio's Restaurants, Inc.* (2009) 179 Cal.App.4th 1125, 1131–32.) Those individuals who previously opted out of the litigation class are excluded from the Settlement Class definition and will not be impacted by the Settlement. Settlement Class Members may exclude themselves from the Settlement Class and from participating in the settlement by sending a written request for exclusion to the Settlement Administrator that is received no later than the Response Deadline. Any Settlement Class Member who submits a valid, timely request for exclusion will not be entitled to any Settlement Class Settlement Distribution (or any other payment pursuant to this Agreement), will not be a Participating Settlement Class Member for purposes of this Agreement, and will not have any right to oppose or make any objection (whether by appeal, intervention, or otherwise) to the settlement, or any aspect of the settlement, including, without limitation, this Agreement.

6.3. To be a valid request for exclusion, the Settlement Class Member must provide the following information:

i. The Settlement Class Member's full name and mailing address, telephone number, and/or email address;

ii. The statement, "I wish to exclude myself from the Settlement Class and do not wish to participate in the settlement in *Patz v. City of San Diego*, No. 37-2015-00023413," or substantially similar clear and unambiguous language.

iii. The Settlement Class Member's handwritten or electronically imaged written (e.g., "DocuSign") signature. An attorney's signature, the signature of anyone else acting on behalf of the Settlement Class Member, or a typed signature, is not sufficient. "Mass" or "class" requests for exclusion made on behalf of multiple persons or classes of persons will be deemed invalid.

6.4. No Settlement Class Member can exclude themself by mailing a notification: (i) to any location other than that designated in the Notice Plan; or (ii) that is received after the Response Deadline. No Settlement Class Member can exclude themself by telephone or by email.

6.5. Any Settlement Class Member who does not send the Settlement Administrator a valid, timely request for exclusion will be deemed a Participating Settlement Class Member for all purposes under this Agreement.

6.6. The Parties may challenge the timeliness and validity of any request for exclusion. Class Counsel may also effectuate the withdrawal of any request for exclusion filed in error and any request for exclusion that a person wishes to withdraw for purposes of participating in the settlement as set forth in this Agreement. A list reflecting all individuals who timely and validly exclude themselves from the Settlement Class shall be filed with the Court at the time of the motion



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for final approval of the settlement, and the Court shall determine whether any contested request for exclusion is valid.

6.7. Within seven (7) days after the Response Deadline, the Settlement Administrator shall provide to the Parties (a) a list of all persons who opted out by validly requesting exclusion and (b) copies of each written request for exclusion, including both valid and invalid requests.

## 7. RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT

7.1. Any Settlement Class Member who wishes to object to the settlement must do so in accordance with the terms of this Section 7.

7.2. To comment on or object to the settlement, a Settlement Class Member must mail a letter to the Court that is received no later than the Response Deadline, or file their comment or objection on the docket in the Action no later than the Response Deadline.

i. A comment or objection must contain the following:

ii. The name or case number of this lawsuit, *Patz v. City of San Diego*, No. 37-2015-00023413;

iii. The objector's/commenter's full name, the objector's/commenter's address where they receive water service from the City of San Diego, the name of the property owner for the address where the objector/commenter receives water service from the City of San Diego if the objector/commenter is not the property owner, and the objector's/commenter's email address or telephone number;

iv. All reasons for the objection or comment, stated with specificity;

v. If the objector or commenter intends to personally appear and/or testify at the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing, a statement identifying that the objector or commenter intends to personally appear and/or testify at that Hearing;

vi. The name and contact information of any and all attorneys representing, advising, or assisting the commenter or objector;

vii. For each attorney representing, advising, or assisting the objector, a statement identifying every objection the attorney has filed to any other class action settlements in the last five years;

viii. Whether any attorney will appear on the objector's or commenter's behalf at the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing, and if so the name and law firm of that attorney;

ix. Copies of any exhibits the objector intends to submit into evidence at the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing; and



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x. The objector's handwritten or electronically imaged written (e.g. "DocuSign") signature. An attorney's signature, or a typed signature, is not sufficient.

7.3. Any lawyer asserting an objection on behalf of a Settlement Class Member must: (a) file a notice of appearance with the Court by the Response Deadline; (b) file a sworn declaration attesting to representation of each Settlement Class Member on whose behalf the objection is being filed or file (under seal) a copy of the contract between that lawyer and each such Settlement Class Member using the procedures set out in California Rules of Court, rules 2.550-2.551 and 7.45-8.47; and (c) comply with the procedures described in Section 7.

7.4. Absent an Order of the Court, no Settlement Class Member will be entitled to be heard at the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing (whether individually or through an attorney) or to object to the settlement, and no written objections or briefs submitted by any Settlement Class Member will be received or considered by the Court at the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing, unless the Settlement Class Member has complied with the terms of this Section 7.

7.5. Settlement Class Members who fail to submit timely written objections in the manner specified in this Section 7 will be deemed to have waived any and all objections to the settlement and Agreement and will be foreclosed and barred forever from opposing or making any objection (whether by appeal, intervention, or otherwise) to the settlement, or any aspect of the settlement, including, without limitation, this Agreement.

7.6. If any Settlement Class Member validly and timely objects to the settlement, Class Counsel will file a response to the objection before the date of the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing. Defendants also may file a response to the objection before the date of the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing.

7.7. Settlement Class Members cannot both object to and exclude themselves from this Agreement. Any Settlement Class Member who attempts both to object to and to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class will be deemed to have excluded themselves and will forfeit the right to object to this settlement or any of its terms.

## 8. SETTLEMENT FUND

8.1. Defendant agrees to settle this action for $40,000,000 (Forty Million U.S. Dollars) in a non-reversionary common fund. This is the gross settlement fund.

8.2. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, and in consideration for the releases and the dismissal or termination of the Action provided for in this Agreement, Defendant will pay the Settlement Amount as follows: (i) no later than fourteen 14 days after the Preliminary Approval Date, Defendant will cause to be wired $4,000,000 (Four Million Dollars) into the Settlement Escrow Account; and (ii) no later than fourteen (14) days after the Court enters the Final Approval Order, Defendant shall cause to be wired the balance of the Settlement Amount, $36,000,000 (Thirty-Six Million Dollars), into the Settlement Escrow Account.



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8.3. The Settlement Payment described in Section 8.2, together with any interest accruing after the date of its deposit into the Settlement Escrow Account, shall constitute the Settlement Fund. Defendant will not be entitled to retain any part of the Settlement Fund that is not paid out or distributed as part of the administration of the settlement for any reason except in the event of a Settlement Failure as described in Section 1.25 and 18.1. To the extent, if any, that any unpaid or undistributed part of the Settlement Fund is held by the Settlement Administrator at the completion of the administration of the settlement, the Parties shall propose, for the Court's approval, a cy pres distribution of funds, as described below in Section 9.

8.4. Any and all payments provided for or contemplated by this Agreement (including, without limitation, Settlement Class Settlement Distributions, payments of attorneys' fees and expenses to Class Counsel, payment of the Settlement Administration Costs, and payment of service awards) will be made from the Settlement Fund.

8.5. Within 30 days after a Settlement Failure, the Settlement Administrator shall refund and transfer to Defendant all the funds remaining in the Settlement Escrow Account as of the date of Settlement Failure, including attorneys' fees as described in Section 11.

8.6. With the exception of the payments described in Section 8, Defendant shall not have any separate financial obligation whatsoever under this Agreement or settlement. Under no circumstances will Defendant have any liability for taxes or tax expenses incurred by any other person or entity under this Agreement—that is, any liability for such taxes or tax expenses, if any, is to be paid out of the gross settlement fund.

## 9. CLASS SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTIONS

9.1. The Settlement Class Net Settlement Sum will be distributed to Participating Settlement Class Members after the Date of Finality, and in accordance with the plan of allocation, as approved by the Court. Plaintiffs will include the plan of allocation in their motion for Preliminary Approval. Under that proposal, each Participating Settlement Class Member will receive their Settlement Distribution as follows.

9.2. The Net Settlement Fund (the gross settlement fund less payments for attorneys' fees, litigation costs, service awards, and administration expenses of the Settlement Administrator) will be allocated to class members proportionally in accordance with Defendant's Expert, Mark Hildebrand's, remedy calculation, which formed the basis for the trial court's refund award. As part of that calculation, Mr. Hildebrand calculated a refund owed to each unique class member account identifier through September 2021. Plaintiffs retained Mr. Hildebrand to update the original remedy calculation, using the same methodology, through the close of the class period. That updated calculation will form the basis for Participating Settlement Class Members' refund amounts under the Settlement. Participating Settlement Class Members will receive a prorated refund award based on the refund calculated for their unique account identifier, proportionally reduced to accommodate the amount of the Net Settlement Fund available for distribution to the Class.

9.3. As part of the allocation, Plaintiffs may propose a "floor" refund amount to account for the possibility that some small recoveries are not administratively feasible to distribute.



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9.4. The Settlement Administrator, within 7 days of the Final Approval Date, will update this calculation with the actual amounts approved by the Court to account for attorneys' fees, litigation costs, service awards, and settlement administration expenses, and provide that calculation to the Parties.

9.5. The Settlement Administrator, within 30 days of the Date of Finality, will begin distributing payments to Participating Settlement Class Members.

9.6. Remaining funds, if any, shall be subject to a *cy pres* distribution to the recipient or recipients to be proposed by the parties and approved by the Court. The parties propose the Sierra Club, California Water Committee, including the San Diego chapter, as the *cy pres* recipient here, subject to the Court's approval. The parties may further propose earmarking of any residual funds as part of any distribution.

9.7. Each Settlement Class Member will be responsible for remitting to federal, state, and local taxing authorities any taxes that may be due and owing as a result of their receipt of a Settlement Class Settlement Distribution. Each Settlement Class member will hold Plaintiffs' Counsel, Defendant, and Defendant's Counsel harmless and indemnify each of them for any liabilities, costs, and expenses, including attorneys' fees, caused by any such taxing authority relating in any way to the tax treatment of the Settlement Class Settlement Distribution.

9.8. No Person, including, without limitation, Settlement Class Members, will have any claim against Defendant, Defendant's Counsel, Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class Members, Plaintiffs' Counsel, Class Counsel or the Settlement Administrator based on distributions and payments made in accordance with this Agreement.

## 10. SERVICE AWARD

10.1. Along with Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval, Class Counsel will file with the Court an application for approval of a service award in an amount up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($7,500.00) to be paid to Plaintiffs Daniel Patz and Joan Chesner. Any service award is subject to the Court's supervisory discretion and, if any is approved by the Court, will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Defendant will not oppose any application for an award of a Service Award that does not exceed $7,500.

10.2. The Settlement Administrator will pay any such Court-approved service award no later than thirty (30) days after the Date of Finality. The Settlement Administrator will include with the Service Award a Form 1099 to the extent such form is required.

10.3. Neither the settlement nor the Agreement is conditioned upon the Court's approval of a service award, or the amount of any service award. Any modification to the service award, whether by this Court or on appeal, shall not serve as a basis for Settlement Failure, and shall not serve as a basis for nullification of this Agreement under Section 18, below.

10.4. In the event of a Settlement Failure: (1) any service award shall belong to Defendant and shall be returned to Defendant as part of the Settlement Fund reversion described in Section



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8; and (2) no Party will use the provisions of this Section 10 or the award of any service award for any purpose whatsoever in the Action or in any other action or proceeding.

## 11. ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS

11.1. Along with Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval, Class Counsel will file with the Court an application for an award of attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed 1/3 (33.33%) of the Settlement Amount and reimbursement of litigation expenses incurred in the prosecution of the Action for the benefit of Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class. Any award of attorneys' fees and costs is subject to the Court's supervisory discretion. Defendant will not oppose any application for an award of attorneys' fees that does not exceed 1/3 of the Settlement Amount ($13,333,333.33). Defendant will not oppose any application for an award of attorneys' litigation costs and expenses that does not exceed $500,000.

11.2. Attorneys' fees and expenses will be paid from the Settlement Fund within 30 days of the Final Approval Date by means of a wire transfer by the Settlement Administrator to an account that Class Counsel designates.

11.3. Any payment of attorneys' fees and costs shall be subject to Plaintiffs' Counsel's obligation to make an appropriate refund or repayment if the award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses is for any reason subsequently reduced or reversed. Such repayment or refund shall be made no later than sixty (60) days after Plaintiffs' Counsel's receipt from any court of notice of any order that revises or reduces the award of attorneys' fees or litigation expenses.

11.4. Neither the settlement nor the Agreement is conditioned upon the Court's approval of the fees or expenses sought by Plaintiffs' Counsel or Class Counsel. Any modification to the awarded fees, whether by this Court or on appeal, shall not serve as a basis for Settlement Failure, and shall not serve as a basis for nullification of this Agreement under Section 18, below.

11.5. In the event of a Settlement Failure: (1) any attorneys' fees and costs that have been paid under this Section, and one half of any Settlement Administration Costs incurred and paid through the date of the Settlement failure, shall be returned to Defendant as part of the Settlement Fund reversion described in Section 8; and (2) no Party will use the provisions of this Section 11 or the Court's award of attorneys' fees and expenses for any purpose whatsoever in the Action or in any other action or proceeding.

## 12. MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

12.1. Plaintiffs will file a motion requesting the Court to grant preliminary approval of this Agreement and settlement ("Preliminary Approval Motion") and to enter a Preliminary Approval Order that will accomplish the following:

i. Find that the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 382, California Rules of Court, rule 3.769, and any other requirements for certification of a settlement class have been satisfied, and certify the Settlement Class;



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ii. Provide that the settlement as memorialized by this Agreement will apply to the Settlement Class;

iii. Preliminarily approve the Agreement as fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interest of the Settlement Class;

iv. Find that the Notice Plan set forth in Section 5 of this Agreement satisfies the requirements of due process, the California Rules of Court and the California Code of Civil Procedure, and any other applicable law and procedure;

v. Approve all notice and related materials as described in this Agreement;

vi. Appoint the Settlement Class Representatives and Class Counsel;

vii. Set the deadline for requesting exclusion from or objecting to the settlement; and

viii. Set a date for the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing at which the Court will finally determine the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the proposed settlement.

ix. Provide that the settlement is not an admission or evidence of wrongdoing, fault, violation of law, or liability of any kind by Defendant, and that evidence relating to the Agreement shall not be discoverable or used in any action or proceeding, except for purposes of interpreting this Agreement and the Preliminary and Final Approval Orders.

12.2. Also at the Preliminary Approval Hearing (and in connection with Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval), the Settlement Administrator will submit its application for the approval and payment of Settlement Administration Costs to be paid as those costs are incurred, and thereafter may submit an application for approval and payment of any additional Settlement Administration Costs incurred beyond those estimated at the Preliminary Approval Date.

12.3. The Parties will cooperate in the preparation and filing of the Preliminary Approval Motion.

## 13. FINAL FAIRNESS AND APPROVAL HEARING AND FINAL APPROVAL ORDER

13.1. A Final Fairness and Approval Hearing will be held on a date approved by the Court. The date, time and place of the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing will be set forth in the Notice Plan.

13.2. At the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing, Class Counsel will request the Court, among other matters, to enter a Final Approval Order to:



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i. Approve this Agreement without modification (except insofar as agreed upon by the Parties) as fair, reasonable, and adequate to and in the best interest of the Settlement Class, and direct its implementation according to its terms;

ii. Find that the form and manner of class notice implemented pursuant to this Agreement (i) constitutes reasonable and the best practicable notice; (ii) constitutes notice that is reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Action, the terms of the proposed settlement, for those Class Members who did not already have the opportunity to exclude themselves, the right to exclude themselves from the proposed settlement, and for all Participating Class Members, the right to object to and/or to appear at the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing; (iii) constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice; and (iv) meets the requirements of due process, the California Code of Civil Procedure, and any other applicable state and/or federal laws;

iii. Find that all Participating Settlement Class Members will be bound by this settlement and Agreement, including the release provisions and covenants not to sue;

iv. Direct that judgment be entered immediately dismissing with prejudice all individual and class claims asserted in the Action and ruling that no costs or fees be assessed on any Party beyond those provided for in this Agreement;

v. Approve the payments provided for in this Agreement to the Participating Settlement Class Members and the service awards to Plaintiffs and make any necessary findings with regard to these approvals;

vi. Approve the attorneys' fees and costs to be paid to Class Counsel and make any necessary findings with regard to those approvals; and

vii. Without affecting the finality of the Final Approval Order for purposes of appeal, retain jurisdiction of all matters relating to the interpretation, administration, implementation and enforcement of this Agreement.

## 14. RELEASE BY PLAINTIFFS AND SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS

14.1. For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Plaintiffs and each of the Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, their current, former, and future heirs, executors, administrators, successors, attorneys, insurers, agents, representatives, and assigns, and any Person they represent, fully and forever release, acquit, and discharge, any and all equitable or legal claims, liabilities, rights, demands, suits, matters, obligations, damages, including consequential damages, losses or costs, liquidated damages, statutory damages, punitive damages, attorneys' fees and costs, rights to disgorgement



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or other monetary relief, actions or causes of action, of every kind and description, that members of the Settlement Class had, have, or may have, against Defendant and each and every one of its current or former directors, employees, contractors, consultants, attorneys, and insurers, with respect to the constitutionality of Defendant's single-family residential water rates charged to customers between August 14, 2014 and December 1, 2023, including all claims based on or related to the allegations in the Action, and all claims that were brought or could have been brought based on the facts alleged in the Action, up to the date of the Final Approval Order ("**Released Claims**"). It is expressly intended and understood by the Parties that this Agreement is to be construed as a complete settlement, accord, and satisfaction of the Settlement Class Members' Released Claims.

14.2. With respect to the Released Claims, Plaintiffs will be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Approval Order will have, expressly waived and relinquished, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the provisions, rights and benefits of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, and any other similar provision under federal or state law that purports to limit the scope of a general release. California Civil Code section 1542 provides:

> **A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.**

14.3. Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members, and each of them, further covenant and agree (a) that they will not sue or bring any action, cause of action or claim including, without limitation, by way of third-party claim, cross-claim or counterclaim, against Defendant in respect of any of the Released Claims; (b) they will not initiate or participate in bringing or pursuing any class action against Defendant in respect of any of the Released Claims; (c) if involuntarily included in any such class action encompassing Released Claims, they will opt out of or request to be excluded from the action, if possible; and (d) they will not voluntarily and knowingly assist any third party in initiating or pursuing a class action suit in respect of any of the Released Claims.

14.4. The Settlement Class Representatives represent and warrant that they are the sole and exclusive owners of any and all claims that they personally are releasing under this Agreement. The Settlement Class Representatives further acknowledge that they have not assigned, pledged, or in any manner whatsoever, sold, transferred, assigned or encumbered any right, title, interest or claim arising out of or in any way whatsoever pertaining to the Action, including without limitation, any claim for benefits, proceeds or value under the Action, and that the Settlement Class Representatives are not aware of anyone other than themselves claiming any interest, in whole or in part, in any benefits, proceeds or values to which the Settlement Class Representatives may be entitled as a result of the Action. Settlement Class Members shall represent and warrant that they are the sole and exclusive owner of all claims that they personally are releasing under the Agreement and that they have not assigned, pledged, or in any manner whatsoever, sold, transferred, assigned or encumbered any right, title, interest or claim arising out of or in any way whatsoever pertaining to the Actions, including without limitation, any claim for benefits, proceeds



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or value under the Action, and that such Settlement Class Members are not aware of anyone other than themselves claiming any interest, in whole or in part, in any benefits, proceeds or values to which those Settlement Class Members may be entitled as a result of the Action.

## 15. NO ADMISSION BY THE PARTIES

15.1. Defendant has denied and continues to deny each and every allegation and all charges of wrongdoing or liability of any kind whatsoever that was asserted or that could have been asserted in this action and settles this matter only to buy its peace. Neither this Agreement, nor any document referred to or contemplated in this Agreement, nor any action taken to carry out this Agreement, is or may be construed or used in the Action or in any other action, litigation, or proceeding as an admission, concession, or indication by or against Defendant that it agrees that it owes monetary compensation to the Settlement Class for any reason.

## 16. EXCLUSIVE REMEDY

16.1. The Agreement shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for any and all Released Claims of Participating Settlement Class Members. Upon entry of the Final Approval Order, each Participating Settlement Class Member shall be barred from initiating, asserting, or prosecuting against Defendant any claim that is released by operation of the Settlement Agreement and the Final Approval Order.

## 17. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

17.1. The Parties hereby irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the applicability of this Agreement, or the enforcement of this Agreement.

17.2. The Parties, their successors and assigns, and their counsel undertake to implement the terms of this Agreement in good faith, and to use good faith in resolving any disputes that may arise in the implementation of the terms of this Agreement.

17.3. The waiver by one Party of any breach of this Agreement by another Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach of this Agreement.

17.4. If one Party to this Agreement considers another Party to be in breach of its obligations under this Agreement, that Party must provide the breaching Party with written notice of the alleged breach and provide a reasonable opportunity to cure the breach before taking any action to enforce any rights under this Agreement.

## 18. EFFECTIVENESS OF AGREEMENT

18.1. If (1) the Court does not enter the Preliminary Approval Order or the Final Approval Order or (2) in the event of a Settlement Failure, this Agreement will be null and void and any order or judgment entered by the Court in furtherance of this settlement will be treated as void *ab initio*. The Parties will proceed in all respects as if this Agreement had not been executed, and the Parties will propose a new case schedule within 60 days after the event causing the Settlement Failure. If the Court denies the Preliminary Approval Motion without prejudice and



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requests that the Parties make modifications to the Settlement, that order will not constitute a ground for nullifying or terminating the Settlement if both Parties agree to make the requested change. The Parties agree to meet and confer following any requested modifications by the Court, and discuss any requested changes to determine whether or not the change is agreeable to both Parties. If, following that conference, either Party determines that the modification is material and is unwilling to modify the agreement as requested by the Court, then the order denying Preliminary Approval will cause Settlement Failure.

## 19. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

19.1. Plaintiffs represent and warrant that they have not heretofore assigned or transferred, or purported to assign or transfer, any of the claims released pursuant to this Agreement to any other person and that he is fully entitled to compromise and settle the same.

19.2. Class Counsel represents that: (1) they are authorized by the Settlement Class Representatives to enter into this Agreement with respect to the claims asserted in the Action and any other claims covered by the Release; and (2) they are seeking to protect the interests of the Settlement Class.

19.3. Class Counsel further represents that the Settlement Class Representatives: (1) have agreed to serve as representatives of the Settlement Class proposed to be certified herein; (2) are willing, able, and ready to perform all of the duties and obligations of the representatives of the Settlement Class; (3) have read the pleadings in the Action, including the Complaint, or has had the contents of such pleadings described to them; (4) have consulted with Class Counsel about the obligations imposed on the representatives of the Class; (5) understand that they are entitled only to the rights and remedies of Settlement Class Members under this Agreement and not to any additional compensation by virtue of their status as Settlement Class Representatives; and (6) shall remain and serve as the representatives of the Class until the terms of this Agreement are effectuated, this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, or the Court at any time determines that said Settlement Class Representatives cannot represent the Class.

19.4. Each Party warrants and represents that the person executing this Agreement on its behalf is duly empowered and authorized to do so.

## 20. CALIFORNIA LAW

20.1. All questions with respect to the construction of this Agreement and the rights and liabilities of the Parties will be governed by the laws of the State of California applicable to agreements to be wholly performed within the State of California.

## 21. OWN COUNSEL

21.1. Each Party acknowledges that it has been represented by attorneys of its own choice throughout all of the negotiations that preceded the execution of this Agreement and in connection with the preparation and execution of this Agreement.



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## 22. COOPERATION BY THE PARTIES

22.1. The Parties and their respective attorneys will cooperate fully with each other to promptly execute all documents and take all steps necessary to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

22.2. The Parties and their respective attorneys will not seek to solicit or otherwise encourage any person to exclude himself or herself from the Settlement Class, object to the settlement, or appeal from any order or judgment of the Court that is consistent with the terms of this Agreement.

## 23. NOTICE

23.1. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all notices, requests, demands, and other communications required or permitted to be given to Class Counsel or to Defendant's Counsel pursuant to this Agreement will be in writing and will be delivered by email and/ or by next-day express mail (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays):

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**24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

24.1 This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior oral and written agreements and discussions. Each Party covenants that it has not entered in this Agreement as a result of any representation, agreement, inducement, or coercion, except to the extent specifically provided herein. Each Party further covenants that the consideration recited herein is the only consideration for entering into this Agreement and that no promises or representations of another or further consideration have been made by any person. This Agreement may be amended only by an agreement in writing duly executed by all Parties; provided, however, that after entry of the Final Approval Order, the Parties may by written agreement effect such amendments, modifications, or expansions of this Agreement and its implementing documents without further notice to the Class or approval by the Court if such changes are consistent with the Court's Final Approval Order and do not limit the rights of Settlement Class Members under this Agreement.

**25. NO OTHER AGREEMENTS**

25.1. Each Party represents and warrants that there are no other agreements made in connection with this Settlement.

**26. DRAFTING**

26.1. Each Party has cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. Hence, in any construction to be made of this Agreement, the same will not be construed against any Party as drafter of this Agreement.

**27. COUNTERPARTS**

27.1. This Agreement may be executed with an electronic or facsimile signature and in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

**28. HEADINGS**

28.1. The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference only and are not to be construed in any way as a part of the Agreement.



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## 29. BINDING EFFECT

29.1. This Agreement is binding upon and will inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective heirs, assigns and successors-in-interest.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on their own behalf and on behalf of the Settlement Class Members and through Plaintiffs' Counsel, and Defendant, by their duly authorized representatives and through counsel, have executed this Agreement as of the dates set forth below.

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**FOR DEFENDANT:**

Dated: _____
City of San Diego

By_____



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**FOR DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL:**

Dated: _____

By_____
Counsel for Defendant City of San Diego



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**FOR PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL, PLAINTIFFS, AND THE CLASS:**

Dated: 7/7/2026

Gibbs Mura LLP

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Dated: 07 / 03 / 2026

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Dated: 07 / 04 / 2026

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# EXHIBIT 2

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# Firm Resume

Gibbs Mura is a national litigation firm providing the highest caliber of representation to plaintiffs in class and collective actions in state and federal courts, and in arbitration matters worldwide. The firm serves clients in consumer protection, securities and financial fraud, antitrust, whistleblower, personal injury, and employment cases.

The firm regularly prosecutes multi-state class actions and has one of the best track records in the country for successfully certifying classes, developing practical damages methodologies, obtaining prompt relief for class members victimized by unlawful practices, and working cooperatively with other firms.

Our attorneys take pride in their ability to simplify complex issues; willingness to pursue narrow and innovative legal theories; ability to work cooperatively with other plaintiffs' firms; and desire to outwork and outlast well-funded defense teams.

In less than a decade since its 2014 founding, the firm has recovered over $2.5 billion for its clients. During that time, the firm has been honored repeatedly for the quality of its work and the results delivered to its clients, including:

- Band 2, California Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs, *Chambers USA*, 2022-2026
  "The team demonstrates exceptional strategic judgment, analytical depth, and creativity in navigating high stakes, multifaced litigation…"
- Class Action Practice Group of the Year, *Law360*, 2023, 2019
- Top Boutique Law Firms in California, *Daily Journal*, 2019

These accolades have also included individual recognition of many of the firm's attorneys:

- Top 40 Under 40, *Daily Journal*, 2025 (Steve Lopez)
- Top Women Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal,* 2024 (Rosemary Rivas)
- California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) Award, *Daily Journal*, 2023 (Andre Mura, Steven Tindall, Zeke Wald)
- Top Women Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal,* 2023, 2021 (Amy Zeman)
- Top Plaintiff Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal,* 2021 (Andre Mura, Amy Zeman)
- Product Liability MVP, *Law360*, 2021 (Amy Zeman)
- Lawyer of the Year- Mass Torts/ Class Action, *Best Lawyers*, 2022 (Eric Gibbs)
- Titans of the Plaintiffs Bar, *Law360*, 2019 (Eric Gibbs)
- California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) Award, *Daily Journal*, 2019 (Eric Gibbs)
- California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) Award, *Daily Journal*, 2019 (Steven Tindall)
- Top Plaintiff Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal*, 2020, 2019, 2016 (Eric Gibbs)
- Top Cybersecurity/ Privacy Attorneys Under 40, *Law360 Rising Stars,* 2017 (Andre Mura)

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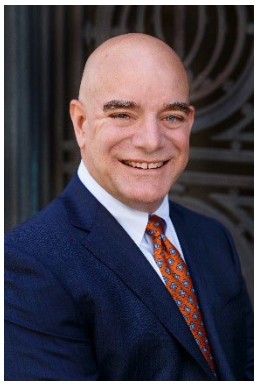
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## Voting Rights Task Force

Gibbs Mura is proud to have launched our Voting Rights Task Force, through which we have been participating in efforts to protect and expand civic participation across the country. The Task Force seeks to identify specific opportunities for both our attorneys and staff to promote voter engagement and maximize voter participation. We implemented new programs to promote firmwide involvement in protecting and expanding the right to vote, including:

- Making Election Day a firm holiday.
- Allowing support staff to bill a set number of hours per week to Voting Rights Task Force efforts, including with nonprofit organizations.
- Encouraging attorney participation in voter protection volunteer opportunities during elections, including staffing voter protection hotlines, poll watching, and helping triage issues that arise.



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*Nationwide Products Liability: Plaintiffs, Band 4, California Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs, Band 2*, Chambers USA, 2022-2026

*Best Lawyers*, 2012-2026

*David S. Shrager President's Award*, American Association for Justice, 2025

*Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer,* 2020-2026

*Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer,* 2019-2025

*"Lawyer of the Year," Best Lawyers in America for Class Actions/ Mass Tort Litigation*, 2022

*Titans of the Plaintiffs Bar,* Law360, 2019

*California Lawyer Attorney of the Year Award,* 2019

*Top Plaintiff Lawyers in California for 2020, 2019, 2016,* Daily Journal

*Cybersecurity & Privacy MVP,* Law360, 2018

*Consumer Protection MVP,* Law360, 2016

*Finalist for Consumer Attorney of the Year*, Consumer Attorneys of California, 2013

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**Admissions**

California

# Eric H. Gibbs | Partner

Eric has successfully prosecuted hundreds of class, mass, and other complex matters in 30 years of practice and has recovered more than a billion dollars for his clients. And after having grown and managed two firms, including his current firm for over twelve years, he has now put his focus on building the future of the plaintiffs' bar. He has expanded the pipeline to leadership opportunities at his firm and beyond, including launching a premier fellowship program for law students with a coalition of leading plaintiff-side firms, the Mason Gibbs Plaintiffs' Pathway Fellowship.

## Leadership in Litigation and the Plaintiffs' Bar

Eric has been appointed by the courts to leadership positions in a diverse array of cases involving consumer, investor, and employee rights, data breach and privacy, and automobile defects. He has negotiated groundbreaking settlements that have reformed business practices and favorably impacted plaintiffs' legal rights. His leadership positions have included *In re Equifax, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, *In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litigation*, *In re Adobe Systems Inc. Privacy Litigation*, *In re Chase Bank U.S.A., N.A. "Check Loan" Contract Litigation*, *In re Wells Fargo Auto Insurance Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, and *In re Hyundai and Kia Horsepower Litigation.*

Eric has served in many leadership positions in American Association for Justice, the national trial lawyer association committed to strengthening the civil justice system. In 2025, Eric was honored with AAJ's David S. Shrager President's Award in recognition of his dedicated advocacy and leadership. Eric has served on AAJ's Board of Governors, helped form its 300+ member Class Action Section, co-founded its Consumer Privacy and Data Breach Litigation Group, and served as an active member of its Law School Committee. Eric was also an early signed of the AAJ Member Firm's Pledge to Act, a commitment to fostering racial equity.

Eric has been committed to mentorship and fostering relationships both within the plaintiffs' bar as well as between litigators and other advocates for social justice. He is a board member of Equal Justice Society, a national civil rights legal association dedicated to civil justice, and on the Partners Council of the National Consumer Law Center. He is also an advisory board member of the law student-run National Plaintiffs' Law Association (NPLA), which has transformed the conversation on public interest careers at law school campuses around the country.

## Building the Future

As part of his work expanding the pipeline for young public interest lawyers, he helped launch the Mason Gibbs Plaintiffs' Pathway Fellowship, a highly selective, paid fellowship that exposes outstanding law students with a broad range of backgrounds and experiences to litigation at leading plaintiff-side firms. Co-led by Danielle Ward Mason of Singleton Schreiber, the fellowship mentors students in working with consumers, workers, investors and survivors on a variety of high impact matters.

## Reputation and Recognition by the Courts

Eric has been widely recognized for his professional achievements. He has been ranked by Chambers USA for Product Liability: Plaintiffs for the past three years. In 2026, Eric was selected to *Best Lawyers* for his work in mass tort litigation and class actions, and he was selected by Lawdragon to their 500 Leading Plaintiff Lawyers lists for both consumer protection and financial fraud. He has previously received Lawyer of the Year Award from *Best Lawyers* in 2022, "Titans of the Plaintiffs Bar" from *Law360* in 2019, as well as a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award for his work in the Anthem Data Breach Litigation in 2019.

Eric has a distinguished reputation with his peers and the judiciary for his ability to work efficiently and cooperatively with co-counsel, and professionally with opposing counsel in class action litigation.

"[Mr. Gibbs] efficiently managed the requests from well over 20 different law firms and effectively represented the interests of Non-Settling Plaintiffs throughout this litigation."

- Hon. G. Wu, *In re Hyundai & Kia Fuel Economy Litig.* (C.D. Cal)

"The attorneys who handled the case were particularly skilled by virtue of their ability and experience."

- Hon. D. Debevoise, *In re: Mercedes-Benz Teleaid Contract Litig.* (D. N.J.)

"They are experienced and knowledgeable counsel and have significant breadth of experience in terms of consumer class actions."

- Hon. R. Sabraw, *Mitchell v. Am. Fair Credit Assoc'n* (Alameda Cty. Superior Ct.)

"Representation was professional and competent; in the Court's opinion, counsel obtained an excellent result for the class."

- Hon. J. Fogel, *Sugarman v. Ducati N. Am.* (N.D. Cal)

## Litigation Highlights

***In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Privacy Litigation*** – Served as a court-appointed member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee representing the interests of plaintiffs and putative class members following a massive data breach of approximately 80 million personal records. The lawsuit settled in August 2018 for $115 million, the largest data breach settlement in history at the time.

***In re Chase Bank U.S.A., N.A. "Check Loan" Contract Litigation*** – multidistrict litigation that alleged Chase Bank wronged consumers by offering long-term fixed-rate loans, only to later more-than-double the required loan payments. Eric led negotiations in the case, which resulted in a $100 million settlement with Chase eight weeks prior to trial.

***In re Adobe Systems Inc. Privacy Litigation*** – As court-appointed lead counsel, Eric and his team reversed a long line of decisions adverse to consumers whose personal information was stolen in data breaches. Judge Koh issued a 41 page decision in plaintiffs' favor and Eric negotiated a comprehensive reform of Adobe's data security practices. The court's landmark decision on Article III standing in this case marked a sea change and has been cited favorably in over twenty cases in the year since it was issued.

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice: Board of Governors, Co-founder and past co-chair of Consumer Privacy and Data Breach Litigation Group, Co-founder and past co-chair of Class Action Section (formerly Class Action Litigation Group), Past editor of Class Action Litigation Group Newsletter, Creator and co-chair of Class Action Litigation Group Objector Database and Task Force, Law School Committee
American Bar Foundation, Fellow
Consumer Attorneys of California, Former Board Member
Equal Justice Society, Board Member
National Association of Consumer Advocates
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National Plaintiffs' Law Association, Advisory Board Member
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**Awards & Honors**

*California Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs, Band 2*, Chambers USA, 2026
*Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer,* 2025-2026
*Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer,* 2021-2025
*California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award,* Daily Journal, 2023, 2019
*Top Plaintiff Lawyers in California,* Daily Journal, 2021
*Top Cybersecurity & Privacy Attorneys Under 40,* Law360 Rising Stars 2017
*Northern California Super Lawyers,* 2019-2026; *Rising Star*, 2016-2018

**Admissions**

California
District of Columbia

# Andre M. Mura | Partner

Andre represents plaintiffs in class actions and mass torts including in the areas of consumer protection, privacy, and products liability. Before joining Gibbs Mura, Andre was senior litigation counsel at the Center for Constitutional Litigation PC, where he represented plaintiffs in high-stakes appeals in state supreme courts and federal appellate courts.

Andre has been honored twice with a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year Award: in 2023 for his involvement and success at trial in *Patz v. City of San Diego*, and in 2019 for his work in the California Supreme Court in *De La Torre v. CashCall*. He is on the Board of the Civil Justice Research Initiative of Berkeley Law, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a member of the Lawyers Committee of the National Center for State Courts, President of the National Civil Justice Institute, past Chair of the American Association for Justice's LGBT Caucus, past Trustee of the National College of Advocacy, and a member of Williams College's Latino/a and BiGLATA Alumni Network.

## Litigation Highlights

***In re: Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*** – Andre was court-appointed to Plaintiffs' Steering Committee Leadership and has undertaken a wide range of responsibilities, including law and briefing and managing discovery related to the TikTok defendants. The firm also represents children and families in lawsuits in federal and state court against Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snap, and YouTube.

***In re: Meta Pixel Healthcare Data Privacy Litigation*** – Andre was court-appointed to the plaintiffs' executive committee in this consolidated litigation, representing millions of patients whose sensitive health data was allegedly collected and shared without their consent. In his appointment decision, Judge Orrick said he chose interim class counsel for their "highly relevant" experience and knowledge.

***Brooks v. Thomson Reuters Corporation*** – Andre is court-appointed class counsel in this data privacy case against Thomson Reuters for its CLEAR product. The lawsuit alleged that Thomson Reuters collected millions of California residents' personal and confidential information and then sold access to it without their knowledge or consent. After the court granted plaintiffs' motion for class certification, the parties reached a class settlement for $27.5 million and substantial injunctive relief. The court granted final approval of the settlement on February 21, 2025.

***San Diego and Otay Water District Tiered Water Rates Lawsuits*** – Lead trial counsel achieving a $79.5 million verdict on behalf of single-family customers in a lawsuit charging the City of San Diego with setting water rates that run afoul of the California Constitution. After successfully defending the Court's judgment in favor of the class on appeal and litigating the case further on remand, the parties filed a notice of settlement in principle.

Key member of the litigation team achieving a verdict on behalf of single-family residential customers in a lawsuit challenging the Otay Water District with setting unconstitutional water rates. After a Court of Appeal affirmed the liability verdict and remanded for a new trial on the refund amount, the parties reached a $12 million settlement that received preliminary approval in San Diego Superior Court.

***In re: 3M Combat Arms Earplug Products Liability Litigation*** – Andre was court-appointed to the plaintiffs' law-and-briefing committee in this multi-district litigation on behalf of military servicemembers and veterans who suffered injuries due to defective 3M earplugs, which were standard-issue for U.S. military members for more than a decade. Andre also served on several bellwether trial teams, securing multiple favorable jury verdicts.

*In re: Taxotere (Docetaxel) Products Liability Litigation* – Andre was a member of the trial team in a two-week federal jury trial and is member of Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and co-chair of Law and Briefing in this multi-district litigation on behalf of breast cancer survivors who suffered permanent hair loss after using the Taxotere chemotherapy drug. He obtained a unanimous decision granting a bellwether plaintiff a new trial. *See* 26 F.4th 256 (5th Cir. 2022)

*In re: Vizio, Inc. Consumer Privacy Litigation* – Andre is co-lead counsel for the settlement class in this multi-district lawsuit alleging that Vizio collected and sold data about consumers' television viewing habits and their digital identities to advertisers without consumers' knowledge or consent. He negotiated a settlement providing for class-wide injunctive relief transforming the company's data collection practices, as well as a $17 million fund to compensate consumers who were affected.

*De La Torre v. CashCall* – Andre played a key role in briefing before the California Supreme Court, resulting in a unanimous decision in the plaintiffs' favor. The decision changed decades-old assumptions that lenders in California had a virtual "safe harbor" from unconscionability challenges to loan interest rate terms.

*In re: Lenovo Adware Litigation* – Andre briefed and argued a motion to dismiss and motion to certify a nationwide litigation class for monetary damages. The court approved a $7.3 million class action settlement to resolve allegations that Lenovo preinstalled software on laptops that caused performance, privacy and security issues for consumers.

*Watts v. Lester E. Cox Medical Centers* – Andre successfully argued that a state law limiting compensatory damages in medical malpractice cases violated his client's right to trial by jury. In ruling for Andre's client, the Missouri high court agreed to overturn a 20-year-old precedent.

## U.S. Supreme Court Advocacy

*Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. v. Albrecht*, 139 S. Ct. 1668 (2019) – Before the U.S. Supreme Court, in a case concerning the scope of federal immunity for brand-name drug manufacturers, Andre represented medical doctors appearing as amici curiae. His amicus brief was discussed at oral argument, with Supreme Court counsel for Albrecht telling the Justices, "It's a beautifully done amicus brief to explain what the scientists knew and when they knew it…."

*Mutual Pharmaceutical Co., Inc. v. Bartlett*, 133 S. Ct. 2466 (2013) – Andre was the lead author of an amicus curiae brief for the American Association for Justice and Public Justice in a case examining whether federal drug safety law preempts state-law liability for defectively designed generic drugs.

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice- Class Action Litigation Group, Legal Affairs Group, LGBT Caucus
American Bar Foundation, Fellow
Consumer Attorneys of California, Member
Civil Justice Research Initiative of Berkeley Law, Board Member
Impact Fund, Board Member
Law360- Cybersecurity & Privacy, Former Editorial Advisory Board Member
National Center for State Courts, Lawyers Committee
National Civil Justice Institute, President

## Select Publications & Presentations

Keynote speaker, "Secrecy and Transparency in Civil Litigation Symposium," Stanford Law School and The National Civil Justice Institute, May 1-2, 2026.

Presenter, "Emerging Issues Affecting Class Actions and Pharma Litigation: Legal Writing," AAJ Annual Convention, July 2025.



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**Admissions**

California

# David M. Berger | Partner

David represents plaintiffs in class actions with a special emphasis on data breach, privacy, and financial services litigation. He currently serves in court-appointed leadership roles in *Change Healthcare, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation* (D. Minn.), *In re Equifax, Inc. Fair Credit Reporting Act Litigation* (N.D. Ga.); *In re Sequoia Benefits and Insurance Data Breach Litigation* (N.D. Cal.); *In re Prosper Data Breach Litigation* (N.D. Cal.); and *Negron v. Ascension Health* (E.D. Mo.). David has represented victims in some of the largest and most influential data privacy and security cases, including litigation against Equifax, Anthem, Vizio, Adobe, Banner Health, and Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. David has repeatedly obtained record-breaking settlements on behalf of his clients, including in the Equifax and Anthem data breach cases, which set successive records for the largest data breach settlement in history.

David is widely regarded as a leader in litigation involving data breach and privacy, which is underscored by his broad technical expertise—from cybersecurity controls, industry standard IT practices, information security frameworks, and auditing processes to AI and algorithmic systems and proper use and protection of personal information. He has deposed Chief Information Security Officers and information security professionals at Fortune 500 corporations, worked with expert witnesses on cutting-edge cybersecurity and damages theories, and supervised large-scale document review teams poring over millions of technical documents in a compressed timeframe. Mr. Berger is frequently called on to negotiate business practice changes in data breach settlements, often directly with the defendants' information security executives. In this role alone, he has obtained nearly two billion dollars in information security improvements to secure class members' data.

David is also an active member of the privacy class action legal community. He is a current board member and former chair of the American Association for Justice's Consumer Privacy and Data Breach Litigation Group and an active member of AAJ's AI Taskforce. David is a fellow of the National Civil Justice Institute and an active member of The Sedona Conference's Working Group on Data Security and Privacy Liability, which identifies and comments on trends in data security and privacy jurisprudence to move the law forward in a reasoned and just way. David is also frequently invited to present at conferences and symposia on information security and privacy issues and consumer class actions.

## Litigation Highlights

***In re MGM International Resorts Data Breach Litigation*** – Interim class counsel in this data breach case against MGM, which involved the exposure of millions of personal records in two breaches in 2019 and 2023. David was key to negotiating the $45 million settlement, which received final approval on June 18, 2025.

***In re Prosper Funding, LLC Data Breach Litigation*** – Interim co-lead counsel in ongoing litigation against financial services company Prosper Funding LLC, concerning a September 2025 data breach which exposed and compromised the sensitive personal identifying information like social security numbers.

***In re Sequoia Benefits Data Breach Litigation*** – Court-appointed Class Counsel in litigation against Sequoia Benefits regarding the 2022 data breach which exposed and compromised the sensitive information of over 580,000 people nationwide, including Social Security numbers, member IDs, and wage data. A settlement for $8.7 million cash payment to a nationwide class, including a California subclass receiving an extra cash payment, and requiring Sequoia Benefits to adopt enhanced data privacy practices, received preliminary approval on September 10, 2026. Final approval is scheduled for April 7, 2026.

*In re Equifax, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation* – In securing what was described by the court as "the largest and most comprehensive recovery in a data breach case in U.S. history by several orders of magnitude," David played an integral role by negotiating key business practice changes including overhauling Equifax's handling of consumers' personal information and data security and requiring that the company spend at least $1 billion for data security and related technology over five years in addition to comprehensive technical and governance reforms.

*In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Privacy Litigation* – Key member of the litigation team representing interests of plaintiffs and putative class members following massive data breach of approximately 80 million personal records, including names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, health care ID numbers, email and physical addresses, employment information, and income data. The lawsuit settled in August 2018 for $115 million, the largest data breach settlement in history.

*In re Adobe Systems Inc. Privacy Litigation* – Key member of the litigation team that succeeded in reversing a long line of decisions adverse to consumers whose personal information was stolen in data breaches. Judge Koh issued a 41-page decision in plaintiffs' favor and the settlement resulted in a comprehensive reform of Adobe's data security practices. The court's landmark decision on Article III standing marked a sea change and has been cited favorably in over twenty cases in the year since it was issued.

*In re Equifax, Inc. Fair Credit Reporting Act Litigation* – Court-appointed Interim Co-lead counsel in ongoing litigation against Equifax related to the company reporting inaccurate credit information on approximately 2.5 million Americans who applied for mortgages, loans, and credit cards between March 17 and April 6, 2022.

## Awards & Honors

Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers (2025-2026)
Northern California Super Lawyers (2021-2026)
Rising Star, Northern California Super Lawyers (2016-2018)

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice- Consumer Privacy and Data Breach Litigation Group (Board Member, Former Chair)
Member, Sedona Conference's Working Group on Data Security and Privacy Liability
Co-Chair, Sedona Conference's WG11 Brainstorming Group "Exploring Greater Efficiencies in Data Breach and Privacy Class Action Litigation"
National Civil Justice Institute

## Selected Presentations and Publications

Presenter, "Strategies and Tactics in Consumer Privacy and Data Breach Cases: Damage Theories Supporting Class Certification," AAJ Annual Convention, July 2025.

Presenter, "Cybersecurity Issues Affecting Health Benefit Plans," U.S. Department of Labor, Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans, July 2022.

Presenter, "Internet Data Accumulation and Protection," Pound Civil Justice Institute, The Internet and the Law: Legal Challenges in the New Digital Age, November 2021.

Presenter, "Facial Recognition Technology Bans," The Sedona Conference, Annual Meeting of Working Group 11 on Data Security and Privacy Liability, April 2021.

Presenter, "Privacy and Data Breach Class Actions," Western Alliance Bank Class Action Law Forum 2020, March 2020.

Presenter, "Communicating with the Class," Class Action Mastery Forum, January 2019.



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# Eileen Epstein Carney | Partner

Eileen represents investors and consumers who have been harmed by financial fraud and other corporate misconduct. This includes oversight of investigation into alleged Ponzi schemes, securities fraud, and other financial scams. Eileen helps run initial case investigations and deploys her substantial experience to ensuring that the victims of financial fraud are made whole.

Eileen is also deeply involved in the day-to-day operations of Gibbs Mura. She executes on the firm's strategic vision with a focus on recruiting talented and diverse professionals, training, mentorship, community engagement, and client-focused activities. She previously spent seven years as the Director of Business Development at Gibbs Mura, leading the firm's marketing, business development and public relations activities. She has more than 15 years of experience in legal marketing and business development, with a proven track record of success overseeing teams and implementing firm-wide strategies for new business growth, marketing and media relations.

Eileen earned a J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law, and graduated *magna cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, from Lehigh University with a B.A. in journalism.

She is admitted to practice law in Minnesota.

## Professional Affiliations

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**Admissions**

California

# Dylan Hughes | Partner

Dylan Hughes concentrates his practice on investigating and prosecuting fraud matters on behalf of whistleblowers, consumers and employees who have been harmed by corporate misconduct. He coordinates initial case evaluations and analyses in a variety of practice areas and has substantial experience in matters involving health care fraud, particularly in the Medicare and pharmaceutical contexts. Dylan represents consumers in cases ranging from false advertising to defective products, and employees in misclassification and wage and hour cases under state and federal laws.

Mr. Hughes has extensive experience prosecuting complex personal injury cases. He helped to obtain millions of dollars for women who suffered blood clots and other serious injuries after taking birth control pills. He has also represented clients injured by defective medical devices, including defibrillators, blood filters, as well as back pain implants. Mr. Hughes was part of the team that recently settled a case alleging medical malpractice for a spinal surgery that resulted in partial paralysis.

Mr. Hughes began his career as a law clerk for the Honorable Paul A. Mapes, Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Law Judges, United States Department of Labor. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Consumer Attorneys of California, American Association for Justice Class Action Litigation Group and the Consumer Rights Section of the Barristers Club.

## Litigation Highlights

***Skold v. Intel Corp.*** – Key member of the legal team in this decade-long litigation that achieved a nationwide class action settlement on behalf of approximately 5 million consumers of Intel Pentium 4 processors. The lawsuit changed Intel's benchmarking practices and Intel agreed to a cash settlement for the class, along with $4 million in charitable donations.

***In re Adobe Systems Inc. Privacy Litigation*** – Key member of the litigation team that succeeded in reversing a long line of decisions adverse to consumers whose personal information was stolen in data breaches. Judge Koh issued a 41-page decision in plaintiffs' favor and the settlement resulted in a comprehensive reform of Adobe's data security practices. The court's landmark decision on Article III standing in this case marked a sea change and has been cited favorably in over twenty cases in the year since it was issued.

***Velasco v. Chrysler Group LLP (n/k/a FCA US LLC)*** – represented consumers who alleged they were sold and leased vehicles with defective power control modules that caused vehicle stalling. In addition to negotiating a recall of all 2012-13 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Dodge Durango vehicles, the lawsuit also resulted in Chrysler reimbursing owners for all repair and rental car expenses, and extending its warranty.

***Parkinson v. Hyundai Motor America*** – certified a nationwide class alleging Hyundai sold vehicles with defective flywheel systems, resulting in a favorable settlement for the class.

## Awards & Honors

Northern California Super Lawyer (2012-2026)

## Professional Affiliations

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**Admissions**

California

# Linda Lam | Partner

Linda Lam focuses her practice on representing individuals who have been harmed by corporate misconduct. She has recovered tens of millions of dollars for consumers and investors by prosecuting fraud, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty cases against large banks and insurance companies.

Linda regularly represents investors who have lost substantial sums of money as a result of fraud, including most recently in *Camenisch v. Umpqua Bank*. There, the plaintiffs alleged that Umpqua aided and abetted a fraudulent scheme based in Marin County that caused investors, many of whom are senior citizens, to lose hundreds of millions of dollars. After a four-week trial that ended in a hung jury, the case settled for $55 million.

Linda has also been an advocate for borrowers who suffered foreclosures during the Great Recession. She represented a certified class of over 1,200 borrowers who lost their homes after Wells Fargo wrongfully denied them trial mortgage modifications. The case settled for $40 million, resulting in significant payments to each class member.

In addition to prosecuting class actions, Linda also represents individual clients in personal injury cases. Most recently, she achieved a favorable settlement for a student who suffered a traumatic brain injury as a result of peer-on-peer harassment at a Bay Area school. She has also represented individuals in automobile and pedestrian accident cases, as well as medical malpractice cases.

Before joining Gibbs Mura, Linda represented workers and retirees in cases concerning employee benefits.

## Litigation Highlights

***Camenisch v. Umpqua Bank*** – One of the trial lawyers who represented over 1,200 class members in a four-week jury trial against Umpqua Bank (now known as Columbia Bank). The plaintiff class alleged that Umpqua aided and abetted a fraudulent investment scheme by Professional Financial Investors (PFI). Plaintiffs argued that PFI ran a fraudulent scheme that used investor money to personally benefit PFI's executives, including its principals Ken Casey and Lewis Wallach, pay other investors, and cover recurring shortages across its dozens of accounts at Umpqua. Ultimately, the jury could not reach a unanimous decision, and the court declared a mistrial. The parties reached a $55 million settlement weeks later, and the Court granted final approval on September 11, 2025. Judge P. Casey Pitts, who oversaw the trial, called the settlement an "excellent" outcome for the class.

***Hernandez v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*** – Represented a certified class of more than 1,200 mortgage borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure after Wells Fargo erroneously denied them trial mortgage modifications. The case settled in two phases for a total of $40.3 million. Judge William Alsup, who oversaw the case, praised the settlement as bringing "significant" relief to each class member and noted the amount was "greater than those approved by other courts in this district involving similar claims concerning loan modifications."

***Steven Cooper v. United States of America*** – Represented a veteran of the United States Army who alleged that he received negligent medical care at a VA facility, resulting in a delayed diagnosis of aggressive prostate cancer. The plaintiff alleged that by the time the cancer was discovered and diagnosed, it had become incurable. Linda was part of the trial team that won a $2.5 million judgment for the plaintiff.

*Asokan et. al. v. American General Ins. Co.* – Litigated this insurance and investment fraud case against American General Insurance Co, an AIG subsidiary. Linda represented six plaintiffs who were marketed an investment involving a specialized American General whole life policy that, when purchased through a particular defined benefit plan, would supposedly provide a multitude of tax benefits. Plaintiffs alleged that American General knew but concealed from them that its attorney had advised that these plans no longer complied with the law. Plaintiffs suffered substantial losses as a result of this alleged fraudulent concealment. The case settled for a confidential sum eight days into the jury trial.

## Awards & Honors

Northern California Super Lawyers, *Rising Star* (2017-2024)

## Publications & Presentations

Co-author, "H.R. 1215: Obliterating Access to Justice for Severe Medical Negligence," Impact Fund Practitioner Blog, May 2, 2017.

Author, *The Real ID Act: Proposed Amendments for Credibility Determinations*, 11 Hastings Race & Poverty L.J. 321, 2014.



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# Steve Lopez | Partner

Steve Lopez represents consumers, employees and whistleblowers who have been harmed by corporate misconduct. He has litigated a wide variety of cases, including automotive class actions, environmental mass torts, pharmaceutical cases, sexual abuse litigation, financial negligence cases, employment class actions, and mass arbitrations. For years, Steve has co-led large teams of lawyers and paralegals representing thousands of renters, homeowners and business owners affected by devastating California wildfires. He is a vital member of the team that helped secure over $1 billion from PG&E on behalf of survivors of the Camp Fire and North Bay Fires.

## Leadership Roles

Courts have appointed Steve to leadership roles in a number of high impact cases. He currently serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the consolidated Social Media Addiction Lawsuits in California state court, representing hundreds of children and families alleging that they have been harmed by addiction to TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, and other social media platforms. Steve serves as co-liaison counsel in lawsuits against Pfizer alleging that Depo-Provera birth control causes brain tumors. Steve also serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in litigation related to the Eaton Fire in Los Angeles, representing individual and family wildfire survivors against the utility Southern California Edison. Previously, Steve was appointed as liaison counsel in class action litigation on behalf of investors who lost money during a platform outage on the Robinhood Trading Platform, which resulted in a $9.9 million settlement.

## Awards and Recognition

For the past three years, Steve has been named to Lawdragon's list for *500 X – The Next Generation*, which highlights promising young attorneys who have already handled matters with "significant impact" as future leaders of the legal profession. In 2025, the *Daily Journal* named Steve to its Top 40 Under 40 list, a recognition of the top lawyers under the age of 40 in California.

Steve is a 2014 graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, where he was a Publishing Editor for the California Law Review and an Editor for the Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law. He was also a member of the La Raza Law Students Association and the Legal Aid Society–Employment Law Center's Berkeley Workers' Rights Clinic.

Prior to law school, Mr. Lopez performed research for a consulting firm dedicated to improving justice programs. He received his B.A. in economics and international relations from the University of Virginia in 2008.

## Litigation Highlights

***In re PG&E Corp. (2017 North Bay Fire and 2018 Camp Fire Lawsuits)*** – Co-led a team from Gibbs Mura and co-counsel representing over 6,000 wildfire survivors of the 2018 Camp Fire in Paradise, California, and the 2017 North Bay Fires across Northern California. The lawsuits against PG&E alleged that electrical equipment and power lines owned and operated by the utility ignited the wildfires that raged across Northern California. The team secured over $1 billion in compensation on behalf of their clients.

***In re Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*** – Court-appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the JCCP consolidation of lawsuits against Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok, and YouTube. He plays an integral role in working with data experts, motion practice, and plaintiff discovery. Steve coordinates client outreach and case development on behalf of hundreds of children, teens, and their families who allege that these social media companies purposely designed their platforms to be defective and dangerous, with addictive algorithms and features that may cause a wide variety of harms including depression, anxiety, and eating disorders.

*Cadena v. American Honda Motor Co.* – Represents hundreds of thousands of Honda CR-V and Honda Accord purchasers in litigation alleging that the automatic emergency braking system in these vehicles is defective and may cause the car to suddenly brake without warning. Steve argued class certification, summary judgment, and related Daubert motions, and oversees discovery and expert work. In June 2024, the Court certified eight classes of consumers.

*Individual Claimants v. Amazon.com, Inc.* – Represents over 32,000 Amazon Flex drivers in mass arbitration, alleging that Amazon has misclassified them as independent contractors and underpaid them as a result. Drivers' claims include violations of overtime law, failure to pay for rest and meal breaks, and failure reimburse business-related expenses.

*Southern California Gas Leak Cases* – Represented over 900 residents around the Los Angeles suburb of Porter Ranch who were affected by the Aliso Canyon well rupture and ensuing gas leak, the largest methane leak in U.S. history. Plaintiffs were displaced from their homes, suffered illnesses and injuries, sustained property value losses, or lost business due to the leak. Steve and the team worked closely with the firm's clients for over eight years to submit damages during the discovery process, ultimately achieving over $25 million in settlement payments.

*O'Brien v. POPSUGAR* – Represented a certified class of internet influencers who alleged that PopSugar had misappropriated their identities and likenesses to deprive them of affiliate link profits in a case involving copyright issues. Steve and the team successfully won a motion to remand after defendants attempted to assert that the copyright claims meant plaintiffs' state law claims for damages were preempted. The litigation settled for over $2 million.

*Glenn v. Hyundai Motor America* – Represented Hyundai drivers alleging that their vehicles were defective because their sunroofs had a propensity to spontaneously shatter. Steve led discovery efforts and worked on the expert discovery team. The team achieved a $30+ million class action settlement, which the court praised as "an extraordinarily creative solution" for "an extraordinarily complex case."

## Awards & Honors

Top 40 Under 40, *Daily Journal*, 2025
Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation (2023-2025)
Northern California Super Lawyers, *Rising Star* (2017-2026)

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice
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## Publications and Presentations

Presenter, "California Fires Litigation," Fourth Annual Shades of Mass Conference, September 6, 2025.



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**Admissions**

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# Rosemary Rivas | Partner

Rosemary has dedicated her legal career to representing consumers in complex class action litigation involving a wide variety of claims, from false advertising and defective products to privacy violations. She is committed to obtaining justice for consumers and has recovered billions of dollars for her clients and the classes they represent.

Rosemary serves in leadership positions in a number of large, complex class action cases and multi-district litigation. In a highly competitive appointment process, the Honorable Charles R. Breyer appointed Rosemary to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the Volkswagen Clean Diesel Litigation, which resulted in a record-breaking settlement totaling more than $14 billion. The Recorder, a San Francisco legal newspaper, named the lawyers selected by Judge Breyer as a class action "dream team." For her work in the Volkswagen case, Rosemary received the 2018 California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award, which is given to outstanding California lawyers "whose extraordinary work and cases had a major impact on the law."

She has received numerous awards and honors for the quality of her legal work, including the Bay Area Legal Aid Guardian of Justice Award for her achievements in the law and her role in helping direct *cy pres* (remaining settlement) funds to promote equal access to the legal system. She has been recognized as a *Northern California Super Lawyer* since 2019 and was previously named a *Rising Star* by Super Lawyers Magazine. Rosemary is currently a Lawyer Representative for the Northern District of California and to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Rosemary is a fluent Spanish-speaker and previously served on the Board and as Diversity Director of the Barristers Club of the San Francisco Bar Association. She frequently presents at legal conferences on developments in consumer protection and class action litigation.

## Litigation Highlights

***Porsche Gasoline Litigation –*** As part of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and as Class Counsel, Rosemary represented consumers alleging that Porsche engaged in practices that skewed emissions and fuel economy test results for certain Porsche vehicles. The Honorable Charles R. Breyer granted final approval of a proposed nationwide class action settlement providing a non-reversionary common fund of $80 million.

***Lash Boost Cases –*** As Class Counsel, Rosemary Rivas represented consumers who alleged that Rodan + Fields failed to disclose material information relating to its Lash Boost product, namely, the potential side effects and risks of adverse reactions presented by the ingredient Isopropyl Cloprostenate. The Honorable Ethan Schulman granted final approval of a proposed nationwide class action settlement providing a non-reversion common fund of $30 million in cash and $8 million in credits.

***In re: Apple Inc. Device Performance Litigation –*** The Honorable Edward J. Davila appointed Rosemary to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in this nationwide class action alleging that Apple intentionally slowed down consumers' iPhones. The case settled for $310 million.

***In re: Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc., Dog Food Products Liability Litigation –*** Rosemary represented consumers alleging that Hill's sold dog food with excessive Vitamin D that was harmful to pets. Chief Judge Julie A. Robinson granted final approval of a nationwide class action settlement providing for a common fund of $12.5 million.

## Awards & Honors

Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers (2025-2026)
Northern California Super Lawyer (2019-2026); Rising Star (2009-2011)
Top Women Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal* (2024)
California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award, *Daily Journal* (2018)

Guardian of Justice Award, *Bay Area Legal Aid* (2015)

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice- Class Action Litigation Group
Equal Justice Society, Advisory Board Member
Law360- Consumer Protection, Former Editorial Advisory Board Member
Lawyer Representative for the Northern District of California and to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference

## Publications and Presentations

Presenter, "Current Trends in Consumer Class Actions," Class of Our Own: Litigating Women's Summit, May 2023.

Presenter, "Consumer Class Actions," Western Alliance Bank Class Action Law Forum, 2021 and 2022.

Presenter, "Nationwide Settlement Classes: The Impact of the Hyundai/ Kia Litigation," National Consumer Law Center's Consumer Rights Litigation Conference and Class Action Symposium, 2018.

Presenter, "One Class or 50? Choice of Law Considerations as Potential Impediment to Nationwide Class Action Settlements," 5th Annual Western CLE Program on Class Actions and Mass Torts, 2018.

Presenter, "The Right Approach to Effective Claims," Beard Group- Class Action Money & Ethics, 2018.

Presenter, "False Advertising Class Actions: A Practitioner's Guide to Class Certification, Damages and Trial," The Bar Association of San Francisco, 2017.



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Securities Litigation

**Education**

Emory University School of Law, J.D., 2007
University of California, Santa Barbara, B.A., 2003

**Admissions**

California

# Dave Stein | Partner

Dave Stein represents clients in cases ranging from securities and financial fraud class actions, to product liability and consumer-protection cases. Courts frequently appoint Dave as lead counsel in these cases, and Law360 praised him as a "tenacious" litigator with a "reputation as one of the best consumer advocates around."

Dave has been honored by *Chambers*, recognizing him in the category of California Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs. He has also been recognized by the *Daily Journal* as one of the Top 40 attorneys in the state of California under the age of 40, and in *Law360's* nationwide list of "Top Class Action Attorneys Under 40." Dave has also been repeatedly rated by his colleagues as a Northern California Super Lawyer.

Dave is frequently called upon to discuss emerging issues in complex litigation. He has been selected four times to serve on Law360's Product Liability Editorial Advisory Board, advising on emerging trends and important issues impacting product liability cases.

Before entering private practice, Dave served as judicial law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Keith Starrett and U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen L. Hayes.

## Reputation and Recognition by the Courts

Dave has built a reputation for the quality of his representation and tenacious advocacy on behalf of the clients and classes he represents:

"[T]his is an extraordinarily complex case and an extraordinarily creative solution… I [want to] thank you and compliment you gentlemen. It's been a real pleasure to work with you."

- Hon. D. Carter, *Glenn v. Hyundai Motor America* (C.D. Cal.)

"You made it very easy to deal with this case and clearly your years of expertise have carried the day here. Nice work. Thank you."

- Hon. M. Watson, *In re Am. Honda Motor CR-V Vibration Litig.* (S.D. Ohio)

"Exceedingly well argued on both sides. …. Sometimes people really know their stuff on both sides which is what happened today so thank you."

- Hon. J. Tigar, *In re General Motors CP4 Fuel Pump Litig.* (N.D. Cal.)

## Litigation Highlights

***In re: Peregrine PFG Best Customer Accounts Litigation*** – Represented investors in litigation against U.S. Bank and JPMorgan Chase arising from the collapse of Peregrine Financial Group, Inc. The former Peregrine customers were seeking to recover the millions of dollars that was stolen from them out of segregated funds accounts. Plaintiffs' efforts led to settlements with JPMorgan Chase and U.S. Bank worth over $75 million.

***Todd Benjamin International, Ltd. v. Grant Thornton International*** – Represented investors in TCA Global Credit Master Fund L.P. and its feeder funds. The investors alleged that the funds' management inflated assets and earnings, and that the funds' auditors knew about the overstatement but failed to take appropriate action. After multiple years of litigation, Plaintiffs' efforts led to settlements of $26.5 million for investors. At the hearing granting final approval on May 20, 2025, Judge Scola thanked counsel for their "excellent work in the case."

***Edwards v. Ford Motor Co.*** – In a class action alleging that Ford sold vehicles despite a known safety defect, Dave twice argued plaintiff's position before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In the first appeal, Dave succeeded in obtaining a reversal of the trial court's denial of class certification. In the second, plaintiff again prevailed, with the Ninth Circuit affirming a ruling that Dave's and his colleagues' efforts generated free repairs, reimbursements, and extended warranties for the class.

***Edwards v. Ford Motor Co.*** – In a class action alleging that Ford sold vehicles despite a known safety defect, Dave twice argued plaintiff's position before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In the first appeal, Dave succeeded in obtaining a reversal of the trial court's denial of class certification. In the second, plaintiff again prevailed, with the Ninth Circuit affirming a ruling that Dave's and his colleagues' efforts generated free repairs, reimbursements, and extended warranties for the class.

***Browne v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc.*** – Represented purchasers of 750,000 Honda Accord and Acura TSX vehicles that were allegedly sold with brake pads that wore out prematurely. The case settled with class members receiving approximately $25 million.

***LLE One v. Facebook*** – Represented small businesses who alleged that Facebook overstated how long users were watching video ads on Facebook's platform. After years of litigation, the federal court approved a $40 million settlement to the class.

***Paeste v. Government of Guam*** – Secured a permanent injunction against the Government of Guam and several of its highest ranking officials in a suit involving the government's unlawful administration of income tax refunds. Defended the judgment before the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, leading to a complete victory for the taxpayers in the published decision, Paeste v. Government of Guam, 798 F.3d 1228 (9th Cir. 2015)

## Awards & Honors

California Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs, Band 3, *Chambers USA* (2026)
Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers (2025-2026)
Northern California Super Lawyer (2021, 2023-2026); Rising Star (2013-2020)
"2017 Top 40 Under 40," *Daily Journal*
Top Class Action Attorneys Under 40, *Law360* Rising Stars (2017)

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice

## Selected Publications & Presentations

Moderator, "A View from the Bench II: Judicial Insights on Managing Complex Litigation and the Pandemic's Lasting Impact," *ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, 2022 Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation Conference*, April 2022.

Presenter, "Class Damages," *AAJ Class Action Litigation Group,* June 2020.

Co-Author, "Recent Decision Highlights the Importance of Early Discovery in Arbitration," *Daily Journal*, May 2019.

Presenter, "Article III Standing in Data Breach Litigation," AAJ Class Action Seminar, December 2018.

Presenter, "Determining Damages in Class Actions," *Class Action Mastery Conference*, HB Litigation, May 2018.

Presenter, "Mass Torts and Class Actions: The Latest and Greatest, Update on Class Action Standing" *56th Annual Consumer Attorneys of California Convention,* November 2017.

Author, Third Circuit Crystallizes Post-Spokeo Standard, *Impact Fund Practitioner Blog,* July 2017.



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**Admissions**

California

# Steven Tindall | Partner

Steven Tindall represents employees seeking fair pay and just treatment in individual, representative, and class action lawsuits against employers. His cases involve allegations of misclassification, discrimination, sexual harassment, wrongful termination, retaliation, WARN Act, and ERISA violations. He has 25 years of experience representing employees in a variety of industries, including tech, gig economy, financial services, construction, transportation, and private education. Steven also represents consumers in class action litigation and individuals in mass tort personal injury lawsuits. He has been honored twice with the Daily Journal's California Lawyer Attorney of the Year ("CLAY") award: in 2023 for his involvement and success at trial against the City of San Diego on behalf of single-family residential customers challenging San Diego's unconstitutional water rates, and in 2019 for his work litigating before the California Supreme Court on behalf of low-income borrowers challenging CashCall's lending practices.

Steven clerked for Hon. Judith N. Keep of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California and for Hon. Claudia Wilken of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. Prior to joining Gibbs Mura, he was a partner at Rukin Hyland Doria & Tindall, and at Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein. At Rukin Hyland and Lieff Cabraser, he focused on plaintiffs' class action litigation in the fields of wage and hour and other employment law, antitrust, and consumer protection. Steven also litigated multiple mass tort personal injury and toxic tort cases.

Steven received his B.A. degree in English Literature from Yale University, graduating *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, and with distinction in his major. He earned his J.D. degree from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 1996. While at Berkeley Law, Steven co-directed the East Bay Workers' Rights Clinic.

## Litigation Highlights

***San Diego and Otay Water District Tiered Water Rates Lawsuits –*** Key member of the litigation team achieving a $79.5 million verdict on behalf of single-family customers in a lawsuit charging the City of San Diego with setting water rates that are noncompliant with the California Constitution. Steven was instrumental in challenging San Diego's asserted justifications for its unconstitutional water rates. The parties filed a notice of settlement in principle in San Diego Superior Court.

Key member of the litigation team achieving a verdict on behalf of single-family residential customers in a lawsuit challenging the Otay Water District with setting unconstitutional water rates. After a Court of Appeal affirmed the liability verdict and remanded for a new trial on the refund amount, the parties reached a $12 million settlement that received preliminary approval in San Diego Superior Court.

***Breach of Contract –*** As co-lead counsel, Steven helped recover over $29 million on behalf of hundreds of employees in a class action lawsuit involving breach of contract claims against a global consulting company.

***Retirement Benefits –*** Represented retirees whose retirement benefits were slashed after a corporate spinoff. The litigation resulted in a $9 million recovery paid out to class members.

***Gig Economy –*** Represents thousands of individual clients in multiple gig economy cases alleging that they were misclassified as independent contractors and should be entitled to minimum wage, overtime pay, and expense reimbursement under California and other state labor laws.

*Consumer Loans* – Represents over 100,000 borrowers in a certified class action lawsuit against online lender, CashCall, alleging that they preyed on low-income borrowers through high-interest-rate loans. Steven was part of the litigation team that achieved a ruling from the Trial Court awarding $245 million in restitution for class members, which defendant may appeal. Previously, Steven had helped achieve a unanimous ruling from the CA Supreme Court regarding the possible unconscionability of the loan contracts involved in the case.

## Awards & Honors

Best Lawyers in America, Employment Law – Individuals (2026)
California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award (2023, 2019)
Northern California Super Lawyers (2009-2026)

## Publications & Presentations

Presenter, "When to Consider a Mass Arbitration, What to Expect and How to Reach a Successful Conclusion," California Employment Lawyers Association (CELA) Advanced Wage & Hour Seminar, April 25, 2025.

Presenter and Panelist, "Arbitrating Wage and Hour Cases from Start to Finish," California Employment Lawyers Association (CELA) Annual Conference, September 30, 2023.

Co-Author, "DoorDash: Quick Food, Slow Justice," Daily Journal, March 24, 2020.

Presenter, "Damages & Penalties in Exemption and Misclassification Cases," Bridgeport Independent Contractor, Joint Employment Misclassification Litigation Conference, July 26, 2019.

Contributor, "Can Interest Rates be Unconscionable?" Daily Journal Appellate Report Podcast, July 6, 2018.

Co-Author, "Epic Systems and the Erosion of Federal Class Actions," Law360 Expert Analysis, July 5, 2018.

Co-Author, "Senate Should Reject Choice Act and Its Payday Free Pass," Law360 Expert Analysis, July 12, 2017.

Presenter, "Understanding and Litigating PAGA Claims," Bridgeport Continuing Legal Education, March 3, 2017.

Contributing Author, California Class Actions Practice and Procedure, Matthew Bender & Co., Inc., 2006

Author, *Do as She Does, Not as She Says: The Shortcomings of Justice O'Connor's Direct Evidence Requirement in Price Waterhouse v. Hopkins*, Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law, 17, No. 2, 1996.



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# Michael Weinkowitz | Partner

Michael is a nationally recognized litigator who represents plaintiffs in complex products liability and mass tort litigation throughout the United States. For more than two decades, he has repeatedly been appointed by courts to leadership positions in some of the nation's largest multidistrict litigations and coordinated state court proceedings involving pharmaceuticals, medical devices, consumer products, and technology platforms. He has earned a reputation for his exceptional trial skills, effectively managing sophisticated pretrial proceedings and advancing technically complex cases against some of the world's largest corporations.

Michael is known for his strategic leadership in high-stakes litigation, particularly in the areas of discovery, bellwether trial preparation, state-federal coordination, and global settlement negotiations. He is widely respected for his collaborative leadership style, practical problem-solving, and ability to build consensus among plaintiffs' counsel in complex proceedings involving competing interests and nationwide coordination.

Michael holds multiple leadership appointments in the federal social media addiction multidistrict litigation *In re Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*, which consolidates thousands of lawsuits brought by school districts, families, and state attorneys general alleging that TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, and YouTube intentionally designed their platforms to be addictive and caused harm to children and adolescents. He serves as Co-Chair of the School District Committee, Co-Chair of the TikTok Liability Team, and as a member of the Plaintiffs' Leadership Committee.

Previously, in one of the most significant youth vaping litigations in the country *In re Juul Labs, Inc. Products Liability Litigation,* Michael served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, as Chair of the Law and Briefing Committee, and as Co-Chair of the Discovery Committee, where he was also a member of the bellwether trial team.

Michael has also held leadership appointments in numerous other nationally significant litigations, including *In re Xarelto Products Liability Litigation*, *In re Yaz/Yasmin/Ocella Products Liability Litigation*, *In re Tylenol (Acetaminophen) Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, *In re Pradaxa Products Liability Litigation*, *In re Fresenius Granuflo/Naturalyte Dialysate Products Liability Litigation*, *In re Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability* Litigation, and *In re Vioxx Products Liability Litigation.*

Michael is recognized as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer in the areas of complex litigation, class actions/mass torts, and product liability. In addition, Michael serves as an Advisory Board member for the LexisNexis Practice Guides on Pennsylvania Civil Pre-Trial Practice and Pennsylvania Civil Trial Practice. He regularly lectures and speaks on topics involving complex litigation, multidistrict litigation practice, discovery strategy, bellwether trial preparation, and mass tort coordination.

## Litigation Highlights

***In re: Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*** – Michael serves on the Plaintiffs' Leadership Committee and as Co-Chair of the Discovery Committee in this multidistrict litigation involving claims against major social media companies arising from allegations that social media platforms were intentionally designed to maximize adolescent engagement and addiction. He has played a central role in coordinating discovery, managing complex pretrial proceedings, and preparing the litigation for bellwether trials. Michael was also one of the lead trial counsel for the first bellwether school district case on behalf of Breathitt County Schools that settled shortly before trial.

***In re: Juul Labs, Inc. Products Liability Litigation*** – Michael served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, as Chair of the Law and Briefing Committee, and as Co-Chair of the Discovery Committee in this nationwide litigation involving claims related to youth vaping and nicotine addiction. He also served on the bellwether trial team and helped oversee large-scale discovery, expert coordination, motion practice, and trial preparation that contributed to a global resolution.

***In re: Xarelto Products Liability Litigation*** – Michael served as Federal-State Liaison Counsel in the federal MDL and as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel in the coordinated Pennsylvania state court proceedings involving allegations that the anticoagulant Xarelto caused serious and fatal bleeding injuries. He served on the federal and state bellwether trial teams that tried six bellwether cases and was a member of the Settlement Committee that negotiated and implemented the global settlement program resolving thousands of claims nationwide.

***In re: Yaz/Yasmin/Ocella Products Liability Litigation*** – Michael served as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel in the Pennsylvania coordinated proceedings involving claims that Yaz, Yasmin, and Ocella birth control products caused serious thrombotic and cardiovascular injuries. He coordinated state and federal litigation efforts, managed discovery and motion practice, participated in bellwether trial preparation, and served on the Settlement Committee that negotiated and implemented global settlements resolving claims nationwide.

***In re: Tylenol (Acetaminophen) Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*** – Michael served as Liaison Counsel and Chair of both the Discovery and Law and Briefing Committees in this litigation involving allegations that acetaminophen products caused severe liver injuries. He coordinated complex discovery and briefing efforts and served on the settlement team that negotiated the litigation's global resolution.

## Awards & Honors

Super Lawyer, *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* (2009-2026)
Rising Star, *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* (2005)
Legal Lion of the Week, *Law360* (2026)

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice
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**Education**

University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, J.D., *magna cum laude,* 2010.

University of Missouri, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1998.

**Awards & Honors**

*Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers*, 2025-2026

*Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers*, 2023-2025

*Top Women Lawyers in California*, Daily Journal, 2023, 2021

*Winning Litigators Finalist,* National Law Journal, 2021

*Product Liability MVP,* Law360, 2021

*Top Plaintiff Lawyers in California*, Daily Journal, 2021

*Northern California Super Lawyer* 2021-2026, *Rising Star* 2013-2020

**Admissions**

California
Florida

# Amy Zeman | Partner

Amy's tenacious trial advocacy in class actions and mass torts ensures her clients' voices are heard and respected. She led a multi-million-dollar Ponzi Scheme class action through a four-week trial against Umpqua Bank, ultimately securing a $55 million settlement on behalf of defrauded investors. Amy also achieved a $14.975 million dollar jury verdict as co-lead trial counsel on behalf of Pacific Fertility Center patients whose genetic material was destroyed in a catastrophic cryo-preservation tank failure; the Washington Post hailed the outcome as "a historic verdict." And Amy's work led to a $73 million settlement from UCLA on behalf of sexual assault survivors who brought claims against gynecologist Dr. James Heaps. Her tenacious style has delivered outstanding results and justice to consumers, victims of personal injuries, and sexual assault survivors in class action and mass tort litigation.

Lawdragon has selected Amy to both its Leading Plaintiffs Consumer Lawyer and Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer lists for 2025, and she was previously honored as one of the Top Women Lawyers in California by the Daily Journal in 2023. Amy has previously served in leadership roles for the American Association for Justice's Class Action and Qui Tam Litigation Groups.

As a leader of the firm's whistleblower attorney practice group, Amy represents the first-to-file relator in *U.S. ex rel. Ronda Osinek v. Kaiser Permanente, et al.*, which led to an historic $556 million settlement from Kaiser Permanente in January of 2026, described as the largest False Claims Act recovery in the history of the Medicare Advantage program by Law360.

Amy is a distinguished litigator in consumer protection and mass injury matters. She represented service members injured by 3M's Combat Arms earplugs in the largest multi-district proceeding in U.S. history. She has litigated successful class actions on behalf of Nissan Altima owners, Ducati motorcyclists, Chase Bank credit card holders, and more. She has also represented individuals harmed by the chemotherapy drug Taxotere (docetaxel), by transvaginal mesh, the birth control medications Yaz and Yasmin, the diabetes drug Actos, and the antipsychotic medication Risperdal.

Prior to attending law school, Amy pursued a career in the financial sector, serving as the Accounting and Compliance Manager for the Marin County Federal Credit Union for almost seven years. Amy was a spring 2010 extern for the Honorable Marilyn Hall Patel of the United States District Court, Northern District of California. She received her J.D. magna cum laude from the University of California at Hastings and her two B.A. degrees summa cum laude from the University of Missouri.

## Litigation Highlights

***Camenisch v. Umpqua Bank –*** Amy served as lead trial counsel in a four-week jury trial on behalf of over 1,200 class members who alleged that Umpqua Bank (now known as Columbia Bank) aided and abetted a fraudulent investment scheme by Professional Financial Investors (PFI). Plaintiffs argued that PFI ran a fraudulent scheme that used investor money to personally benefit PFI's executives, including its principals Ken Casey and Lewis Wallach, pay other investors, and cover recurring shortages across its dozens of accounts at Umpqua. Ultimately, the jury could not reach a unanimous decision, and the court declared a mistrial. The parties reached a $55 million settlement weeks later, and the Court granted final approval on September 11, 2025. Judge P. Casey Pitts, who oversaw the trial, called the settlement an "excellent" outcome for the class.

*Pacific Fertility Center Litigation* – Amy served as co-lead trial counsel in a three-week trial on behalf of several patients who tragically lost eggs and embryos in a catastrophic cryo-preservation tank failure at San Francisco's Pacific Fertility Center in 2018. The jury found the cryogenic tank manufacturer, Chart Inc., liable on all claims, and awarded $14.975 million in aggregate damages to the five plaintiffs. Amy led the Gibbs Mura team, which first filed the lawsuit in March 2018 with co-counsel, and represented dozens of PFC patients whose frozen eggs and embryos were harmed or destroyed as a result of the tank failure. The 2021 trial was to be the first of over 30 trials in the consolidated litigation and led to a significant aggregate settlement that resolved hundreds of cases pending in federal and state court.

*A.B. v. The Regents of the University of California* – Amy served as plaintiffs' counsel representing patients of former UCLA OB-GYN Dr. James Heaps in a class action lawsuit alleging assault, abuse, and sexual harassment against both Dr. Heaps and UCLA. The litigation resulted in a $73 million dollar settlement to compensate over 5,500 women who received treatment from Dr. Heaps, as well as mandatory reforms to UCLA's patient safety measures. The settlement received final approval in July 2021.

*Kaiser Medicare Qui Tam Litigation* – Amy and Gibbs Mura filed a qui tam lawsuit on behalf of a relator stating whistleblower allegations that Kaiser Permanente overcharged Medicare through improper diagnostic coding. On July 31, 2021, the Attorney General's office and the Department of Justice elected to intervene in this litigation, and it was brought out from under seal into the public record. Kaiser Permanent agreed to pay $556 million to settle the lawsuit in January 2026.

*Sanborn, et al. v. Nissan North America, Inc.* – appointed as class counsel with Eric Gibbs and others. Obtained a settlement 11 days before trial was set to begin on claims that the dashboards in certain Nissan vehicles were melting into a shiny, sticky surface that produced a dangerous glare. The settlement allowed class members to obtain a $1500-$2000 dashboard replacement for just $250, or equivalent reimbursement for prior replacements.

*Chase Bank U.S.A., N.A. "Check Loan" Contract Litigation* – key member of the litigation team in this multidistrict case alleging that Chase Bank wronged consumers by offering long-term fixed-rate loans, only to later more-than-double the required loan payments. The litigation resulted in a $100 million settlement eight weeks prior to trial.

*Sugarman v. Ducati North America, Inc.,* - represented Ducati motorcycle owners whose fuel tanks on their motorcycles degraded and deformed due to incompatibility with the motorcycles' fuel. In January 2012, the Court approved a settlement that provided an extended warranty and repairs, writing, "The Court recognizes that class counsel assumed substantial risks and burdens in this litigation. Representation was professional and competent; in the Court's opinion, counsel obtained an excellent result for the class."

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice - Co-Vice Chair of the Class Action Litigation Group; Past Co-Chair of the Qui Tam Litigation Group; Member of the Women Trial Lawyers Caucus
Consumer Attorneys of California

## Select Publications & Presentations

Presenter, "Fighting the Sealing of Settlements," AAJ Annual Convention, July 2023.

Presenter, "Trial Skills Workshop: Strategies for Cross Examination," CAOC Sonoma Seminar, March 2023.

Presenter, "Fees in Class Action Cases," and "Qui Tam Case Strategies," Mass Tort Med School and Class Action Conference, March 2017.

Presenter, "Claims-processing in Large and Mass-Tort MDLs," Emerging Issues in Mass-Tort MDLs Conference, Duke University, October 2016.



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**Education**

Texas A&M University School of Law, J.D., 2016

Colorado Technical University, B.S., *with honors*

**Admissions**

Texas

# Brian Bailey | Of Counsel

Brian represents clients harmed by corporate misconduct in complex litigation including employment discrimination, personal injury, and consumer protection cases. He represents employees and consumers in our cases against Honda, IBM, Amazon, and PG&E. Brian was an integral member of the team that secured $1.5 billion in compensation for over 6,000 survivors of utility-caused wildfires in Northern California, and he currently represents survivors of the Eaton Fire in Los Angeles.

Prior to joining the firm, Brian worked at the Federal Labor Relations Authority in Dallas, Texas where he conducted investigations on federal unfair labor practices and coordinated federal union elections. Previously, Brian represented a high volume of disabled individuals in administrative hearings.

Brian is a 2016 graduate of Texas A&M University School of Law, where he served as the president of the TAMU Black Law Student Association. During law school, he interned for the Honorable Justice Ken Molberg when he was District Judge at the 95th Texas Civil District Court and served as a research assistant for Professors Michael Z. Green and Sahar Aziz. Prior to law school, Brian worked as an international flight attendant at United Airlines and volunteered as an Occupational Injury Representative at the Association of Flight Attendants, Local Council 11 in Washington D.C.

## Awards & Honors

The National Black Lawyers, Top 100
AAJ Leadership Academy – Graduate, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Class of 2022

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility Committee; Membership Oversight Committee; Minority Caucus, Member Committee Co-Chair; LGBT Caucus
Shades of Mass, Board Member
L. Clifford Davis Legal Association
The International Legal Honor Society of Phi Delta Phi
The American Constitution Society for Law & Policy
Texas Young Lawyers Association
State Bar of Texas: African-American Lawyers (AALS), Consumer and Commercial Law, Labor and Employment Law, LGBT Law

## Presentations and Articles

Presenter, "Broadening the Pathway: Implementing Hiring Efforts to Reach Underserved Communities," National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) Consumer Rights Litigation Conference and Class Action Symposium, October 2024.

Presenter, "A Movement to Defend, Avoiding Exclusionary Hiring Practices," American Association for Justice (AAJ) Annual Convention, July 2024.



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University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, J.D., *Order of the Coif,* 2015

University of California, Berkeley, B.A., *Phi Beta Kappa,* 2008

**Admissions**

California

# Aaron Blumenthal | Counsel

Aaron Blumenthal represents employees, whistleblowers, and consumers in complex and class action litigation. He is a member of our California whistleblower attorney practice group.

Aaron attended law school at the University of California, Berkeley, where he graduated *Order of the Coif*, the highest level of distinction. While in law school, Aaron wrote an article about class action waivers that was published by the California Law Review, one of the top law reviews in the country. He also served as a research assistant to Professor Franklin Zimring, who described Aaron in the acknowledgements section of one of his books as a "statistical jack-of-all-trades."

## Litigation Highlights

***In Re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litigation*** – represented consumers whose personal information was impacted by the Anthem data breach, which was announced in 2015 as affecting nearly 80 million insurance customers. The case resulted in a $115 million settlement, which offered extended credit monitoring to affected consumers.

***LLE One v. Facebook*** – key member of the litigation team representing video advertisers in a putative class action against Facebook alleging that the company inflated its metrics for the average time users spent watching video ads, causing the plaintiffs to spend more for video advertising on Facebook than they otherwise would have.

***JPMorgan Chase Litigation*** – represented a class of mortgage borrowers against JPMorgan Chase, alleging that the bank charged them invalid "post-payment interest" when they paid off their loans. The case resulted in an $11 million settlement.

## Awards & Honors

**Rising Star,** Northern California Super Lawyers, 2018-2026

## Presentations and Articles

Presenter, "Impact of the Viking River Cruises Ruling on PAGA and Mass Arbitrations," Simpluris Podcast, October 2022

Author, "Why Justices' PAGA Ruling May Not Be Real Win For Cos.," Law360 Employment Authority, July 2022

Co-author, "DoorDash: Quick Food, Slow Justice," Daily Journal, March 2020

Co-author, "In the Breach," Trial Magazine, American Association for Justice, September 2017

Author, "Winning Strategies in Privacy and Data Security Class Actions: The Plaintiffs' Perspective," Berkeley Center for Law & Technology, January 2017

Author, "Circumventing Concepcion: Conceptualizing Innovative Strategies to Ensure the Enforcement of Consumer Protection Laws in the Age of the Inviolable Class Action Waiver," 103 Calif. L. Review 699, 2015

Author, "Religiosity and Same-Sex Marriage in the United States and Europe," 32 Berkeley J. Int'l. L 195, 2014.



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**Admissions**

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# Spencer Hughes | Counsel

Spencer represents consumers against corporations in all stages of litigation. He is experienced in in both trial-level and appellate litigation, frequently briefing and arguing novel questions of law across the country.

Spencer is experienced in complex class actions involving automobile defects, financial misconduct by banks and cryptocurrency institutions, and other fraud and consumer protection actions.

Spencer practiced at a plaintiffs' class action boutique and one of the largest litigation firms in the world prior to joining Gibbs Mura. He has represented a U.S. Senator in the Supreme Court and argued multiple times in federal appeals court.

Before entering private practice, Spencer clerked for the Honorable Gerald Bard Tjoflat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. He is a graduate of Duke University School of Law and Iowa State University.

## Litigation Highlights

*Cadena v. American Honda Motor Co.* – Represents class of consumers who purchased Honda vehicles in action about automatic emergency braking systems. Spencer briefed summary judgment and motions to exclude Honda's expert testimony. After Spencer's argument in court, Honda voluntarily withdrew its experts' testimony.

*In re J&J Investment Litigation* – Represented class of investors victimized by a Ponzi scheme operated through accounts held at Wells Fargo Bank. Spencer worked with banking industry expert witnesses and briefed novel legal questions to defend against summary judgment.

*In re PNC Cash Sweep Programs Litigation* – Represents plaintiffs in litigation arising from the interest rates paid to PNC consumers in cash-sweep brokerage accounts. Spencer defended against PNC's motion to dismiss the complaint.

*Murthy v. Missouri* – Represented United States Senator as amicus curiae to the Supreme Court of the United States, arguing to protect the U.S. intelligence community's ability to counter foreign malign influence in our elections.

## Awards & Honors

**Rising Star,** Super Lawyers, 2023-2024

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice

## Presentations and Articles

Co-author, "Tools To Fight Delay From Arbitrability Appeals After Coinbase," Law360, August 2023



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Columbia Law School, J.D., 2009

Tulane University, B.A., *cum laude,* 2004

**Admissions**

New York

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# Parker Hutchinson | Counsel

Parker Hutchinson represents plaintiffs in class actions and other complex litigation, with extensive practice in the field of prescription drug product liability. Parker currently represents clients in multi district litigation including servicemembers who suffered hearing loss or tinnitus from defective 3M ear plugs and cancer survivors who suffered permanent disfiguring hair loss from the chemotherapy drug Taxotere. Prior to joining Gibbs Mura, Parker wrote extensive briefing *In re Taxotere* as a member of the Plaintiffs' Law & Briefing Committee. In his appellate advocacy work, Parker has also achieved an expansion of the definition of "adverse employment action" under Title VII in an issue of first impression.

Parker is a 2009 graduate of Columbia Law School, where he was a leader at the Columbia Journal of European Law. During law school, Parker was a judicial extern with the Honorable Stanwood Duval, Jr. of the Eastern District of Louisiana. Before law school, Parker worked as a congressional staffer, a musician, and a writer. He involved himself closely in New Orleans's recovery following Hurricane Katrina, including the resurrection of progressive community radio station WTUL. He received his undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from Tulane University in 2004.

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice
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**Practice Emphasis**

Class Actions
Consumer Protection

**Education**

University of San Francisco School of Law, J.D., 2005
University of California, Santa Cruz, B.A., 1995

**Admissions**

California

# Rosanne Mah | Counsel

Rosanne L. Mah represents consumers in complex class action litigation involving deceptive and misleading practices, false advertising, and defective products. She also represents survivors of childhood sexual abuse in Boy Scouts Sexual Abuse Litigation and in New Orleans Catholic Church Sexual Abuse Litigation.

Rosanne is integrally involved in client relations, including communicating with class members, through all stages of the litigation process, from intake to settlement.

Rosanne has over 15 years of experience in providing the highest level of legal representation to individuals and businesses in a wide variety of cases. Throughout her legal career she has specialized in consumer protection, defective products, cybersecurity, data privacy, and employment law at several law firms, as well as through her own practice. Rosanne attended the University of San Francisco, School of Law, during which she was a judicial extern with the Honorable Anne Bouliane of the San Francisco Superior Court. During law school, she advocated for tenants facing housing issues, including eviction and habitability problems.

She is a member of the California Bar and is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the United States District Courts for the Northern, Central, Eastern, and Southern Districts of California.

## Awards & Honors

Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service Certificate, *Debt Defense and Education Clinic for the Bar Association of San Francisco's Volunteer Legal Services Program* (2010-2011)

## Presentations and Articles

Panelist, "Ethical Issues in Mass & Class Actions – Representation Challenges and Responsibilities," Legal Ethics Committee of the San Francisco Bar Association, September 11, 2025.

## Litigation Highlights

***Vallin v. PNC Investments, LLC, et al.*** – Member of interim class counsel representing PNC current and former customers with brokerage accounts, advisory accounts, and retirement accounts who had cash deposits or balances in the PNC cash sweep program. Plaintiffs claim that PNC pays unreasonably low interest rates to customers in its cash sweep program while generating massive profits for themselves.

***Biederman, et al. v. FCA US LLC, et al.*** – Represents current and former Ram truck owners and lessors with model years 2013 to 2018 Ram 2500 and Ram 3500 trucks equipped with a Cummins 6.7-Liter diesel engine. Plaintiffs allege that FCA US and Cummins together designed, manufactured, and sold 2013-2023 Ram 2500 and 3500 diesel trucks with undisclosed and unauthorized emission control devices that illegally bypass, render inoperative, or otherwise reduce the effectiveness of the vehicles' emission control system.

***In re Midwestern Pet Foods Marketing, Sales Practices and Product Liability Litigation*** – Represented consumers alleging that Midwestern Pet Food sold dog food containing dangerous levels of Aflatoxin and Salmonella that was harmful to pets. Judge Matthew P. Brookman granted final approval of a nationwide class action settlement providing for a common fund of $6.3 million to compensate purchasers of the recalled pet food products for pet injury claims and consumer food purchaser claims.



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**Practice Emphasis**

Class Actions

Mass Personal Injury

**Education**

University of California, Davis King Hall School of Law, J.D., 1995

Colorado State University, B.A., 1989

**Admissions**

California

# Karen Barth Menzies | Of Counsel

Karen is a nationally recognized mass tort attorney with more than twenty years of experience in federal and state litigation. Courts throughout the country have appointed Karen to serve in leadership positions including Lead Counsel, Liaison Counsel and Plaintiff Steering Committee in some of the largest pharmaceutical and device mass tort cases. Karen currently serves in leadership positions in the Taxotere Litigation (federal court), Zoloft Birth Defect Litigation (federal and California state courts), Transvaginal Mesh Litigation (federal and California state courts), Fosamax Femur Fracture Litigation (California state court), Lexapro/Celexa Birth Defect Litigation (Missouri state court).

Karen is particularly focused on women's health issues and sexual abuse claims, including a current Boy Scouts of America sexual abuse lawsuit investigation involving claims of abuse by scoutmasters, troop leaders and other adults affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America. She also represents women suffering permanent baldness following breast cancer chemotherapy treatments with Taxotere, and children who experienced severe side effects after taking the widely prescribed medication Risperdal. Karen believes in advocating for the victims who've been taken advantage of, and helping to ensure drug safety in the face of profit-driven corporations that hide the risks of their products. She has testified twice before FDA advisory boards as well as the California State Legislature on the safety concerns regarding the SSRI antidepressants and the manufacturers' misconduct. She has also advised victim advocacy groups in their efforts to inform governmental agencies and legislative bodies of harms caused by corporations.

Karen frequently publishes and presents on issues involving drug safety, mass tort litigation, FDA reform and federal preemption for both legal organizations (plaintiff and defense) and medical groups.

## Awards & Honors

*AV Preeminent*® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
Best Lawyers in America, Personal Injury Litigation (2013, 2018, 2021-2023)
Individual Recognition Chambers USA: Product Liability Plaintiffs (2020)
Southern California Super Lawyer (2004-2023)
Lawyer of the Year by *Lawyer's Weekly USA* (2004)
California Lawyer of the Year by *California Lawyer* magazine (2005)
Consumer Attorney of the Year Finalist by CAOC (2006)

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice, Co-Chair, Taxotere Litigation Group
Consumer Attorneys of California
Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles
American Bar Association (appointed member of the Plaintiffs' Task Force)
Women En Mass
The Sedona Conference (WG1, Electronic Document Retention and Production)
The National Trial Lawyers
National Women Trial Lawyers Association
LA County Bar Association
Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles
Public Justice

## Select Publications & Presentations

Author, "Prepping for the Prescriber Deposition," Trial Magazine, American Association for Justice, January 2020.

Presenter, "Deposing the Treating/ Prescribing Physician, Learned Intermediary, the One Potentially Fatal Fact Witness," American Association for Justice Convention: Discovery and Litigation Strategies for Drug and Device Cases, February 2019.

Presenter, "A Funny Thing Did Happen on the Way to the Forum: Navigating the New Landscape of Personal Jurisdiction Challenges," ABA Section of Litigaiton 2019 Environmental & Energy, Mass Torts, and Products Liability Litigation Committees' Joint CLE Seminar, March 2018.

Presenter, "Federal and State Court Coordination of Mass Tort Litigation: Navigating State Court vs. Multidistrict Litigation, Mass Torts Made Perfect Conference, October 2018.

Presenter, "Taxotere Litigation: Federal MDL 2740, New Orleans and State Court Jurisdictions, Mass Torts Made Perfect Conference, October 2018.

Presenter, "505(b)(2) Defendants – The Non-Generic Alternative; Social Media and Support Groups; Settlement Committees," AAJ Section on Torts, Environmental and Product Liability (STEP): On the Cutting Edge of Torts Litigation, July 2018.

Presenter, "Location, Location, Location Part II: State Court Consolidations," AAJ Mass Torts Best Practices Seminar, July 2017.

Presenter, "Personal Jurisdiction in Mass Torts and Class Actions: Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v. Superior Court (Cal. 2016)," Mass Torts Judicial Forum with Judge Corodemus and JAMS, April 2017.

Author, "Bringing the Remote Office Closer," Trial Magazine, American Association for Justice, March 2017.



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**Education**

Seattle University School of Law, J.D., 2014
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**Admissions**

California

# Ashleigh Musser | Counsel

Ashleigh represents consumers and employees in class actions and mass arbitration involving consumer protection and employment law. She litigates complex cases involving misclassification, discrimination, and wage and hour claims brought under state law, including under the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA). She currently represents thousands of gig economy workers in legal actions alleging that they were misclassified as independent contractors and should be entitled to minimum wage, overtime pay, and expense reimbursement under California and other state labor laws. Ashleigh is a proficient Spanish speaker and has experience representing and working with Spanish-speaking clients.

Ashleigh previously worked at a litigation firm in San Francisco, representing clients in criminal and civil proceedings, with an emphasis in personal injury, real estate, and wrongful death claims. More recently, she counseled and represented plaintiffs in individual and representative labor and employment matters at a boutique law firm in San Francisco. She has extensive experience protecting the rights of employees in cases involving California Labor Code violations, California Family Rights Act violations, and violations of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, which includes representing plaintiffs with sexual harassment, disability and pregnancy discrimination, and retaliation claims.

Ashleigh is a 2014 graduate of Seattle University School of Law, where she served as the treasurer of the Moot Court Board, and as a chair of the International Law Society. During her time in law school, Ashleigh externed at the AIDS Legal Referral Panel of San Francisco, and subsequently volunteered as a licensed lawyer, where she represented clients facing eviction, and researched issues including the impact lump sum payments have on Section 8, the Housing Choice Voucher Program. As a law student, Ashleigh studied abroad at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, focusing on how businesses adversely impact human rights, primarily in African countries. Ashleigh further diversified her legal experience by becoming a licensed to practice intern in Washington State, allowing her to practice law as a law student for the City Prosecutor's Office. In this role, she had to balance defending the City with the rights of the individuals that came before her in court.

## Awards & Honors

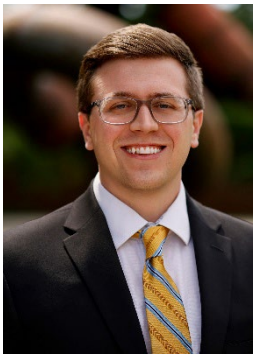
Rising Star**,** Northern California Super Lawyers (2021-2025)

## Professional Affiliations

California Employment Lawyers Association
San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association

## Presentations and Articles

Author, "The Estrada decision on review: What to do with "unmanageable" PAGA claims?" Daily Journal, July 2022



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**Education**

Duke University School of Law, J.D., 2018
Drew University, B.A., 2015

**Admissions**

District of Columbia
New Jersey

# Mark Patronella | Counsel

Mark is an experienced litigator who is passionate about holding corporations accountable for predatory and unfair conduct. He represents consumers primarily in class action lawsuits with a special emphasis on privacy litigation.

Prior to joining Gibbs Mura, Mark practiced at a large environmental nonprofit, where he worked on novel and complex questions of law at the federal and state level. Before that, Mark practiced at a plaintiffs' class action boutique where he brought class and collective actions on behalf of customers, workers, and impacted community members.

Mark has been recognized for his substantial public interest legal contributions. He has helped secure many millions of dollars in restitution for his clients and provided well over one thousand hours of *pro bono* representation to asylum-seekers, low-income tenants facing eviction, local governments, and nonprofits.

## Awards & Honors

Marquis Who's Who in America, 2025
Northern California Super Lawyers, *Rising Star* (2023-2024)



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**Education**

Penn State Law, J.D., 2023

Ithaca College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2020

**Admissions**

Pennsylvania

# Alicia Armstrong | Associate

Alicia Armstrong represents plaintiffs in complex litigation seeking accountability for corporate misconduct and institutional failures. She is a member of the Social Media Adolescent Addiction trial teams representing school districts in the federal multi-district consolidated action.

Alicia graduated from Penn State Law, where she developed a strong passion for trial advocacy. During law school, she participated in the Indigent Criminal Justice Trial Clinic, counseling economically disadvantaged individuals through criminal proceedings, and worked at a plaintiffs' firm supporting survivors of sexual assault and victims of catastrophic injuries. She also externed for the Honorable Kim R. Gibson of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Alicia devoted her free time to supporting the success of her peers by coaching mock trial teams, serving on the boards of the Women's Law Caucus and Black Law Students Association, and acting as Chief Justice of the Student Bar Association. She earned Best Overall Advocate and Best Closing Argument honors on the National Mock Trial Team, and served as an Articles Editor for the Penn State Law Review. In addition, Alicia received a CALI Award for excellence in *Handling Cases in the Real World* and was inducted into a national honor society for legal advocacy, The Order of Barristers.



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**Education**

Seattle University School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude,* 2020

University of Washington, B.A., 2015

**Admissions**

Washington

New York

# Emily Beale | Associate

Emily Beale represents investors and consumers harmed by financial fraud and corporate misconduct in class actions.

Emily has worked on cases involving Ponzi schemes and fraudulent investments in all facets of litigation, delivering excellent results. She has managed and assisted with a range of complex fact and expert discovery. Emily prides herself on her attention to detail in complex matters. Outside of litigation, Emily is passionate about educating law students on the opportunities the plaintiffs' bar provides.

Prior to joining Gibbs Mura, Emily clerked for the Honorable Benjamin H. Settle in the Western District of Washington.

Emily graduated Seattle University School of Law *summa cum laude* and first in her class. While in law school, she served as Managing Editor for the Seattle University Law Review and on the Moot Court Board.

## Litigation Highlights

***Todd Benjamin International, Ltd. v. Grant Thornton International*** – Class counsel for investors in TCA Global Credit Master Fund L.P. and its feeder funds. The investors alleged that the funds' management inflated assets and earnings, and that the funds' auditors knew about the overstatement but failed to take appropriate action. After multiple years of litigation, Gibbs Mura helped secure settlements of $26.5 million for investors. At the hearing granting final approval on May 20, 2025, Judge Scola thanked counsel for their "excellent work in the case."

***In re J&J Investment Litigation*** – Member of interim co-lead counsel representing hundreds of victims of Matthew Beasley's Ponzi scheme in a proposed class action against Wells Fargo for allegedly aiding and abetting the fraud.

***Vallin v. PNC Investments LLC*** – Member of interim class counsel representing customers against PNC for depositing brokerage clients' uninvested cash into cash sweep accounts paying unreasonably low interest rates while generating massive profits for themselves.

## Presentations and Articles

Panelist, "Expanding the Scope of Consumer Protection," Class Action Money & Ethics Conference, May 21, 2026.

Panelist, "The Associate Experience at a Plaintiffs' Firm," National Plaintiffs' Law Association, August 15, 2023.

Author, "Unfair-but-not-Deceptive: Confronting the Ambiguity in Washington State's Consumer Protection Act," 43 Seattle U. L. R. 1011 (2020).



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University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, J.D., 2022

Northwestern University, B.A., 2016

**Admissions**

California

# Delaney Brooks | Associate

Delaney Brooks represents plaintiffs in class action lawsuits, primarily in cases involving unfair business practices and defective products.

Delaney has helped achieve class certification in highly contested cases, representing hundreds of thousands of consumers from states around the country. She is also an experienced oral advocate and has taken a lead role in arbitration proceedings. Delaney has extensive experience working with expert witnesses, especially damages experts, helping defend the experts' work through motion practice and depositions. Delaney also prioritizes her close relationships with clients, helping steer the clients toward successful results.

Delaney graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2022. While at Berkeley Law, Delaney was a member of the Moot Court, participated in several pro bono projects, and served as a judicial extern for the Honorable William H. Alsup, Northern District of California.

## Litigation Highlights

***GreenSky Litigation*** – Represents consumers who took out loans for home maintenance repairs and were charged allegedly unlawful fees by GreenSky, Inc.

***Destination Fees Litigation*** – Represents vehicle owners from 13 states who overpaid when they purchased new vehicles because FCA inflated its delivery fees to include extra profit.

***Porsche PCM Malfunction Litigation*** – Represented Porsche owners whose vehicles received a software update that allegedly damaged the vehicles' infotainment systems. The Honorable Mark H. Cohen granted final approval to a nationwide class action settlement that included cash reimbursements of up to $7,500 per class member.

## Professional Affiliations

California Lawyers Association, Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law Section

## Presentations and Articles

Presenter, "Junk Fees in Auto Sales and Finance," National Consumer Law Center's Class Action Symposium, October 2025.



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**Education**

Harvard Law School, J.D., 2020

University of North Texas, B.A., 2015

**Admissions**

Texas

Massachusetts

# Sadie Hillier | Associate

Sadie is passionate about protecting clients' rights and holding corporations accountable. She represents consumers primarily in class action lawsuits with a special emphasis on privacy and data breach litigation.

Prior to joining Gibbs Mura, Sadie spent two years as an Assistant Federal Public Defender representing indigent clients on death row in late-stage federal appeals. She then transitioned to civil law, representing clients in a variety of civil rights cases centered on reproductive rights, First Amendment, police brutality, LGBTQ rights, and the right to privacy.

Sadie graduated from Harvard Law School in 2020. While in law school, she was heavily involved with and served as the Executive Director of the Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project, where she spent three years advocating for the rights of incarcerated people in disciplinary and parole hearings, through policy advocacy with the Massachusetts legislature, and in civil rights lawsuits. Sadie was also on the board of the Harvard Civil Rights—Civil Liberties Law Review, served as President of HLS Child & Youth Advocates, and completed a variety of public interest internships and externships, including at the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Corps, and the Orange County (California) Public Defender. At the Orange County Public Defender, Sadie worked on the case that ultimately made public the fact that Global Tel Link (GTL), the nation's largest jail and prison phones vendor, had a history of nationwide system problems causing it to illegally record thousands of attorney-client phone calls.

## Professional Affiliations

The LGBTQ+ Bar
American Bar Association, Privacy and Data Security Committee
Dallas LGBT Bar Association



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**Education**

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Whitman College, *magna cum laude*, B.A., 2014

**Admissions**

California

# Hanne Jensen | Associate

Hanne represents consumers in class action and complex litigation, with particular focuses on unfair business practices, products liability, constitutional issues, and privacy law.

Hanne graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2020. During her time at Berkeley Law, Hanne served as editor of three law journals, including as Senior Notes Editor of the *California Law Review*, co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice*, and Executive Editor of the *Berkeley Journal of Employment & Labor Law*. She also dedicated pro bono time to the Consumer Advocacy & Protection Society and Center for Consumer & Economic Justice. Before joining Gibbs Mura, Hanne clerked for U.S. District Judge Miranda M. Du of the District of Nevada in her beautiful hometown of Reno.

Hanne received degrees in English and Philosophy *magna cum laude* from Whitman College, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and served as editor-in-chief of two literary magazines. She then worked as a English Teaching Assistant in Germany before attending law school.

## Litigation Highlights

***In re: Meta Pixel Healthcare Data Privacy Litigation*** – Key member of the litigation team representing millions of patients in a proposed consolidated class action whose sensitive health information was allegedly collected and shared without their consent.

***In re: Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*** – Key member of the multi-district consolidation of lawsuits against Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok, and YouTube. Hanne works with Andre Mura and the MDL team on a wide range of responsibilities, including law and briefing, discovery, and liability as to the TikTok defendants, and served as a member of the law and briefing team for the Breathitt school district bellwether trial that settled shortly before trial.

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice
Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom

## Presentations and Articles

Presenter, "Data Privacy and Data Broker Class Actions: Strategies and Insights," National Consumer Law Center's Class Action Symposium, October 27, 2024.



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Duke University, *magna cum laude*, B.A., 2018

**Admissions**

California

# Anna Katz | Associate

Anna represents plaintiffs in class action and complex litigation involving corporate wrongdoing and financial fraud.

Anna attended law school at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, where she graduated *Order of the Coif* in 2023. While in law school, Anna served as an Editor for the California Law Review and on the Editorial Board of the Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law, and Justice. Anna also worked to build enthusiasm for plaintiff-side practice as the Career Development Director of Berkeley Law's new Plaintiff's Law Association. For her dedication to public interest work involving reproductive justice, workers' rights, and indigent defense, Anna earned pro bono honors with distinction and a Public Interest and Social Justice Certificate. Anna also served as a research assistant for Professor Jonathan Glater's research on unfair corporate practices and predatory student debt.

Anna received her undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, from Duke University, with majors in African and African American Studies and Global Health. Prior to law school, Anna was a reproductive health researcher in Oakland.

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice
Public Justice



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**Education**

Northwestern University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude,* 2015
Northwestern University Graduate School, Ph.D., 2015
Brandeis University, B.A., *summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa,* 2006

**Admissions**

California

# Jeff Kosbie | Associate

Jeff Kosbie represents workers and consumers in class actions and other complex lawsuits involving data breaches and consumer privacy, employment law, and other corporate misconduct. He previously worked as a staff attorney in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2017-2018) and served as a Multidistrict Litigation Law Clerk to the Judges Lucy Koh, Beth Freeman, and Edward Davila of the Northern District of California (2018-2019).

Jeff serves as Treasurer of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom ("BALIF"), the nation's oldest association of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBTQI) persons in the field of law, and he is on the board of the BALIF Foundation. He was also selected to serve on the California Lawyers Association Litigation Section Executive Committee. He has published multiple articles in law reviews related to the history of LGBTQ rights. Jeff is a 2015 graduate, *magna cum laude*, of Northwestern University School of Law and Northwestern University Graduate School where he received a J.D. and a Ph.D. in Sociology. While in law school, Jeff served as an Articles Editor of the Northwestern Journal of Law and Social Policy. He received his undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, in Sociology from Brandeis University in 2006.

## Awards & Honors

Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, 2023-2026
Rising Star, Northern California Super Lawyers, 2021-2025
Best LGBTQ+ Lawyers Under 40, LGBT Bar Association, 2021
Unity Award, Minority Bar Coalition, 2019

## Professional Affiliations

American Association for Justice
Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, Former Co-chair, Former Treasurer
BALIF Foundation, Former Treasurer
California Lawyers Association, Litigation Section Executive Committee Advisor
Consumer Attorneys of California
Bar Association of San Francisco, Finance Committee; Justice and Diversity Center, Board Member

## Select Presentations and Articles

Presenter, "Navigating Complex Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Issues in a Rapidly Changing Environment"; Organizer, "Core Skills: Jury Selection"; CLA Litigation & Appellate Summit, May 2023.

Presenter, "An Important Discussion re Civil Rights: Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion while Surviving COVID-19," California Lawyers Association Litigation and Appellate Summit, May 2021.

Presenter, "LGBTQ+ Employment Discrimination Claims in Practice," BALIF CLE Series, February 2021.

Author, "Overdue Protection for LGTBQ Workers," Trial Magazine, American Association for Justice, September 2020.

Author, "How the Right to be Sexual Shaped the Emergence of LGBT Rights," 22 U. Pa. J. Const. L. 1389, August 2020.

Author, "Donor Preferences and the Crisis in Public Interest Law," 57 Santa Clara L. Rev. 43, 2017.

Author, "(No) State Interests in Regulating Gender: How Suppression of Gender Nonconformity Violates Freedom of Speech," 19 Wm. & Mary J. Women & L. 187, 2013.



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Reed College, B.A., 2022

**Admissions**

California

# Angela Ma | Associate

Angela represents plaintiffs in class actions and mass torts concerning consumer protection and products liability.

Angela graduated from University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2025, as a member of the Order of the Barristers and with pro bono honors. While in law school, she served as an Associate Editor for the California Law Review, won first place and semifinalist awards in national mock trial tournaments, and represented complainants alleging police misconduct in administrative hearings overseen by the city of Berkeley's Police Accountability Board. She also worked as a judicial extern for the Honorable Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

Angela received her undergraduate degree Phi Beta Kappa from Reed College, where she majored in Philosophy.



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New York University, *magna cum laude*, B.A., 2018

**Admissions**

California

# Emma MacPhee | Associate

Emma represents plaintiffs harmed by corporate wrongdoing and survivors of sexual assault.

Emma graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2023. While in law school, she was on the Submissions team for the Berkeley Journal of International Law and received a Public Interest and Social Justice Certificate for the pro bono work she pursued during law school. She was a law clerk for the Youth Law Center, where she supported litigation projects related to the juvenile justice and child-welfare systems in California. During law school, she advocated for voting rights, fair electoral maps, and democracy reform with the Political and Election Empowerment Project. As a Clinical Law Student for the International Human Rights Clinic, she researched corporate accountability related to the digital privacy of children. She was also a student researcher for the Human Rights Center at Berkeley Law, where she worked on a research project with the Center for Investigative Reporting that was focused on national access to reproductive rights.

Emma received her undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from New York University in 2018, with majors in International Relations and French. Before law school, Emma worked as an investigative analyst and was responsible for conducting investigations into sex and labor trafficking in New York City.



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**Education**

Stanford Law School, J.D., 2022

Columbia University, *magna cum laude*, B.A., 2017

**Admissions**

California

# Jake Seidman | Associate

Jake represents plaintiffs in products liability and mass tort cases focused on redressing harms of corporate wrongdoing.

Jake graduated from Stanford Law School in 2022 with high pro bono distinction and academic awards in torts, state constitutional law, and criminal procedure. While in law school, he worked on briefs for clients in civil and criminal matters before the United States Supreme Court as part of Stanford's Supreme Court Litigation Clinic and served as Special Issues Editor and Lead Online Editor for the *Stanford Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties* and the *Stanford Law & Policy Review*, respectively.

As a student, Jake pursued his abiding interest in state and local government efforts to reimagine law enforcement through affirmative litigation and justice system reforms. As part of the law school's Litigation & Policy Partnership with the Santa Clara County Counsel, he assisted with County consumer protection litigation. He also co-authored a Stanford Criminal Justice Center report on non-police approaches to public safety.

Prior to joining Gibbs Mura, Jake served as a law clerk to Magistrate Judge Sallie Kim in the Northern District of California. He also worked as a Legal Fellow at Public Rights Project, where his work focused on state constitutional litigation combating backlash to local criminal justice reforms.

Jake received his undergraduate degree *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from Columbia University, where he double majored in Political Science and Russian Language & Culture. Prior to law school, he worked on jail planning and reforms in the New York City Mayor's Office.

## Professional Affiliations

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**Education**

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, J.D., 2023

University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 2014

**Admissions**

California

# Jennifer Sun | Associate

Jennifer represents plaintiffs in class actions and complex litigation at the intersection of consumer protection and data security and privacy. Her work focuses on holding companies to account when they fail to safeguard personal information or profit from the misuse of consumers' data.

Jennifer specializes in navigating technically complex matters brought against the world's largest technology companies. She has taken and supported the depositions of engineering, security, and compliance executives, managed expert discovery, and litigated numerous discovery disputes. Most recently, she helped achieve a $45 million settlement against a large entertainment and hospitality corporation on behalf of millions of consumers whose sensitive personal information were exposed in multiple data breaches.

Jennifer graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law with a certificate in Law & Technology. While in law school, she externed for the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University and the Electronic Frontier Foundation. She also researched the regulation of digital economies with Professors Pamela Samuelson and Tejas Narechania and advocated for the public's right of access to electronic-surveillance warrant information as a member of the Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic. Jennifer served on the boards of the Asian American Law Journal and the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association.

In a prior life, Jennifer was a product manager at Dotdash Meredith and *The Atlantic*, where she worked closely with executives, business partners, and engineers on the publishers' programmatic advertising and revenue products. She received a B.S. Economics from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, where she served as President and Executive Editor of *The Daily Pennsylvanian*.

## Litigation Highlights

***In re MGM International Resorts Data Breach Litigation*** – Jennifer helped achieve a $45 million settlement from MGM after data breaches in 2019 and 2023, which involved the exposure of millions of personal records. The settlement received final approval on June 18, 2025.

***Change Healthcare Data Breach Litigation*** – After the largest healthcare data breach in US history that disrupted healthcare systems nationwide and affected an estimated 193 million people in 2024, Jennifer represents a putative class of medical providers who lost money and were harmed by the cyberattack.

***In re Equifax, Inc. Fair Credit Reporting Act Litigation*** – Jennifer represents over 2.5 million consumers in litigation against Equifax, one of the Big Three credit reporting agencies, for allegedly misreporting their credit scores when they applied for mortgages, loans, and credit cards between March 17 and April 6, 2022.

***In re Prosper Health Data Breach Litigation*** – Jennifer represents millions of consumers against Prosper Funding LLC, a peer-to-peer loan and financial company, for its failure to protect their sensitive personal information from a data breach that involved Social Security numbers and bank account information.

## Awards & Honors

Rising Star**,** Northern California Super Lawyers (2026)

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California

# Wynne Tidwell | Associate

Wynne Tidwell represents consumers and investors, with a focus on representing plaintiffs harmed by financial fraud.

Wynne is experienced in all stages of litigation, from case development to trial and settlement administration. She has particular experience with developing evidence and preparing clients for their testimony, whether at deposition or trial.

As a member of the trial team in *Camenisch v. Umpqua Bank*, Wynne prepared class representatives for trial testimony, conducted direct examinations, briefed evidentiary motions, and developed illustrative aids. The team ultimately secured a $55 million settlement for the class.

Wynne graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2022. During law school, she served as an Editor for the California Law Review and participated in the Veterans Law Practicum, where she advocated on behalf of veterans facing homelessness or recovering from sexual abuse and/or PTSD. Additionally, she externed for the District Court for the District of Columbia and for the Consumer Protection Section of the Office of the California Attorney General.

Before law school, Wynne worked in public policy and communications in Washington, D.C.

## Litigation Highlights

***Camenisch v. Umpqua Bank*** – One of the trial lawyers who represented over 1,200 class members in a four-week jury trial against Umpqua Bank (now known as Columbia Bank). The plaintiff class alleged that Umpqua aided and abetted a fraudulent investment scheme by Professional Financial Investors (PFI). Plaintiffs argued that PFI ran a fraudulent scheme that used investor money to personally benefit PFI's executives, including its principals Ken Casey and Lewis Wallach, pay other investors, and cover recurring shortages across its dozens of accounts at Umpqua. Ultimately, the jury could not reach a unanimous decision. Later, the parties reached a $55 million settlement weeks later, and the Court granted final approval on September 11, 2025. Judge P. Casey Pitts, who oversaw the trial, called the settlement an "excellent" outcome for the class.

***Kaiser Whistleblower Qui Tam Lawsuit*** – Part of the litigation team representing a whistleblower client against Kaiser Permanente for allegedly defrauding the United States through a sophisticated scheme to up-code diagnoses to ensure Medicare payments for reimbursable, high-value conditions. On July 31, 2021, the Attorney General's office and the Department of Justice elected to intervene in this litigation, and it was brought out from under seal into the public record. The litigation is ongoing.

***Cadena v. American Honda Motor Co.*** – Part of the litigation team representing eight certified classes of vehicle owners who allege that their 2017-2019 Honda CR-Vs and 2018-2020 Honda Accords contain a defective automatic emergency braking system.

***Grubhub Fraudulent Restaurant Listing Litigation*** – Represents 380,000+ restaurants alleging that Grubhub fraudulently listed their businesses on its delivery and takeout website without permission. Plaintiffs bring claims under the Lanham Act for false affiliation, false advertising, and trademark infringement.



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**Admissions**

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# Zeke Wald | Associate

Zeke specializes in representing plaintiffs in complex litigation against the world's largest and most powerful companies, focusing on consumers' rights, products liability, privacy law, and constitutional law. In 2023, he won a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year Award, which recognizes outstanding California lawyers "whose extraordinary work and cases had a major impact on the law."

Zeke specializes in legally and factually complex class action and multi-district litigation against Big Tech and other economic power players. He has taken and supported depositions of multi-national corporate executives, managed expert and fact discovery, certified classes in federal and state courts, and litigated post-trial and appellate proceedings. Recently, Zeke helped achieve a $27.5 million settlement against a major technology company on behalf of millions of Californians alleging privacy violations for the company's sale of access to their personal information through an online platform.

Zeke's trial experience includes both class and multi-district cases. He supported the law and briefing team for three in-person bellwether trials in multi-district litigation against 3M regarding defective earplugs for service members, was a member of the trial team for two state court class actions resulting in plaintiff verdicts against utility service providers for unconstitutional charges, and is a member of the Social Media Adolescent Addiction trial teams proceeding in the federal multi-district consolidated action, including serving as the TikTok liability lead for the Breathitt school district bellwether trial that settled shortly before trial.

Zeke graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2021, where he was an Articles editor for the California Law Review, a research assistant for Professor Sean Farhang's work on complex litigation, and an advocate with the East Bay Community Law Center's Community Economic Justice clinic. Zeke also co-founded the Law and Political Economy society and served as a leader of Berkeley's Gun Violence Prevention Project.

## Litigation Highlights

***Brooks v. Thomson Reuters Corporation*** – Zeke served as court-appointed class counsel in this data privacy case against Thomson Reuters for its CLEAR product. The lawsuit alleged that Thomson Reuters collected millions of California residents' personal and confidential information and then sold access to it without their knowledge or consent. After the court granted plaintiffs' motion for class certification, the parties reached a class settlement for $27.5 million and substantial injunctive relief. The court granted final approval of the settlement on February 21, 2025.

***In re Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*** – Zeke is a key member of the multi-district consolidation of lawsuits against Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok, and YouTube. Zeke works with Andre Mura and the MDL team on a wide range of responsibilities, including law and briefing, discovery, and liability as to the TikTok defendants.

***San Diego and Otay Water District Tiered Water Rates Lawsuits*** – Key member of the litigation team achieving a $79.5 million verdict on behalf of single-family customers in a lawsuit charging the City of San Diego with setting water rates that are noncompliant with the California Constitution. Zeke was a member of the trial team at the remedies stage, a part of the appellate team successfully defending the Court's judgment in favor of the class, and a member of the trial team on remand. The parties have filed a notice of settlement in principle.

Zeke was also a key member of the litigation team achieving a verdict on behalf of single-family residential customers in a lawsuit challenging the Otay Water District with setting unconstitutional water rates, and the appellate team defending that verdict. The parties reached a $12 million settlement that received preliminary approval in San Diego Superior Court.

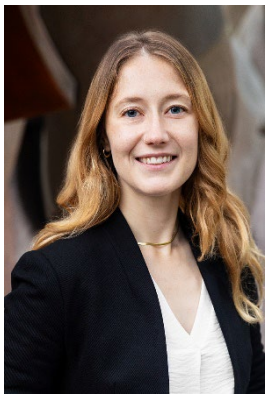
*In re: 3M Combat Arms Earplug Products Liability Litigation* – This multi-district litigation concerned allegations that 3M's dual-ended Combat Arms earplugs were defective and caused servicemembers and civilians to develop hearing loss or tinnitus. Zeke was a member of the team supporting the Law, Briefing, and Legal Drafting Committee, and supported the trial teams for three bellwether trials.

## Awards & Honors

Rising Star**,** Northern California Super Lawyers (2026)
California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award, *Daily Journal* (2023)

## Presentations and Articles

Presenter, "Data Security and Privacy Issues in 2024," Practising Law Institute's 29th Annual Consumer Financial Services Institute, September 23, 2024.



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**Admissions**

California

# Kate Walford | Associate

Kate advocates on behalf of consumers in class action and complex litigation, with a particular focus on data privacy and data breach cases.

Kate graduated from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law in 2024, *Order of the Coif*, with a certificate in Public Interest & Social Justice. While in law school, Kate was Co-President of the Berkeley Plaintiffs' Law Association, a Research Assistant for Professor David Oppenheimer, a tutor in the Legal Research & Writing Program, and participated in Moot Court. Kate also completed externships with Public Advocates, Equal Rights Advocates and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Kate was on the founding Board of the National Plaintiffs' Law Association and is passionate about developing stronger pathways for students to enter the plaintiffs' bar. Before joining Gibbs Mura, Kate was a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Anne R. Traum of the District of Nevada.

Prior to law school, Kate received a Masters in Educational Leadership and Policy and spent several years working in higher education administration and student support roles, including service in AmeriCorps VISTA at a community college site. Kate's experience working with students and student-workers inspired her journey to the legal profession to advocate for workers and consumers.



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University of San Francisco School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude,* 2020

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# Tayler Walters | Associate

Tayler works with employees and consumers in mass arbitrations and mass torts to combat unfair business practices by corporations. She represents gig workers who have been misclassified and denied fair pay and consumers whose personal information has been compromised in large-scale data breaches. Tayler specializes in developing scalable systems to improve client communication and legal processes so her case teams can provide high quality representation to over 50,000 clients.

Previously, she coordinated case management and client outreach efforts for hundreds of lawsuits against dozens of national banks who have charged customers improper overdraft fees. Her efforts helped recover millions of dollars for bank customers across the country.

Before Gibbs Mura, Tayler worked in a plaintiff's law firm advocating for consumers in a range of areas, including personal injury, product liability, premises liability, employment law, and elder abuse. Tayler is a 2020 graduate, *magna cum laude*, of the University of San Francisco School of Law. In law school, she served on the Moot Court Board where she coached her fellow students and competed in the National Appellate Advocacy Competition. Tayler received a Merit Scholarship, earned CALI awards for receiving the highest grade in Professional Responsibility and in Contracts Law, and externed for California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye.

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# Dorry Gardner | Staff Attorney

Dorry reviews and researches documents for e-discovery in a wide range of complex class actions cases involving products liability and mass torts. She is highly experienced in review for e-discovery in cases concerning various issues, including breach of contract, securities, antitrust civil and regulatory matters, and FCPA investigations.

Dorry attended law school at Fordham University, where she was Stein Scholar for public interest law and recipient of the esteemed Archibald R. Murray award as servant for social justice.



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Tulane University Law School, J.D., 2020

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# Sierra Morris | Staff Attorney

Sierra advocates for consumers harmed by corporate misconduct in class action litigation. She coordinates case management and client outreach efforts for lawsuits against dozens of banks and credit unions who have charged customers improper overdraft fees.

Prior to joining Gibbs Mura, Sierra worked at a leading plaintiff-side firm on matters ranging from securities fraud to holding corporations accountable for injuries caused by environmental hazards.

Sierra graduated from Tulane University Law School in 2020 with a certificate in International and Comparative Law and a CALI award in International Protection of Human Rights. While there, she was a student attorney in the Juvenile Law Clinic, an executive board member of the Public Interest Law Foundation, and a research assistant for Professor David Katner's work on child abuse. She also worked as a law clerk at the ACLU Foundation of Louisiana on issues including immigration, prison reform and the First Amendment, and as a legal volunteer for several other non-profit organizations.



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**Admissions**

Connecticut

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# Alyssa Prothero | Staff Attorney

Alyssa works on class action and complex litigation cases involving privacy law, workers' rights, and consumer protection.

Alyssa attended law school at the Quinnipiac University School of Law where she graduated *cum laude* in 2018. While in law school, Alyssa served as the Executive Managing Editor for the Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal. Alyssa also worked for the Quinnipiac Tax Clinic as a legal intern where she helped low-income individuals with tax disputes against the IRS and the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services. For her interest in tax law and her work with the Tax Clinic, she received awards for Excellence in Tax Controversy and Excellence in Clinical Work.

After law school, Alyssa was a Legal Research Law Clerk for the Superior Court of Connecticut. While working for the Superior Court, Alyssa worked on a variety of cases with issues that included employment discrimination, premises liability, foreclosures, class certification, and governmental and sovereign immunity.

Alyssa completed her undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, from Virginia Tech in 2015. She majored in Psychology and had minors in Sociology and Political Science.

Some examples of the cases in which our lawyers played a significant role are described below:

## Deceptive Marketing

*De La Torre v. CashCall, Inc.*, No. 19CIV01235 (San Mateo Sup. Ct.). Gibbs Mura attorneys represented over 130,000 borrowers against online lender CashCall, alleging the company preyed on low-income borrowers through high-interest-rate loans. These consumers were sold $2,600 loans with exploitative annual interest rates of 96% or 135%. In 2018, plaintiffs achieved a unanimous ruling from the California Supreme Court regarding the possible unconscionability of the loan contracts involved in the case. The decision dispelled decades-old assumptions that lenders in California had a virtual "safe harbor" from unconscionability challenges to loan interest rate terms. After the California Supreme Court ruling and the case being remanded, Gibbs Mura and co-counsel won a trial verdict awarding $245 million in restitution for class members. This verdict represents the interest that borrowers paid on the loans, which the Trial Court found to be unconscionable. The Court issued its amended judgment and amended final decision after Court Trial on November 7, 2023.

*Porsche Gasoline Litigation*, Case No. 3:15-md-02672-CRB (N.D. Cal.). As part of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and as Class Counsel, Gibbs Mura represented consumers alleging that Porsche engaged in practices that skewed emissions and fuel economy test results for certain Porsche vehicles. On November 9, 2022, the Honorable Charles R. Breyer granted final approval of a proposed nationwide class action settlement providing a non-reversionary common fund of $80 million.

*Lynn Scott, et al. v. Grubhub Inc.*, Case No. 1:20-cv-06334-LH (N.D. Ill.). In this class action against Grubhub for violations of the Lanham Act, Gibbs Mura serves as Class Counsel and represents businesses that allege they were listed on the Grubhub food delivery platform without their consent. Among other things, the restaurants allege that Grubhub used these restaurants' brands and reputations to attract new diners to the platform and then steered them away to partnered restaurants. The Honorable LaShonda Hunt largely denied Grubhub's motion to dismiss and after conducting significant discovery, the parties reached a proposed settlement providing approximately $7.1 million in cash. Final approval was granted in April 2026 in this rare class action suit brought under the Lanham Act.

*Hyundai and Kia Fuel Economy Litigation*, No. 2:13-md-2424 (C.D. Cal.). In a lawsuit alleging false advertising of vehicle fuel efficiency, the court appointed Eric Gibbs as liaison counsel. Mr. Gibbs regularly reported to the Court, coordinated a wide-ranging discovery process, and advanced the view of plaintiffs seeking relief under the laws of over twenty states. Ultimately Mr. Gibbs helped negotiate a revised nationwide class action settlement with an estimated value of up to $210 million. The Honorable George H. Wu wrote that Mr. Gibbs had "efficiently managed the requests from well over 20 different law firms and effectively represented the interests of Non-Settling Plaintiffs throughout this litigation. This included actively participating in revisions to the proposed settlement in a manner that addressed many weaknesses in the original proposed settlement."

*In re Mercedes-Benz Tele Aid Contract Litigation*, MDL No. 1914, No. 07-cv-02720 (D.N.J.). Gibbs Mura attorneys and co-counsel served as co-lead class counsel on behalf of consumers who were not told their vehicles' navigation systems were on the verge of becoming obsolete. Counsel successfully certified a nationwide litigation class, before negotiating a settlement valued between approximately $25 million and $50 million. In approving the settlement, the court acknowledged that the case "involved years of difficult and hard-fought litigation by able counsel on both sides" and that "the attorneys who handled the case were particularly skilled by virtue of their ability and experience."

*In re Providian Credit Card Cases*, JCCP No. 4085 (Cal. Super. Ct. San Francisco Cty). Mr. Gibbs played a prominent role in this nationwide class action suit brought on behalf of Providian credit card holders. The lawsuit alleged that Providian engaged in unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices in connection with the marketing and fee assessments for its credit cards. The Honorable Stuart Pollack approved a $105 million settlement, plus injunctive relief—one of the largest class action recoveries in the United States arising out of consumer credit card litigation.

*In re Hyundai and Kia Horsepower Litigation*, No. 02CC00287 (Cal. Super. Ct. Orange Cty). In a class action on behalf of U.S. Hyundai and Kia owners and lessees, contending that Hyundai advertised false horsepower ratings in the United States, attorneys from Gibbs Mura negotiated a class action settlement valued at between $75 million and $125 million which provided owners nationwide with cash payments and dealer credits.

*Skold v. Intel Corp.*, No. 1-05-cv-039231 (Cal. Super. Ct. Santa Clara Cty.). Gibbs Mura attorneys represented Intel consumers through a decade of hard-fought litigation, ultimately certifying a nationwide class under an innovative "price inflation" theory and negotiating a settlement that provided refunds and $4 million in cy pres donations. In approving the settlement, Judge Peter Kirwan wrote: "It is abundantly clear that Class Counsel invested an incredible amount of time and costs in a case which lasted approximately 10 years with no guarantee that they would prevail…. Simply put, Class Counsel earned their fees in this case."

*Steff v. United Online, Inc.*, No. BC265953 (Cal. Super. Ct. Los Angeles Cty.). Mr. Gibbs served as lead counsel in this nationwide class action suit brought against NetZero, Inc. and its parent, United Online, Inc., by former NetZero customers. Plaintiffs alleged that defendants falsely advertised their internet service as unlimited and guaranteed for a specific period of time. The Honorable Victoria G. Chaney of the Los Angeles Superior Court granted final approval of a settlement that provided full refunds to customers whose services were cancelled and which placed restrictions on Defendants' advertising.

*Khaliki v. Helzberg's Diamond Shops, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-00010 (W.D. Mo.). Gibbs Mura attorneys and co-counsel represented consumers who alleged deceptive marketing in connection with the sale of princess-cut diamonds. The firms achieved a positive settlement, which the court approved, recognizing "that Class Counsel provided excellent representation" and achieved "a favorable result relatively early in the case, which benefits the Class while preserving judicial resources." The court went on to recognize that "Class Counsel faced considerable risk in pursuing this litigation on a contingent basis, and obtained a favorable result for the class given the legal and factual complexities and challenges presented."

## Defective Products

*In re ZF-TRW Airbag Control Units Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2905, Case No. 2:19-ml-02905-JAK-FFM (C.D. Cal.). In this multidistrict litigation where Gibbs Mura attorneys serve on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, the plaintiffs allege that over 15 million cars in the US are equipped with defective Airbag Control Units ("ACUs") that are vulnerable to electrical overstress ("EOS") which can cause the airbag and seatbelt systems to fail when passengers need them most: during a head-on collision. The defendants are the component manufacturers that designed the ACUs, ZF TRW Automotive Holdings Corp. and its affiliates, and the vehicle manufacturers, FCA US, Honda, Hyundai, Kia, Mitsubishi, and Toyota. On October 8, 2025, the Court granted final approval of a settlement with Hyundai and Kia that provides significant benefits to class members, including $62.1 million in cash and non-monetary relief valued at $13.6 million. Previously, Toyota settled for $65 million in cash and additional benefits valued at $13.5 million, while Mitsubishi settled for $8.5 million in cash. Honda, FCA, and the component manufacturers remain as defendants.

*Chapman v. General Motors LLC*, No. 2:19-cv-12333-TGB-DRG (E.D. Mich.). Gibbs Mura was a part of the team that secured a $50 million settlement for over 100,000 truck owners in classes from seven states with allegedly defective high-pressure fuel injection pumps. Plaintiffs alleged that their 2011-2016 GMC Sierra and Chevrolet Silverado diesel trucks with 6.6L Duramax engines were equipped with defective CP4 fuel pumps, designed by Bosch, that would wear down metal shavings into the fuel system and cause component wear or sometimes catastrophic engine failure. The settlement received final approval on May 6, 2025.

*In re Pacific Fertility Center Litigation*, No. 3:18-cv-01586 (N.D. Cal). Gibbs Mura attorneys served as co-lead trial counsel in an almost three-week trial on behalf of several patients who tragically lost eggs and embryos in a catastrophic cryo-preservation tank failure at San Francisco's Pacific Fertility Center in 2018. The jury found cryogenic tank manufacturer, Chart Inc., liable on all claims, determining that the tank contained manufacturing and design defects, and that Chart had negligently failed to recall or retrofit the tank's controller, despite having known for years that the controller model was prone to malfunction. For each claim, the jury found that the deficiency was a substantial factor in causing harm to the plaintiffs, and the jury awarded $14.975 million in aggregate damages. The trial addressed claims for four families and was the first trial in consolidated litigation that included claims for over 150 families, with five additional trials for 25 more families scheduled for 2022 and 2023. All cases in the consolidated federal litigation were settled in early 2023. Claims against the IVF clinic and its laboratory were pursued separately through arbitration and settled in 2022.

*Gorzo v. Rodan & Fields, LLC*, No. CJC-18-004981 (S.F. Sup. Ct.) Gibbs Mura was one of the firms serving as Class Counsel that helped negotiate a settlement of $30 million in cash and $8 million in credits on behalf of consumers who bought the Rodan + Fields Lash Boost product. The settlement received final approval on September 29, 2022. The Plaintiffs in this case alleged that Rodan + Fields did not disclose material information about a key ingredient called isopropyl Cloprostenate in its Lash Boost product that posed health risks.

*In re: American Honda Motor Co., Inc., CR-V Vibration Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, No. 2:15-md-02661 (S.D. Ohio). Gibbs Mura attorneys served as co-lead counsel in this multidistrict litigation on behalf of Honda CR-V owners who complained that their vehicles were vibrating excessively. After several lawsuits had been filed, Honda began issuing repair bulletins, setting forth repairs to address the vibration. Honda did not publicize the repairs well and as a result, Plaintiffs' alleged many CR-V owners and lessees—including those who had previously been told that repairs were unavailable—continued to experience the vibration. In early 2018, the parties negotiated a comprehensive settlement to resolve the multidistrict litigation on a class-wide basis. The settlement ensured that all affected vehicle owners were made aware of the free warranty repairs, including requiring Honda to proactively reach out to CR-V owners and dealers in several ways to publicize the repair options available.

*Glenn v. Hyundai Motor America*, Case No. 8:15-cv-02052 (C.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura attorneys represented drivers from six states who alleged their vehicles came with defective sunroofs that could shatter without warning. The case persisted through several years of fiercely contested litigation before resolving for a package of class-wide benefits conservatively valued at over $30 million. In approving the settlement, U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter praised the resolution: "[T]his is an extraordinarily complex case and an extraordinarily creative solution.

*Amborn et al. v. Behr Process Corp.*, No. 17-cv-4464 (N.D. Ill.) Gibbs Mura served as co-lead counsel in this coordinated lawsuit against Behr and Home Depot alleging that Behr's DeckOver deck resurfacing product is prone to peeling, chipping, bubbling, and degrading soon after application. The team negotiated a class-wide settlement, which provided class members who submitted claims with 1) a refund for their purchase; and 2) substantial compensation for money spent removing DeckOver or repairing their deck. The settlement was granted final approval on December 19, 2018.

*In re Hyundai Sonata Engine Litigation*, Case No. 5:15-cv-01685 (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura attorneys served as court-appointed co-lead class counsel on behalf of plaintiffs who alleged their 2011-2014 Hyundai Sonatas suffered premature and catastrophic engine failures due to defective rotating assemblies. We negotiated a comprehensive settlement providing for nationwide recalls, warranty extensions, repair reimbursements, and compensation for class members who had already traded-in or sold their vehicles at a loss. The average payment to class members exceeded $3,000.

*Sugarman v. Ducati North America, Inc.*, No. 10-cv-05246 (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura attorneys served as class counsel on behalf of Ducati motorcycle owners whose fuel tanks on their motorcycles degraded and deformed due to incompatibility with the motorcycles' fuel. In January 2012, the Court approved a settlement that provided an extended warranty and repairs, writing, "The Court recognizes that class counsel assumed substantial risks and burdens in this litigation. Representation was professional and competent; in the Court's opinion, counsel obtained an excellent result for the class."

*Parkinson v. Hyundai Motor America*, No. 06-cv-00345 (C.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura attorneys served as class counsel in this class action featuring allegations that the flywheel and clutch system in certain Hyundai vehicles was defective. After achieving nationwide class certification, our lawyers negotiated a settlement that provided for reimbursements to class members for their repairs, depending on their vehicle's mileage at time of repair, from 50% to 100% reimbursement. The settlement also provided full reimbursement for rental vehicle expenses for class members who rented a vehicle while flywheel or clutch repairs were being performed. After the settlement was approved, the court wrote, "Perhaps the best barometer of … the benefit obtained for the class … is the perception of class members themselves. Counsel submitted dozens of letters from class members sharing their joy, appreciation, and relief that someone finally did something to help them."

*Browne v. Am. Honda Motor Co., Inc.*, No. 09-cv-06750 (C.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura attorneys and co-counsel represented plaintiffs who alleged that about 750,000 Honda Accord and Acura TSX vehicles were sold with brake pads that wore out prematurely. We negotiated a settlement in which improved brake pads were made available and class members who had them installed could be reimbursed. The settlement received final court approval in July 2010 and provided an estimated value of $25 million.

*In re General Motors Dex-Cool Cases.*, No. HG03093843 (Cal. Super Ct. Alameda Cty). Gibbs Mura attorneys served as co-lead counsel in these class action lawsuits filed throughout the country, where plaintiffs alleged that General Motors' Dex-Cool engine coolant damaged certain vehicles' engines, and that in other vehicles, Dex-Cool formed a rusty sludge that caused vehicles to overheat. After consumer classes were certified in both Missouri and California, General Motors agreed to cash payments to class members nationwide. On October 27, 2008, the California court granted final approval to the settlement.

*In re iPod Cases*, JCCP No. 4355 (Cal. Super. Ct. San Mateo Cty). Mr. Gibbs, as court appointed co-lead counsel, negotiated a settlement that provided warranty extensions, battery replacements, cash payments, and store credits for class members who experienced battery failure. In approving the settlement, the Hon. Beth L. Freeman said that the class was represented by "extremely well qualified" counsel who negotiated a "significant and substantial benefit" for the class members.

*Roy v. Hyundai Motor America*, No. 05-cv-00483 (C.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura attorneys served as co-lead counsel in this nationwide class action suit brought on behalf of Hyundai Elantra owners and lessees, alleging that an air bag system in vehicles was defective. Our attorneys helped negotiate a settlement whereby Hyundai agreed to repair the air bag systems, provide reimbursement for transportation expenses, and administer an alternative dispute resolution program for trade-ins and buy-backs. In approving the settlement, the Honorable Alicemarie H. Stotler presiding, described the settlement as "pragmatic" and a "win-win" for all involved.

*Velasco v. Chrysler Group LLC (n/k/a FCA US LLC)*, No. 2:13-cv-08080 (C.D. Cal.). In this class action, consumers alleged they were sold and leased vehicles with defective power control modules that caused vehicle stalling. Gibbs Mura attorneys and their co-counsel defeated the majority of Chrysler's motion to dismiss and engaged in extensive deposition and document discovery. In 2015, the parties reached a settlement contingent on Chrysler initiating a recall of hundreds of thousands of vehicles, reimbursing owners for past repairs, and extending its warranty for the repairs conducted through the recall. When he granted final settlement approval, the Honorable Dean D. Pregerson acknowledged that the case had been "hard fought" and "well-litigated by both sides."

*Edwards v. Ford Motor Co.*, No. 11-cv-1058 (S.D. Cal.). This lawsuit alleged that Ford sold vehicles despite a known safety defect that caused them to surge into intersections, through crosswalks, and up on to curbs. The litigation twice went to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, with plaintiff prevailing in both instances. In the first instance, the appellate court reversed the trial court's denial of class certification. In the second, the Ninth Circuit affirmed the ruling below that plaintiff's efforts had generated free repairs, reimbursements, and extended warranties for the class.

*Sanborn, et al. v. Nissan North America, Inc.*, No. 00:14-cv-62567 (S.D. Fla.). Gibbs Mura litigated this action against a vigorous defense for two years, seeking relief for Nissan Altima owners whose dashboards were melting into a sticky, shiny, gooey surface that they alleged caused a substantial and dangerous glare. After largely prevailing on a motion to dismiss, Gibbs Mura attorneys and their co-counsel prepared the case to the brink of trial, reaching a settlement just ten days before the scheduled trial start. The settlement allowed class members to obtain steeply discounted dashboard replacements and reimbursement toward prior replacement costs.

*Bacca v. BMW of N. Am.*, No. 2:06-cv-6753 (C.D. Cal.) In a class action alleging that BMW vehicles suffered from defective sub-frames, we negotiated a settlement with BMW in which class members nationwide received full reimbursement for prior sub-frame repair costs as well as free nationwide inspections and program.

## Government Practices

*Patz et al. v. City of San Diego*, No. 37-2015-00023413-CUMC-CTL (San Diego Sup. Ct.). Gibbs Mura and co-counsel won a $79.5 million class action judgment for tens of thousands of single-family residential customers in San Diego who were overcharged for water in violation of the California Constitution. The Court found the City had discriminated against single families by charging them—and no other customer class, such as multi-family or commercial customers—for water pursuant to a fee structure that violated the California Constitution because it was not tied to the actual cost of water delivery. To our knowledge, this is the first class action judgment after trial against a water district, and it is momentous because it secured many millions of dollars in refunds going back seven years, plus an injunction ordering the City to bring its rates in compliance with the Constitution. After the Court of Appeal affirmed the verdict and remanded the case with instructions for refund calculations, the parties filed a notice of settlement in principle on May 13, 2026.

*Coziahr v. Otay Water District*, No. 37-2015-00023413-CU-MC-CTL (San Diego Sup. Ct.). Gibbs Mura and co-counsel won an $18 million judgment after a class action trial for single-family residential customers in Otay who were overcharged for water in violation of the California Constitution. The Court found that Otay had discriminated against single family customers by charging them—and no other customer class—for water pursuant to a fee structure that was not tied to the actual cost of water delivery. On July 15, 2024, the Fourth District Court of Appeal affirmed the trial court's liability judgment, injunctive relief, and class members' right to a refund remedy, while remanding the case to the trial court to recalculate specific refund amounts. This monumental victory for California consumers is the first published appellate decision affirming the right to a refund when water customers are overcharged for their water service. After further proceedings on remand, the parties reached a class action settlement for $12 million that received preliminary approval by the superior court on May 6, 2026.

*Reyes v. Chilton*, No. 4:21-cv-05075-MKD (E.D. Wa.). Gibbs Mura was co-lead counsel in this case alleging violations of the Voting Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution. The Plaintiffs alleged that three Washington state counties, Benton, Chelan, and Yakima, disenfranchised voters with Latino surnames through the use of a discriminatory signature verification process. Specifically, the Plaintiffs alleged that voters with Latino surnames in 2019 and 2020 were 3.1 to 5.9 times more likely than other voters to have their signatures rejected for mismatch. After nearly three years of litigation, Benton and Chelan counties agreed in 2023 to a settlement that mandated improved signature verification and cultural competency training for county election staff, for ballot sleeves to describe the signature verification requirement and cure process, and also for update signature form to notify voters that their signature was not accepted in both English and Spanish. After Judge Demke denied Yakima county's motion for summary judgment in part, Yakima settled on similar terms in the fall of 2023.

*Paeste v. Government of Guam*, No. 11-cv-0008 (D. Guam); Gibbs Mura attorneys and co-counsel served as Class Counsel in litigation alleging the Government of Guam had a longstanding practice of delaying tax refunds for years on end, with the Government owing over $200 million in past due refunds. After certifying a litigation class, Plaintiffs prevailed on both of their claims at the summary judgment stage, obtaining a permanent injunction that reformed the government's administration of tax refunds. The judgment and injunction were upheld on appeal in a published decision by the Ninth Circuit. *Paeste v. Gov't of Guam*, 798 F.3d 1228 (9th Cir. 2015).

## Antitrust and Unfair Business Practices

*In re: Wells Fargo Collateral Protection Insurance Litigation*, MDL No. 8:17-ML-2797 (C.D. Cal.). Eric Gibbs was appointed to the three-firm Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in this multi-district litigation on behalf of consumers who took out car loans from Wells Fargo and were charged for auto insurance they did not need. The parties announced a proposed settlement of at least $393.5 million for affected consumers and the Court granted final approval in November 2019.

*In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1827 (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura attorneys were among the team serving as liaison counsel in this multi-district antitrust litigation against numerous TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) manufacturers alleging a conspiracy to fix prices, which has achieved settlements of more than $400 million to date.

*In re Natural Gas Antitrust Cases I, II, III and IV*, JCCP No. 4221 (Cal. Super. Ct. San Diego Cty). Gibbs Mura attorneys served in a leadership capacity in this coordinated antitrust litigation against numerous natural gas companies for manipulating the California natural gas market, which has achieved settlements of nearly $160 million.

*Beaver v. Tarsadia Hotels*, No. 11-cv-1842 (S.D. Cal.); Gibbs Mura attorneys served as co-lead counsel representing buyers of San Diego Hard Rock Hotel condominium units in this class action lawsuit against real estate developers concerning unfair competition claims. The lawsuit settled for $51.15 million.

*LLE One, LLC et al. v. Facebook, Inc.,* No. 4:16-cv-6232 (N.D. Cal.); Gibbs Mura attorneys represent small businesses and other advertisers in a class action lawsuit alleging that Facebook overstated its metrics for the average time spent watching video ads on its platform. The Court granted final approval to a $40 million class action settlement on June 26, 2020.

*Hernandez v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, No. 3:18-cv-07354-WHA (N.D. Cal.); Gibbs Mura attorneys served as court-appointed co-lead counsel representing a certified class of more than 1,200 home mortgage borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure after Wells Fargo erroneously denied them trial mortgage modifications. The case settled in two phases for a total of $40.3 million. Class members received significant compensation payments of up to $120,000.

*In re LookSmart Litigation*, No. 02-407778 (Cal. Super. Ct. San Francisco Cty). This nationwide class action suit was brought against LookSmart, Ltd. on behalf of LookSmart's customers who paid an advertised "one time payment" to have their web sites listed in LookSmart's directory, only to be later charged additional payments to continue service. Plaintiffs' claims included breach of contract and violation of California's consumer protection laws. On October 31, 2003, the Honorable Ronald M. Quidachay granted final approval of a nationwide class action settlement providing cash and benefits valued at approximately $20 million.

*Lehman v. Blue Shield of California*, No. CGC-03-419349 (Cal. Super. Ct. S.F. Cty.). In this class action lawsuit alleging that Blue Shield engaged in unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices when it modified the risk tier structure of its individual and family health care plans, Gibbs Mura attorneys helped negotiate a $6.5 million settlement on behalf of former and current Blue Shield subscribers residing in California. The Honorable James L. Warren granted final approval of the settlement in March 2006.

*Wixon v. Wyndham Resort Development Corp.*, No. 07-cv-02361 (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura attorneys served as class and derivative counsel in this litigation brought against a timeshare developer and the directors of a timeshare corporation for violations of California state law. Plaintiffs alleged that the defendants violated their fiduciary duties as directors by taking actions for the financial benefit of the timeshare developer to the detriment of the owners of timeshare interests. On September 14, 2010, Judge White granted approval of a settlement of the plaintiffs' derivative claims.

*Berrien, et al. v. New Raintree Resorts, LLC, et al.*, No. 10-cv-03125 (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura attorneys filed this class action on behalf of timeshare owners, challenging the imposition of unauthorized special assessment fees. On November 15, 2011, the parties reached a proposed settlement of the claims asserted by the plaintiffs on behalf of all class members who were charged the special assessment. On March 13, 2012, the Court issued its Final Class Action Settlement Approval Order and Judgment, approving the proposed settlement.

*Benedict, et al. v. Diamond Resorts Corporation, et al.*, No. 12-cv-00183 (D. Haw.). In this class action on behalf of timeshare owners, Gibbs Mura attorneys represented plaintiffs challenging the imposition of an unauthorized special assessment fee. On November 6, 2012, the parties reached a proposed settlement of the claims asserted by the plaintiffs on behalf of all class members who were charged the special assessment. On June 6, 2013, the Court approved the settlement.

*Allen Lund Co., Inc. v. AT&T Corp.*, No. 98-cv-1500 (C.D. Cal.). This class action lawsuit was brought on behalf of small businesses whose long-distance service was switched to Business Discount Plan, Inc. Gibbs Mura attorneys served as class counsel and helped negotiate a settlement that provided full cash refunds and free long-distance telephone service.

*Mackouse v. The Good Guys - California, Inc.*, No. 2002-049656 (Cal. Super Ct. Alameda Cty). This nationwide class action lawsuit was brought against The Good Guys and its affiliates alleging violations of the Song-Beverly Warranty Act and other California consumer statutes. The Plaintiff alleged that The Good Guys failed to honor its service contracts, which were offered for sale to customers and designed to protect a customer's purchase after the manufacturer's warranty expired. In May 9, 2003, the Honorable Ronald M. Sabraw granted final approval of a settlement that provides cash refunds or services at the customer's election.

*Mitchell v. Acosta Sales, LLC*, No. 11-cv-01796 (C.D. Cal. 2011). Gibbs Mura attorneys and co-counsel served as class counsel representing Acosta employees who alleged that they were required to work off-the-clock and were not reimbursed for required employment expenses. We helped negotiate a $9.9 million settlement for merchandiser employees who were not paid for all the hours they worked. The Court granted final approval of the settlement in September 2013.

*Rubaker v. Spansion, LLC*, No. 09-cv-00842 (N.D. Cal. 2009). Gibbs Mura attorneys and co-counsel filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of former Spansion employees that alleged that the company had failed to provide terminated employees from California and Texas with advance notice of the layoff, as required by the Workers Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN Act). The bankruptcy court approved the class action settlement we and co-counsel negotiated in 2010. The settlement was valued at $8.6 million and resulted in cash payments to the former employees.

## Securities and Financial Fraud

*Camenisch v. Umpqua Bank*, No. 3:20-cv-05905-RS (AGT) (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura served as lead trial counsel in a four-week jury trial on behalf of over 1,200 class members who alleged that Umpqua Bank (now known as Columbia Bank) aided and abetted a fraudulent investment scheme by Professional Financial Investors (PFI). Plaintiffs argued that PFI ran a fraudulent scheme that used investor money to personally benefit PFI's executives, including its principals Ken Casey and Lewis Wallach, pay other investors, and cover recurring shortages across its dozens of accounts at Umpqua. Ultimately, the jury could not reach a unanimous decision, and the court declared a mistrial. The parties reached a $55 million settlement weeks later, and the Court granted final approval on September 11, 2025. Judge P. Casey Pitts, who oversaw the trial, called the settlement an "excellent" outcome for the class.

*In re HPE Enterprise Services-DXC Technology Co. Merger Litigation*, Lead Case No. 19CV359073 (Santa Clara Sup. Ct.). In this class action lawsuit, plaintiffs alleged that, leading up to a merger, defendants presented investors with a misleading "workforce optimization plan." During the litigation, Gibbs Mura served on the Executive Committee. The case progressed past defendants' motion to dismiss and led to a certified litigation class. After nearly six years of litigation, plaintiffs achieved a $47.5 million settlement for investors. (Final approval remains pending.)

*Todd Benjamin International, Ltd. v. Grant Thornton International*, No. 1:20-cv-21808-RNS (S.D. Fla.). Gibbs Mura served as class counsel for investors in TCA Global Credit Master Fund L.P. and its feeder funds. The investors alleged that the funds' management inflated assets and earnings, and that the funds' auditors knew about the overstatement but failed to take appropriate action. After multiple years of litigation, Gibbs Mura helped secure settlements of $26.5 million for investors. At the hearing granting final approval on May 20, 2025, Judge Scola thanked counsel for their "excellent work in the case."

*Deora v. NantHealth*, No. 2:17-cv-1825 (C.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura served as Co-lead Counsel for certified classes of investors in litigation alleging violations of federal securities laws related to the healthcare technology company's statements in connections with its initial public offering in 2016 and afterward. In September 2020, the Court granted final approval to a $16.5 million class action settlement.

*In re Peregrine Financial Group Customer Litigation*, No. 12-cv-5546 (N.D. Ill.). Mr. Stein was among the attorneys serving as co-lead counsel for futures and commodities investors who lost millions of dollars in the collapse of Peregrine Financial Group, Inc. Through several years of litigation, counsel helped deliver settlements worth more than $75 million from U.S. Bank, N.A., and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

*In re Chase Bank USA, N.A. "Check Loan" Contract Litigation*, No. 09-2032 (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura attorneys and counsel from several firms led this nationwide class action lawsuit alleging deceptive marketing and loan practices by Chase Bank USA, N.A. After a nationwide class was certified, U.S. District Court Judge Maxine M. Chesney granted final approval of a $100 million settlement on behalf of Chase cardholders.

*Mitchell v. American Fair Credit Association*, No. 785811-2 (Cal. Super. Ct. Alameda Cty); *Mitchell v. Bankfirst, N.A.*, No. 97-cv-01421 (N.D. Cal.). This class action lawsuit was brought on behalf of California members of the American Fair Credit Association (AFCA). Plaintiffs alleged that AFCA operated an illegal credit repair scheme. The Honorable James Richman certified the class and appointed the firm as class counsel. In February 2003, Judge Ronald Sabraw of the Alameda County Superior Court and Judge Maxine Chesney of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California granted final approval of settlements valued at over $40 million.

## Data Breach and Privacy

*In re MGM International Resorts Data Breach Litig.*, No. 2:20-cv-00376-GMN (D. Nev.). Gibbs Mura attorneys served as court-appointed interim class counsel in this data breach case against MGM, which involved the exposure of millions of personal records in two breaches in 2019 and 2023. The parties reached a class settlement for $45 million, which received final approval on June 18, 2025.

*Brooks et al. v. Thomson Reuters Corporation*, No. 21-cv-01418-EMC (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura attorneys serve as court-appointed class counsel in this data privacy case against Thomson Reuters for its CLEAR product. The lawsuit alleged that Thomson Reuters collected millions of California residents' personal and confidential information and then sold access to it without their knowledge or consent. After the court granted plaintiffs' motion for class certification, the parties reached a class settlement for $27.5 million and substantial injunctive relief. The court granted final approval of the settlement on February 21, 2025.

*In re Equifax, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litig.,* MDL No. 2800, No. 1:17-md-2800 (N.D. Ga.) Gibbs Mura attorneys served on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in this nationwide class action stemming from a 2017 data breach that exposed social security numbers, birth dates, addresses, and in some cases, credit card numbers of more than 147 million consumers. On January 13, 2020, the Court granted final approval to a settlement valued at $1.5 billion. Gibbs Mura attorneys played an integral role in negotiating key business practice changes, including overhauling Equifax's handling of consumers' personal information and data security.

*In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litig.*, MDL No. 2617, No. 15-md-02617 (N.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura attorneys served as part of the four-firm leadership team in this nationwide class action stemming from the largest healthcare data breach in history affecting approximately 80 million people. On August 15, 2018, the Court granted final approval to a $115 million cash settlement.

*In re: Vizio, Inc. Consumer Privacy Litigation*, MDL No. 8:16-ml-02963 (C.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura attorneys served as co-lead counsel in this multi-district lawsuit alleging that Vizio collected and sold data about consumers' television viewing habits and their digital identities to advertisers without consumers' knowledge or consent. Counsel achieved an important ruling on the application of the Video Privacy Protection Act (VPPA), a 1988 federal privacy law, which had never been extended to television manufacturers. The firm negotiated a settlement providing for class-wide injunctive relief transforming the company's data collection practices, as well as a $17 million fund to compensate consumers who were affected. In granting preliminary approval, Judge Josephine Staton stated, "I'm glad I appointed all of you as lead counsel, because -- it probably is the best set of papers I've had on preliminary approval." She also noted "[E]very class member will benefit from the injunctive relief. " On July 31, 2019, the Court granted final approval of the settlement.

*In re Adobe Systems Inc. Ptivacy Litig.*, No. 13-cv-05226 (N.D. Cal.). In this nationwide class action stemming from a 2013 data breach, attorneys from Gibbs Mura served as lead counsel on behalf of the millions of potentially affected consumers. Counsel achieved a landmark ruling on Article III standing (which has since been relied upon by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and other courts) and then went on to negotiate a settlement requiring Adobe to provide enhanced security relief—including the implementation and maintenance of enhanced intrusion detection, network segmentation, and encryption.

## Mass Tort

*In re Actos Pioglitazone-Products Liability Litigation*, No. 6:11-md-2299 (W.D. La.). Gibbs Mura partners represented individuals who were diagnosed with bladder cancer after taking the oral diabetic drug Actos. The federal litigation resulted in a $2.37 billion settlement.

*In re Yasmin and Yaz (Drospirenone) Marketing, Sales, Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2385, No. 3:09- md-02100 (S.D. Ill.). Gibbs Mura attorneys represented women throughout the country who suffered serious side effects after taking Yaz, Yasmin and Ocella birth control. The federal litigation resulted in settlements worth approximately $1.6 billion.

*In re Pradaxa (Dabigatran Etexilate) Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2385, No. 3:12-md-02385 (S.D. Ill.), Gibbs Mura attorneys represented patients who suffered irreversible internal bleeding after taking Pradaxa blood thinners. Lawsuit resolved for settlements of approximately $650 million.

## Sexual Assault Litigation

*A.B. v. Regents of the University of California* No. 2:20-cv-9555 (C.D. Cal.). Gibbs Mura represented former patients of UCLA OB-GYN Dr. James Heaps in a class action lawsuit alleging assault, abuse and harassment violations, and accusing UCLA of failing to protect patients after first becoming aware of the doctor's misconduct. Final settlement approval was granted on November 10, 2021, providing $73 million in compensation to former patients of Dr. Heaps as well as requiring a series of business practice reforms by UCLA for better handling of sexual assault investigations and practices going forward. The settlement is innovative for its flexible, tiered, trauma-informed approach, which allowed women to choose their own level of engagement in a non adversarial process.